



Our solar system consists of eight planets orbiting the Sun: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. They are divided into four inner rocky terrestrial planets and four outer gas/ice giants. Five officially recognized dwarf planets, including Pluto, also exist in the solar system.

The “planetary parade” technically peaks this Saturday, but we’ll still be able to see a few planets in the western sky after sunset the rest of the week.

On Saturday, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn will be visible to the naked eye if clear skies allow. Uranus and Neptune can only be spotted with binoculars and telescopes.

Venus is the brightest planet so you can’t miss it. It follows the sun and sets about 30 minutes later. You’ll also see Saturn and Mercury up and slightly to the left of Venus. Neptune is just to the right of Saturn, but it’s very faint and you’ll likely need a telescope to see it. Uranus is more in the southern sky and Jupiter is the southeastern sky. Jupiter is easy to spot, but Uranus is also faint and may require a telescope.

### Blood Moon

Weather permitting, Canadians will be able to watch the full moon and total lunar eclipse unfold in the early morning hours of March 3rd. In Ontario visibility depends on location, with some areas able to experience the full total lunar eclipse phase. (Toronto — 6:33 a.m. Moon sets at 6:52 a.m., before total eclipse ends at 7:02 a.m. Total eclipse begins at 6:04 a.m.)

During a total lunar eclipse, the moon does not lose its brightness completely, but takes on a dull red hue. This happens because the Earth is positioned between the sun and the moon and casts its shadow on the lunar surface.

Unlike a solar eclipse, you can watch the lunar eclipse with the naked eye – look up at the moon from your balcony or your backyard. Depending on your location in Canada, the moon is in the west or southwest sky. You can also use binoculars or a small telescope for a clearer view.

## Income Tax Credits & Benefits and The Canadian Dental Care Plan

Join us on **Thursday, March 12th**, from noon - 2:30 p.m. to get updated on Income Tax Credits & Benefits and the Canadian Dental Care Plan.

Learn all about Canada’s Tax Benefits and Credits for seniors, for filing your 2025 income tax return by April 30th.

As well, find out more about the Canada Dental Care Program and the annual renewal process.

**Canadian Tax Benefits and Credits for Seniors** information will be presented by Sheena Barnett of Canada Revenue, and the presentation will begin at 12 noon and continue until about 1:15 p.m.

**The Canada Dental Care Program** details, including renewal, will be presented by Francesca Pedulla of Service Canada and that presentation will begin about 1:45 p.m. and continue until about 2:30 p.m.

Both presenters will attend virtually, via Zoom on the big screen in the Gallery of L. E. Shore Library. The audience will be able to communicate with the presenters and ask their questions directly to each of the experts. A complimentary free Light Lunch will be offered between 1:15p.m. and 1:45p.m.

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Pamela McDermid, Coordinator, Seniors Programs  
Beaver Valley Outreach

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### Apply Online

[www.thebluemountains.ca/town-hall/employment-opportunities](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/town-hall/employment-opportunities)





## ABOUT MAGGIE'S WAKE

Fresh off their acclaimed debut at Ireland's premier music industry showcase, Maggie's Wake are back on North American soil touring their fiery fusion of Celtic tradition and roots swagger.

These 2025 Canadian Folk Music Award winners are a "new trad" folk group from Ontario creating an exciting splash in the roots music scene! Expect driving jigs and reels, soaring whistles, double fiddle, flashes of country twang not to mention Cajun/global roots twists that's pure joy from start to finish.

United in their passion for toe-tapping tunes, soaring vocals with rich harmonies, meaningful stories and beautiful melodies, Maggie's Wake embraces their wide ranging influences and have built an exciting, new sound. This female-fronted band feature award winning songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Tara Dunphy and award winning violinist/fiddler, songwriter & composer, Lindsay Schindler, backed by the stellar musicianship of Andrew Kosty on bass and Kenneth Palmer on guitar.

The powerhouse quartet came together only in late 2022 and quickly began touring their home province, playing small halls, some festivals and theatres, which went over so well that they actually sold out many dates on their first "Spirit of the Season" holiday tour that December. Their debut, self-titled album won the 2025 Canadian Folk Music Award for 'New Artist of the Year', they launched a Holiday EP at the close of 2025, and they're set to release their sophomore album in May... not bad for a band formed only a few short years ago.

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BAND WEB: [www.maggieswake.com](http://www.maggieswake.com)

## Seniors Matters Today

### Volunteer Recognition Awards & Fair

Wednesday, April 22, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Beaver Valley Community Center. It's an opportunity to honour the volunteers who make the community a great place and also a chance to learn about all of the organizations in town which have options for new volunteers to join. This event is sponsored by Town of the Blue Mountains, Youth Roots and the Seniors Network Blue Mountains.

**Renewing Driver's Licenses, Age 80 and over** –Once a senior reaches 80 years of age, Drivers' licenses need to be renewed every 2 years. The full requirements are described on the website, Renew a G driver's licence: 80 years and over | [ontario.ca](http://ontario.ca) (If you don't have access to the internet, you could ask staff at your local library to find the website or talk with the staff at your nearest Service Ontario office.) As of February 2026, the closest Service Ontario sites to renew your license are in Meaford and Collingwood. Meaford location – 150 Sykes St., Collingwood-- 191 Hurontario St., Unit 6. Both sites are fully equipped to do the driver's license renewal for those 80 and over, including the testing that is necessary. Collingwood hours are 9 – 5, Meaford hours are 10 – 1 and 2 – 5.

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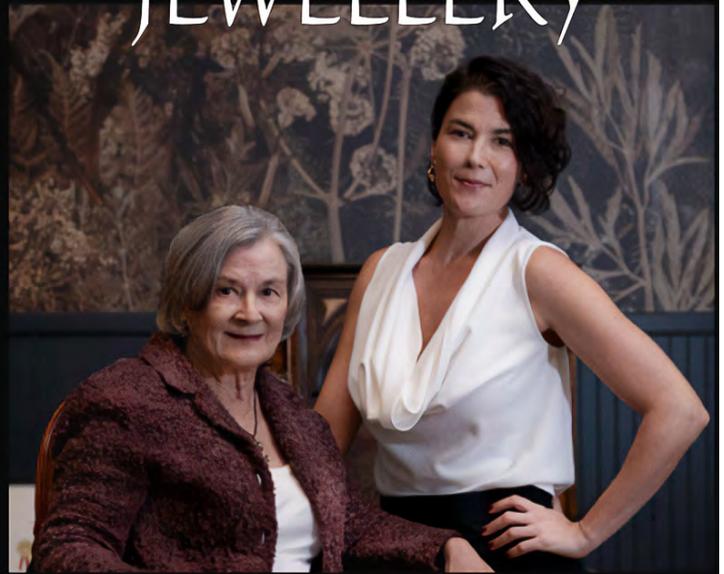
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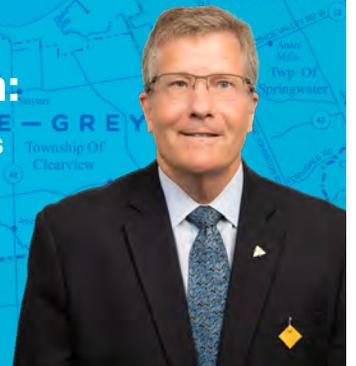
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# Notice of Public Meeting

## Application For Zoning By-Law Amendment

**March 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**

The application was deemed complete as of January 15, 2026.

### What is being proposed?

This proposal involves rezoning two properties located north and south of Delphi Lane.

The property north of Delphi Lane is currently zoned Development (D) and Hazard (H). It is proposed to be rezoned to Open Space (OS) and Residential One (R1-1-X) Exception Zone to facilitate the construction of a replacement dwelling, as well as an addition to the existing dwelling.

The property south of Delphi Lane is currently zoned Hazard (H) and is proposed to be rezoned to Residential One (R1-1) Zone to allow for the future construction of a dwelling.

### Key Map



### Where do I find more information?

Additional information regarding this proposal is available for viewing at [www.thebluemountains.ca/DelphiLaneZBA](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/DelphiLaneZBA) or by scanning the QR code.

Alternatively, visit 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.

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

Diksha Marwaha, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services, 519-599-3131 ext. 262 or [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.

### 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, March 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 to [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 who 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, March 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,  
[townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)

### Who Can File an Appeal?

Any of the following may appeal the decision to the OLT: the owner, the applicant, a specified person\* or public body\*, who before the by-law was passed, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to The Blue Mountains Council. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

\*As defined under Section 1(1) of the Planning Act.





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### Nominations Open for 2026 Volunteer Awards

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce that the nomination period for the Town's 2026 Volunteer Recognition Awards is now open. Nominations will be accepted from **February 2 to March 6**.

Launched in 2022, the Town's annual Volunteer Recognition Awards event celebrates the outstanding residents and organizations that make The Blue Mountains a welcoming and vibrant community. This year's awards ceremony will be held at the Beaver Valley Community Centre on **Wednesday, April 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** as part of National Volunteer Recognition Week.

The Volunteer Recognition Awards will feature six categories that aim to recognize individual volunteers and community groups for their contribution to the local community:

- Arts & Culture Award
- Blue Mountains Community Builder Award (Youth under 26 and Adults 26+)
- Heritage Award
- Outstanding Community Group Award
- Sports and Recreation Award
- Sustainability Award

To nominate an individual or group for their dedication to the community, please complete the online nomination form by visiting the Volunteer Recognition Awards web page.

In addition to the Awards Ceremony, the Town will host a **Volunteer Fair from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** where local community groups can meet with the public and discuss local volunteer opportunities. An application form is available for interested groups.

To register your community group for the Volunteer Fair, or for more information regarding the Volunteer Recognition Awards, please contact: Community Services Department

Town of The Blue Mountains (519) 599-3131 ext. 254

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

## Volunteer Recognition Awards & Fair

**April 22, 2026**

Nominations for the Volunteer Recognition Awards and applications to have a booth at the fair will be open until March 6, 2026.

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# BEAVER RIVER WATERSHED INITIATIVE

Official Newsletter of the Beaver River Watershed Initiative

## WELCOME TO VOLUME SEVEN OF THE BEAVER RIVER WATERSHED INITIATIVE NEWSLETTER!



Wade & Tell Upper Beaver River Photo Credit: Kate Russell

Last May we co-hosted a successful in-person event alongside the Lake Huron Community Action Group and Mari Veliz (Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority). The day brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including representatives from Conservation Authorities, the Ministry of the Environment, the Canada Water Agency, and Indigenous partners. They were joined by Town Council members from The Blue Mountains (TBM) and Grey Highlands (GH), community leaders, and environmental science students.

Highlights of the day included:

- On-site "Show & Tell"-Inspection of the Little Beaver River Fish Culvert.
- Educational Session: A presentation at LE Shore Library by Bradley Mulligan and Jack Imhof on protecting fish and water quality.
- "Wade and Tell": Field study at restoration site on Upper Beaver River.

An incredible day of information sharing and lively conversation-despite a few leaky waders!

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## INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE & WESTERN SCIENCE: THE WOLF PACK

Building on our momentum from May, we held the Two Eyed Experience Wolf Pack Rally in June - a unique collaboration between the Beaver River Watershed Initiative and AkiTours. Led by Christopher Akiwenzie and Andy McKee, fifteen community members toured key sites including Clendenan Dam, Eugenia Power Plant, and Eugenia Lake.

The event centered on "Two-Eyed Seeing" (Etuaptmumk), blending Indigenous cultural knowledge with Western scientific perspectives to deepen our connection to the watershed and ecosystem health. After an insightful morning, the group enjoyed a lovely lunch at the historic Osprey Museum.

A huge thank you to Chris and AkiTours for such an enriching experience, and to Kate Russell and the Beaver Valley Destination Stewardship for organizing.



## THE JOURNEY OF WATER: A CINEMATIC TRIBUTE



In July, BRWI celebrated the screening of "The Journey of Water," a stunning film created by the Craighleith Heritage Depot, Museum & Archive for the town of Blue Mountains, and filmed and produced by Tom and Tracey Strnad of Mountain Goat Film company. The documentary features a

riverside interview with our own Brad Mulligan and highlights critical local conservation efforts.

Through Indigenous perspectives and environmental science, the film serves as a powerful reminder of our shared accountability to protect these waterways. Special thanks to Alessia Farris and The Blue Mountains Community Museum and Archives for preserving this story for future generations.

📺 Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gsh8zyVp5NM>





## LIONS WATERSHED FESTIVAL 2025

Last July, BRWI's Brad Mulligan and Andy McKee joined the Lions Watershed Festival for a series of vital community discussions. The event kicked off with a roundtable alongside fellow stakeholder groups to celebrate our shared watersheds. On the second day, Brad Mulligan presented on two expert panels: "The Impact of Urban Expansion on Watersheds" and "Community Stewardship Presentations". We extend our sincere thanks to Paul Reale and the Thornbury/Beaver Valley Lions Club for the invitation to contribute to this impactful community event.



Image from the film All Too Clear

## JOINT CANADIAN/US LAKE HURON PARTNERSHIP

BRWI was honoured to present at the Lake Huron Partnership Meeting series. Brad Mulligan delivered a comprehensive presentation highlighting BRWI's unique ability to achieve high-impact conservation results with minimal costs.

The session was attended by a broad coalition of stakeholders, including:

- Indigenous Groups from both Canada and the U.S.
- Federal Agencies: Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), U.S. EPA, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), and the Canada Water Agency.
- Technical Experts: Army Corps of Engineers, USGS, and USDA.
- Provincial/State Partners: MECP, NDMNRF, and various Conservation Authorities.

This presentation reinforced how volunteer-led organizations can effectively drive watershed health during challenging economic times.

## ECA NATURE CORRIDOR SUMMIT

Cheryl Randall and Mikael Schaltz proudly represented BRWI at the annual ECA Nature Corridor Summit. This popular event remains a cornerstone for regional ecological planning, focusing on creating and maintaining vital wildlife corridors. Our team engaged with fellow conservationists to ensure the Beaver Valley remains a key link in the region's natural heritage system.

## LAKE HURON GEORGIAN BAY COMMUNITY ACTION WEBINAR

Last July, Monica Norris, Andy McKee, and Brad Mulligan participated in the Lake Huron Georgian Bay Community Action Webinar, hosted on Manitoulin Island. This inspiring series showcased the grassroots efforts of various stewardship groups across the basin.



## 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RECAP



On November 29, 2025, we held a highly successful Annual General Meeting both in person at the L.E. Shore Library and via Facebook Live. The engagement was fantastic, with 25 attendees joining us in the room and over 160 viewers tuning into the livestream.

In addition to our general business and elections, Bradley Mulligan (Project Committee Chair) provided a comprehensive visual update on our 2025 conservation projects. We were also honoured to host guest speaker Fred Dobbs, former Stewardship Manager of the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority (NVCA), who shared a fascinating presentation on the NVCA's vital restoration work.

A special thank you to Enduro Espresso for the delicious fresh baking and coffee that kept us fueled throughout the morning!

Note on Recording: Due to Facebook's current 30-day archiving policy, the livestream is no longer available on social media. If you would like to view the meeting in its entirety, please contact us directly for a copy of the recording.

## OUR BOARD

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## WE NEED YOU!

We need more Board Members! We would love to welcome new management team members, we meet monthly in Thornbury.

Contact us by email if interested at [www.brwi@gmail.com](mailto:www.brwi@gmail.com)



## RESTORATION SPOTLIGHT: THE LITTLE BEAVER RIVER, PART 1

This June, BRWI addressed a critical blockage on the Little Beaver River at Duncan and Victoria Streets in Thornbury. After identifying the site as a high-risk "plug" of organic debris, metal, and waste - so dense it had forced the creek to flow underground - we met with Town of The Blue Mountains (TBM) staff to secure access for heavy machinery.

The project became urgent on June 24th, when a severe storm dropped 100mm of rain in just three hours, damaging the culvert and Duncan Street. Once the site was deemed safe, Brad Mulligan and Andy McKee supervised a major intervention. While the storm had partially dislodged the six-foot-high blockage, it required expert precision to clear the remaining debris and naturalize the creek bed.

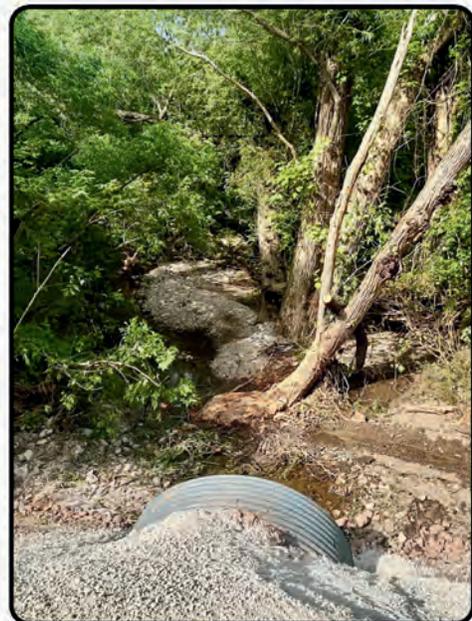
Thanks to the combined efforts of Woody's Arborist Team and Fulford Haulage and Sons LTD, we successfully restored natural flow to the river, completing the task efficiently and safely.



Andy McKee, Brad Mulligan, Ray Fulford, Austin Caldwell



After the flood, but before the tree removal  
Photo Credit: B. Mulligan



After the flood and after the tree removal  
Photo Credit: B. Mulligan



Duncan Road looking west  
Photo Credit: B. Mulligan



Austin of Woody's Arborist  
Photo Credit: A. McKee

## A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

The Beaver River Watershed Initiative (BRWI) extends our sincere gratitude to all of the individuals and organizations for their generous contributions this year, totaling \$16k.

These vital donations directly fund our ongoing projects, including arborist fees, specialized equipment, and other essential expenses.

We are incredibly grateful for your support. If you are pleased with the results of our efforts and would like to contribute to our continued success, please consider making a donation. BRWI is a registered not-for-profit charitable organization, and all donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

To make a donation, please contact Valerie Colman at the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority at 519-376-3076.

Very Important! Please specify that your donation is intended for the "BRWI Project Fund."



## RESTORATION SPOTLIGHT: THE LITTLE BEAVER RIVER (PART 2)



Crew Shot 2025 Photo Credit: B. Mulligan

In August, BRWI teamed up with Freshwater Conservation Canada, MNRF Stewardship Rangers, and arborist Austin Caldwell for two days of grueling restoration work. Our crew worked chest-deep in water, using pickaxes and pry bars to carve through decades of silt and debris.

The Results:

- **Visible Success:** Areas restored in 2023/24 are thriving, with increased flow and visible gravel beds.
- **Storm Impact:** While June's record rains flushed out old sediment, they also brought in new blockages that we are currently clearing.
- **Future Outlook:** We estimate another 5–8 years to fully rehabilitate this system. For 2026, we are seeking access to private lands between Alice St. and Hwy 26 to tackle the lower stretches.



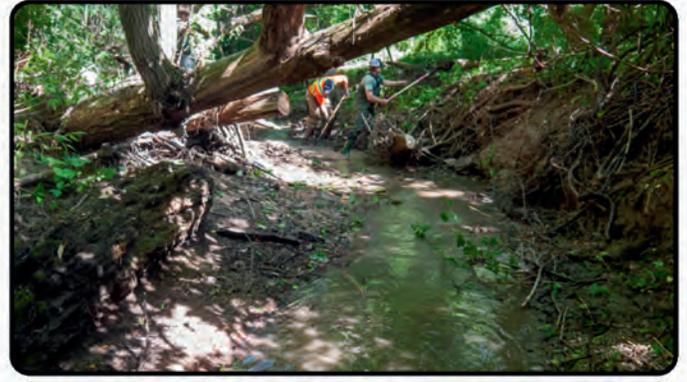
Little Beaver 1, before Photo Credit: B. Mulligan



Little Beaver 1, after Photo Credit: B. Mulligan



Little Beaver 2, before Photo Credit: B. Mulligan



Little Beaver 2, after Photo Credit: B. Mulligan



Little Beaver 3, before Photo Credit: B. Mulligan



Little Beaver 3, after Photo Credit: B. Mulligan

## RESTORATION SPOTLIGHT: FISH CULVERT MAINTENANCE (PART 2.5)



While the main crew worked downstream, Andy McKee and David Penny (inventor of the FishCulvert) inspected our signature culvert site. Despite the intense pressure from June's storm, the structure held firm. The team performed minor repairs and reinforced the unit to ensure continued fish passage.

The day concluded with a well-earned lunch in Clarksburg - a perfect end to a productive day of stewardship.



## BEAVER RIVER: BIO-ENGINEERING & HABITAT CREATION



This year, we fortified a vital section of the Beaver River by combining natural vegetation with Large Woody Debris (LWD) to stabilize the shoreline and support local fish.

Spring: Bank Stabilization In April, Brad Mulligan and Andy McKee planted 40 Dogwood and Willow "live stakes." These will grow into root networks that bind the soil and prevent erosion. They also cleared blockages in a cold-water feeder creek to ensure consistent flow into the main river.

August: Wing Deflectors & Habitat Alongside Freshwater Conservation Canada and MNRF Rangers, we floated eight 20–30 ft logs downriver to create wing deflectors. These structures divert fast currents to protect the bank while creating deep, shaded pools for fish refugia. We also installed brush matting at the feeder creek's mouth for thermal protection.

What's Next? We return this spring to add more dogwoods and incorporate smaller trees into the deflectors to further enhance this habitat.



Logs floated into place Photo Credit: B. Mulligan



Logs positioned Photo Credit: B. Mulligan



Logs dug Photo Credit: B. Mulligan



## A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM BRWI

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Beaver River Watershed Initiative this year. Your donations go directly into the field, funding the professional expertise and equipment required for our restoration projects.

To put your impact into perspective, our three days of on-stream work this season cost over \$7,000. These funds covered the specialized labour of four bio-technicians and two arborists, along with essential travel and fuel expenses. As a volunteer-led organization, we rely on your generosity to turn these plans into reality.

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# 2026 WINTER COURSES

## AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

- Preparing for Calving (Feb 12)
- Chronic Diseases of Sheep (Feb 17)
- Economics of Dairy Goat Farming (Feb 25)
- Conditions of the Equine Foot (Feb 26)
- Building for the Future: Considerations for New Dairy Barns (Mar 9)
- Separating the Grain from the Chaff – Soil Health (Mar 10)
- Modernizing Your Dairy Barn (Mar 23)
- Economics of Feeding Beef Calves (Mar 24)
- Starting a Cut-Flower Business (Apr 9)

## HOMESTEADING

- Composting: From Scraps to Soil (Feb 24)
- Hand Stitches for Mending & Sewing (Mar 11)
- Raising Rabbits (Mar 14)
- Gardening: Small Space, Big Impact (Mar 31)

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## COMMUNITY & WELLNESS

- Scamdemic: Fighting Fraud (Feb 10)
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## VETERANS' COFFEE/LUNCH

Starting on **Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 11.00am**, Branch 281 will host a coffee/lunch, monthly, free of charge, for veterans. All veterans are welcome, whether or not you are a Legion member. Come out for a chat and comradeship. 202 Marsh St., Clarksburg

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The 5th Annual Blue Mountain Film + Media Festival returns to the village May 28–31, 2026, and Early Bird tickets and passes are now on sale!

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH** (doors open at 6:30)  
the Documentary called  
*We Lend a Hand: The Forgotten Story of the Ontario Farmerettes* will be shown at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg - brought to you by the Meaford Theatre Company- accompanied by the author (Bonnie Sitter) Tickets \$20 available at the Book Hive in Meaford or on line at: [www.3common.com/farmerette](http://www.3common.com/farmerette) or at the door

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