

## Grey County to Close Portion of Grey Road 40 for Emergency Culvert Replacement

Grey County is closing a section of Grey Road 40 in Eastern Grey Highlands to complete two culvert replacement projects. The road will be closed between Grey Road 7 and Grey Road 13 for approximately five weeks beginning on May 27.

Two culverts were significantly damaged during a major summer storm in 2025. Temporary repairs were completed at that time. Continued heavy rainfall and spring runoff have further eroded the embankment and weakened the structures, leaving one culvert in very poor condition. If not replaced, there is a risk of failure. The severity of the damage was identified in the fall and County staff have continued monitoring the culverts throughout the winter.

To prevent repeat disruption, Grey County is replacing both culverts as part of a single project, minimizing the need for multiple road closures.

The project involves replacing the culverts with long-lasting concrete structures and stabilizing the surrounding embankment. Due to the depth of the culverts, extensive excavation and an extended road closure are required to safely complete the work.

During the five-week closure, Grey Road 40 will be closed to through traffic between Grey Road 7 and Grey Road 13. Local access will be maintained from both ends of the closure. Signed detour routes will direct traffic along Grey County roads of similar size and standard.

Grey County recognizes the detour will be inconvenient for many travelers and encourages residents and visitors to plan ahead and adjust their routes. Grey County works closely with local municipalities when identifying detour routes, balancing traffic needs with the long-term condition of local roads.

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$700,000.

Grey County continues to monitor roads closely as extreme weather events, including heavy rainfall, become more frequent and place increasing pressure on road infrastructure.

Grey County has released a video highlighting the culvert damage and replacement plan. The video is available on the Grey County YouTube channel and on the Grey County website [www.grey.ca](http://www.grey.ca)



## Forests Canada and Ontario Parks Complete Projects to Restore and Enhance Provincial Parks

In an effort to restore the natural beauty and support species conservation in provincial parks impacted by extreme weather events, invasive species, tree loss due to insects and disease, or shoreline erosion, national charity [Forests Canada](http://ForestsCanada.ca) and [Ontario Parks](http://OntarioParks.ca) have worked together to plant 12,000 native trees and shrubs across nine provincial parks.

"Forests Canada is proud to lead the restoration efforts and promote the long-term health of these incredible spaces," Jess Kaknevicus, CEO, Forests Canada, says. "We approach our forest recovery work in a systematic way – considering every stage from seed collection and seedling production to planting and long-term survival, and we are honoured to put our knowledge, experience and network of partners to work benefitting Ontario's provincial parks."

This past fall and spring, 4,500 potted trees and shrubs of 39 different native species were planted in targeted areas throughout Charleston Lake, Craigeleith, Emily, McRae Point, Presqu'île, Rock Point, Samuel de Champlain, Sibbald Point, and Turkey Point Provincial Parks. In addition to those potted trees, another 7,500 seedlings were recently planted at Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park to help

restore sections of the park after extensive storm damage forced the park's closure in June 2025.

"Provincial parks are at the heart of Ontario's natural heritage, and our government is proud to support initiatives that give families and communities more opportunities to explore our great outdoors," Todd McCarthy, Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, stated. "Through strong partnerships and targeted investments, we can help ensure our parks remain healthy and vibrant for generations to come."

The restoration work that took place throughout these nine Ontario Provincial Parks was supported by the [Species Conservation Program](http://SpeciesConservationProgram.ca), helping to restore biodiversity and conserve species at risk and their habitats.

"Forests Canada's strong infrastructure and the expertise of our planting network were key to this success," Mark McDermid, Seed & Stock Specialist, Forests Canada, says. "We engaged five nurseries and five planting partners to deliver these projects quickly while maintaining the highest quality standards, and I'd like to thank everyone involved for their incredible work. Ontario Parks staff were great to work with and very enthusiastic and excited about the work happening in their parks. When we invest in restoration, we are also investing in our local communities." continued over

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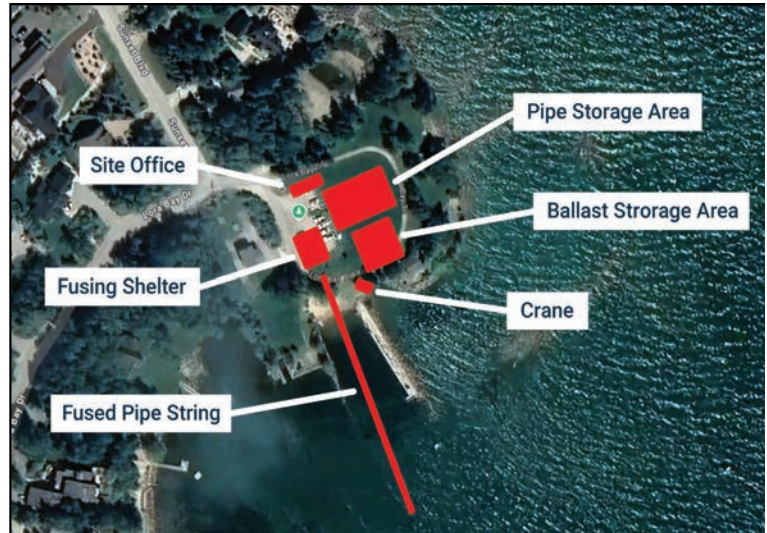
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To see a new video highlighting the restoration of Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park, visit Forests Canada's YouTube page at [www.youtube.com/@forestsCanada](http://www.youtube.com/@forestsCanada).

## About Forests Canada

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## Construction Notice - Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Assembly and Installation

On behalf of the Town of The Blue Mountains, Arcadis has completed the design and engineering for construction and installation of a new treated effluent outfall pipe for the Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The project has been tendered and the construction contract has been awarded to Clearway Construction Inc. Mobilization to Lora Bay Park is expected to begin in early June 2026, with mobilization to the Grey Street road allowance following in mid June. Lora Bay Park will be used as an assembly site, and then the pipe will be towed across Georgian Bay to the installation site north of the Grey Street road allowance in Thornbury.

### Project Scope

- Installation and maintenance of temporary silt and security fencing around project site.
- Construction/installation of temporary office, storage, fusing shelter and other required equipment.
- Fusion welding of outfall pipe strings including pressure testing and ballast installation.
- Temporary in-water storage of pipe strings.
- Restoration of any disturbed areas of Lora Bay Park to original condition or better.

### What To Expect

You may experience dust, noise, vibrations and other inconveniences as a result of construction. The Town will work with the contractor to reduce these impacts where possible by maintaining standard working hours and providing written notice of planned service interruptions or restrictions. We appreciate your patience throughout the project.

Works will be occurring within Town property.

# Rental Housing Proposal & Notice of Public Meeting

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to provide information regarding a proposed purpose-built rental and workforce housing development associated with the future long-term care home and Town fire hall property located on Grey Road 19 in Craighleith.

MacPherson Home Builders has submitted a Zoning By-law Amendment application to permit a proposed purpose-built rental housing development within the existing lands of their Altitude subdivision site. The proposal includes 112 rental units within townhouse-style buildings designed to provide a mix of flexible housing options for workers, families and residents seeking rental accommodation.

The proposed rental housing development is being advanced alongside a separate Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted on behalf of peopleCare Communities to permit the new 192-bed long-term care home on adjacent Town-owned lands. This application builds on the Town's ongoing partnership with peopleCare Communities, which progressed in April 2026 through Council's approval of a conditional sale of Town-owned land to support the future facility.

While separate, the MacPherson and peopleCare applications are being considered concurrently to support coordinated planning, shared infrastructure, and alignment between the developments. Both applications remain subject to the Town's standard planning review, public consultation, and Council decision-making process. This coordinated planning approach reflects the Town's ongoing commitment to supporting long-term care and addressing local rental and workforce housing needs, which remain significant community priorities.

**As part of the next phase of the project, a public meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2026, beginning at 9:30 a.m. to provide residents with an opportunity to learn more about the proposed applications and to provide public comments.**

The public meeting will include the applications submitted by peopleCare Communities and MacPherson Home Builders. In addition, the meeting will include an application for a proposed telecommunications tower on the future fire hall property.

"The proposals represent an important step forward in addressing two critical community priorities — increasing long-term care capacity and expanding access to rental and workforce housing," said Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "By working collaboratively with peopleCare Communities and MacPherson Home Builders, we are advancing an integrated vision that supports residents today while helping to meet the future needs of our growing community."

The public meeting marks the beginning of a comprehensive, locally driven planning process led by the Town and supported by studies and technical materials submitted by the applicants. The process will include all required planning and development approvals, as well as opportunities for public engagement and feedback.

Further information, including the formal public meeting notices, is available on the project webpage:

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

For more information, please contact:

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Upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant are generally expected to include:

- Microfiltration membrane upgrades to existing treatment trains and potential addition of another train
- Chlorination system upgrades (chemical feed pump and storage tank)
- Clearwell upgrades for additional capacity
- High lift pump upgrades, as required and other auxiliary works within the existing water treatment plant

The PIC is being held to review the scope and potential impacts of the identified upgrades. The meeting will include a public comment and question period. All those interested in the project are invited to attend. The meeting will be recorded and posted to the project page for anyone unable to attend at the scheduled time. Pre-registration is required.

**What: Virtual Public Information Centre (Microsoft Teams)**  
**When: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 - beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

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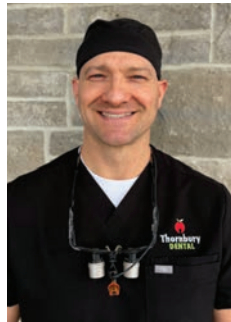
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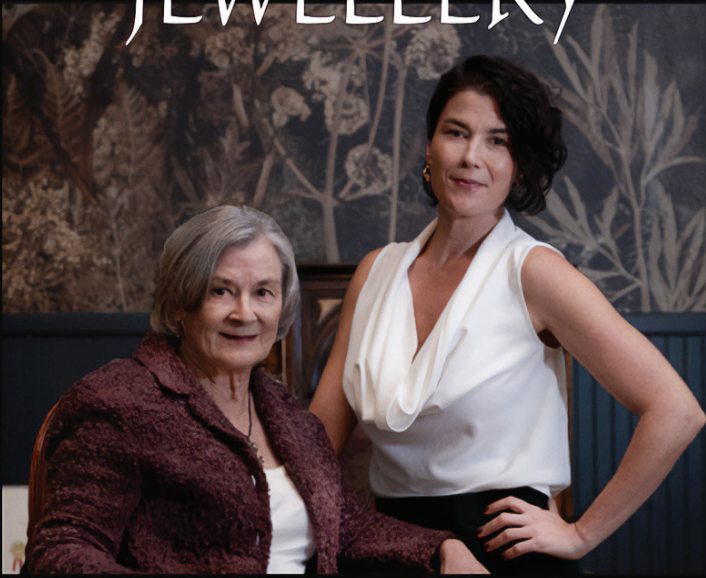
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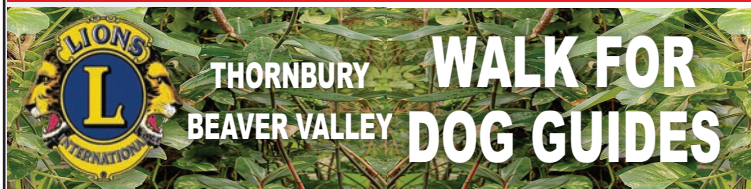
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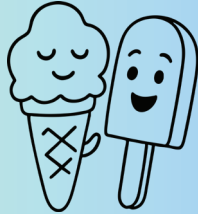
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Saturday, May 30  
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Dir. Nick Davis; Canada  
A rapturous reunion of the 1972 Toronto Godspell cast celebrates the half-century long legacy of a musical that launched the careers of many comedy greats.



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