



## Best Wishes for the New Year

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## Local Artist Receives Prestigious Award

**Harvey Bodach**, a local Landscape and Wildlife Artist received second place for his painting "Custom Bank Barn Timbers with a Nesting Barn Owl" which he submitted to the Federation of Canadian Artists' "Animalis" Exhibition held in November on Granville Island, Vancouver.

A few points of interest for this painting are:

- \* The artwork celebrates the Barn Owl and its close relationship with farmers today.
- \* The bank barn in this painting was built in 1862 and then demolished in 2015.
- \* With the destruction of family barns, the barn owl is now becoming an endangered species.
- \* This original acrylic painting measures "40 x 18" on Masonite board.

Of the 196 artists with submissions, this painting by Bodach was one of 76 accepted.

The exhibition was live and online from November 1-14, at the Federation Gallery on Granville Island, in Vancouver. It was announced in November by the FCA, that this painting by Harvey Bodach placed second overall in the exhibition.

The exhibition was both a juried and sales event. You can go to [https://artists.ca/federation\\_gallery/award\\_winners](https://artists.ca/federation_gallery/award_winners) to see the "Animalis" 2021 Exhibition for more information.

For current and past exhibitions, the Federation Gallery offers Virtual Tours as well. ([www.artists.ca](http://www.artists.ca), [www.federationgallery.com](http://www.federationgallery.com))



## Bruce Trail Conservancy sets its sights on protecting two vital habitats in Ontario

The Bruce Trail is a remarkable footpath along the unique and precious Niagara Escarpment. It is explored by thousands of visitors every year who seek a connection with nature in southern Ontario.

However, many people don't realize that the Bruce Trail is not permanently secure and that roughly one-third of the Bruce Trail corridor is still vulnerable to development.

The BTC is working to fill in the gaps, to secure a home for the Bruce Trail and preserve a ribbon of wilderness along the Niagara Escarpment through the acquisition of land and the creation of BTC-managed protected natural areas.

As one of Ontario's largest and most active land trusts, we have been responsible for the preservation of over 17,000 acres of land. We add new protected land to the Bruce Trail's conservation corridor each year and care for these special places through our Land Stewardship Program. These nature reserves protect a diverse array of habitats including wetlands, karst topography, open meadows, caves, towering scarp edges and lush forests - all within the Niagara Escarpment UNESCO World Biosphere. Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously to our land acquisition campaigns and helped to preserve these irreplaceable treasures.

In August 2021 The Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) announced that they acquired the **MapleCross Nature Reserve at Cape Chin**, marking the largest solo acquisition of land in BTC history.

With over 500 acres of iconic Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula landscape, a breathtaking 270-degree view of Georgian Bay, and 1.8 kilometers of Bruce Trail, Cape Chin is a natural masterpiece and an important step for conservation in Ontario. This nature reserve is helping save critical natural spaces for Species at Risk, restore overgrazed lands, monitor wetlands, and remove invasive species - all important activities to addressing the challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Protecting land like the MapleCross Nature Reserve at Cape Chin adds to the conservation corridor the BTC is creating, which proves to be significant in addressing the impacts of climate change. The restoration of the forest on the property will help to provide more natural solutions to climate change by increasing the local tree population and creating more opportunities for natural carbon sequestration. Several wetlands exist on the property, which play their important role in filtering water and providing habitat for insects, reptiles, amphibians and birds.

### Fundraising Campaign

Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) has launched a fundraising campaign to protect two vital habitats with the creation of Balsam Wetlands Nature Reserve and Eugenia Woods Nature Reserve.

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## Beaver Valley Fall Fair AGM

The AGM is on Monday January 17th, 7pm, on Zoom. General members will be emailed a meeting link, and anyone else who'd like to join is welcome. email [info@beavervalleyfallfair.ca](mailto:info@beavervalleyfallfair.ca) for the link



## Current Situation: Day 659

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**Testing and case counts reported as of 23:59 hrs, January 4th**

All data is preliminary and subject to change.

- 80 new cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce
- 836 active cases
- 4228 confirmed cases (including 2 lab confirmed cases of the Omicron Variant and hundreds by basic lab indicators and epidemiology)
- 3362 resolved cases
- 4 confirmed local active case(s) hospitalized in Grey Bruce
- 17 deaths in Grey Bruce
- +1 death related to a Grey Bruce resident that acquired the infection and was treated outside of Grey Bruce
- +7 deaths related to Grey Bruce residents that acquired the infection in Grey Bruce however passed away outside of Grey Bruce
- 134 cases reported in health care workers; workers living in Grey Bruce and working both in and outside Grey Bruce

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## The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

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The Legacy Fund was formed in Dec. 2020 to eventually reduce the need for fundraising and to be able to use the investment income. Cheques made out to The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund can be mailed to The Review at Box 387, Thornbury ON N0H 2P0 or dropped off at 22 Louisa Street E. Thornbury.

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### Balsam Wetlands Nature Reserve,

Blue Mountains section (Map 22) 290 acres | 3.9 km of Bruce Trail Optimum Route, an impressive coniferous swamp of mature Balsam Fir and White Cedar supports a diverse web of life. Rare species like Black Ash and Hart's-tongue Fern are both thriving in this nature reserve. Wetlands help slow the effects of climate change. They store carbon, improve the quality of our waters and act like giant sponges controlling flooding, and sheltering sensitive species. Despite their undisputed value for the environment, wetlands are disappearing across Ontario.

### Eugenia Woods Nature Reserve,

Beaver Valley section, 20 acres | 650 m of Bruce Trail Optimum Route, is nestled near the iconic Eugenia Falls. The soaring Sugar Maple forests of Eugenia Woods combine with those of neighbouring protected spaces to create an important wildlife corridor nearly 18 km long. Forests, like those at Eugenia Woods, purify the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, prevent erosion, cool our waterways, and reduce the effects of extreme weather. Forests help stabilize the climate. To maximize the climate benefits of forests, we must keep more forest landscapes intact.

Up until now, these important pieces of the Niagara Escarpment have remained unprotected. The total cost to preserve these two new nature reserves and protect their precious habitats is \$3.6 million. But, we're well on our way! Your thoughtful donation can help us raise the remaining \$1.8 million needed to ensure these wetlands and woods, and the gifts they give us, are protected forever.

*"Protecting lands along the Niagara Escarpment is critical in addressing climate change, and the global loss of biodiversity. These nature reserves are two of the remaining pieces needed to create a continuous conservation corridor along the Niagara Escarpment.*



*And, with 4.5km of Bruce Trail carefully routed on the properties, these unique landscapes will be available for you to explore. Your generosity will ensure that nature continues to nourish our lives today, and into the future."* - Michael McDonald, CEO, Bruce Trail Conservancy

To learn more about this project, or to donate [www.bruce-trail.org](http://www.bruce-trail.org)

### Bruce Trail Conservancy re-affirms strong interest in permanently securing the Bruce Trail on the former Talisman Resort lands

As the process to determine the future of the former Talisman Resort lands continues, the Bruce Trail Conservancy reaffirms their strong interest and commitment to securing the Bruce Trail in this location.

The Bruce Trail has crossed these lands by verbal agreement since 1965. This section of Trail forms part of an 86 kilometre continuous route through the Beaver Valley that links with the Town of The Blue Mountains and the Municipality of Meaford. It is evident that the Trail passing through the former Talisman Resort lands forms a critical link between a chain of publicly owned lands, including Bruce Trail Conservancy lands secured specifically for the Bruce Trail, and its conservation corridor. Understanding the importance of this route, the Bruce Trail Conservancy is optimistic public access in this location will be maintained, permanently.

The Bruce Trail in this location provides all-season recreation to local residents and visitors to the area. More than 8 million Ontarians live within a 90-minute drive of the Niagara Escarpment and countless others travel further to enjoy this ribbon of wilderness. If permission to cross these lands is withdrawn, it would force the Trail and thousands of hikers every year to use busy roads.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy hopes to continue to provide this amenity and to promote the Bruce Trail through Grey Highlands as a destination to these visitors, and in doing so, provide important economic support to area businesses.

# THE BLUE MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY JANUARY PROGRAMS

## The Gallery at L.E. Shore

**Exhibit Launch: Salt of the Earth**  
Jan. 8 | The Gallery at L.E. Shore  
Featuring the works of Willy Waterton,  
presented by The Arts & Culture Council.  
Exhibit runs: January 8 - January 27, 2022.  
Exhibit Available Online & In-Person.

## Canadian Animals Big and Small

Jan. 18 | 10:00am | Zoom | Registration Required  
Join wildlife photographer, Jason George, on  
BMPL Zoom for a trip around the North America  
as he shares photographs and experiences with  
many of your favourite animals.



## Harvest Table Nutrition Recipe Kit

Jan. 7-31 | Take Home Kit | Registration Required  
Learn a plant-based soup and sandwich recipe  
with Harvest Table Nutrition. Pick up a recipe kit at  
L.E. Shore Library, while supplies last, and follow  
along on with the cooking tutorial on YouTube.



## Natural Burials Information Session

Jan. 29 | 2:00pm | L.E. Shore | Registration Required  
Presented by CANN (Climate Action Now Network).  
Learn about natural burials, also known as green  
burials, and the focus on reducing our environmental  
impact on the earth.



## Adventures in Digital Arts for Youth

Jan. 8 | 10:00am | L.E. Shore | Registration Required  
A free tech session will explore Digital Arts using the  
latest and coolest in tech such as Apple Pencils and  
Digital Cinema Cameras. A fun-filled session with  
The Creator Space. Ages 8-13 years.



### Seniors Exercise

Mondays | 10:00am  
Facebook



### Museum From Home

Mondays | 12:30pm

### Kids Clubhouse

Tuesdays | 4:00pm

### Wired Wednesday

Wednesdays | 1:00pm  
Facebook & YouTube

### Bedtime Stories

Wednesdays | 7:00pm  
Facebook



### 101 Things About CHD

Thursdays | 12:00pm

### Story Time in The Gallery

Fridays | 11:00am  
L.E. Shore Library

### Fossil Friday

Fridays | 5:00pm



### Trivia Game Night

Fridays | 7:00pm  
Facebook

### Pandemic Parenting Group

Jan 30 | 2:00pm  
Marsh Street Centre



### Teen Group

Jan 13 | 5:00pm | L.E. Shore  
Fun activities, new friends.  
Ages 15-18.

### Dorothy Crysler Bird Club

Jan. 15 | 9:30am | Zoom  
Learn about our wild avian  
friends, their habits and  
habitats.

### Teen Book Club

Jan 20 | 6:00pm | L.E. Shore  
Social book chats and fun.  
Ages 15-18.



### Tween Group

Jan 27 | 4:00pm | L.E. Shore  
Make, explore, lead.  
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## Recipes for Life

This is the perfect time and place to share 'recipes for life' and we invite you, the reader to do the same.

Give the gift of an 'invite'.

An 'invite' can be anything, spur of the moment or a dinner planned weeks in advance. So many people are alone and no one invites them anywhere. I did not realize how exceptional my family was when we always invited someone who was by themselves, whether it be Christmas, Easter, or just a Sunday dinner. My mother would pick up the phone and say, "What are you doing this Sunday for dinner. I am cooking a roast." There was always room for one more and you were always made to feel welcome. My mother grew up in a family like that and so did I. Today I constantly run into people who never eat together and couldn't care less about inviting anyone over. It's awful.



Bring back the invite. Be swift to extend an invitation and do not hesitate to accept one. You are in for a pleasant surprise.

Give the gift of making someone feel like they belong. It will not cost you a thing and it will mean the world to someone else. Everybody understands the feeling of connection, the feeling of belonging, no pretense, not for show. It will make you feel good and someone else feel great that you thought of them, that you extended an invitation in their direction.

Everyone can bring beauty and love into the world. That is my New Year's message to you.

Invite someone over.  
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## A Productive Discussion about the CO2-emissions Crisis

Observer / Reporter: Ron Hartlen PhD PEng (retired)

Chicken Little and Iron Dog came to our home as rescue pets, from BVO Silent Auctions many years ago. Their reactions to media reporting about the urgent CO2-emissions crisis are quite different. They occasionally discuss and debate the subject, and have been at it again; this time with an actual outcome!



Chicken expressed fear and anxiety about the dire predictions of what lies ahead if we don't make huge reductions in CO2 emissions, at an accelerated pace. He lay awake fretting about storms, sea-level rise, drought, fires etc. based upon assurances by the UN's climate scientists, politicians and media that these events are happening already. Chicken seemed to be living in a constant state of anxiety with eyes turned toward the sky and little hope for the future.

Iron Dog has all four feet on the ground. He is not persuaded by complex computer models and theoretical projections, noting that the models have been overpredicting temperature increase, and that for decades various dire events have been forecast but never occur. He also notes that severe weather events are often automatically interpreted as worst ever, but without reference to available historical records to support these claims. Iron Dog is wary of the consensus narrative and wants to see objective scientific evidence and data.

To help his friend Chicken get his bearings, Iron Dog suggested the following questions:

- How can we be so sure that the eons-old natural climate drivers are no longer relevant?
- How can we be so sure that atmospheric CO2 is the dominant driver, and that human-emitted CO2 is more important than naturally-released CO2?
- With the current buzz about removing CO2 from the atmosphere, to what level should it be reduced without causing negative effects on growth of vegetation and crop yields?
- What is the plan for transition? When we go off fossil what will replace it as a source of heat, and of electricity-on-demand for the much-more-electrified world? Is there a risk that Governments going too far too fast down the "wind / solar / storage" path will put us in the position of being highly-dependent on electricity without an adequate on-demand supply?

Well guess what? Chicken was influenced, actually thought about these questions, and is now less anxious about CO2 emissions than about how well Governments will plan and manage the transition, and about where they will take us.

So, it was a win-win outcome. Iron Dog's questions had some influence, and he will keep an eye on Government's actions whilst waiting for empirical scientific data to eventually reveal the reality. Chicken still has something to fret about.



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# HOPE HOBO

*(Riding the rails into 2022)*

Upon the railway line our ears are pressed, scantily hearing competing vibes,  
For wheels - and so too our lives - are in revolution,  
As they clankingly gather motion, receding from 2021.  
To 2022 the wheels now dispatch, the bearings greased with the oil of hope.  
'Tis our human folly to shirk every year at its timely terminus,  
Our refrain repeats, "Oh let's relieve these twelve months of indigestion".  
Yet, lumbers on this train to '22, onto which we freshly load cares and hopes,  
Believing the departure from Platform '21 will neatly and nearly flick the pain.

Not so fast.....

Debris still is litter upon the track, the sleepers groan, the ties vibrate.  
The cause of hope is fuel renewable, and at her flicker the lines reopen,  
Ploughs back, winter like, what e're else would impede our travel.  
What are then these tribulations to overcome?  
Storms natural and political, some bred, some sudden, some intended,  
Whether inflicting by disease or by economic consequence,  
Rain on our rails, shake the footings, derailing carriages of trust.  
To such random onslaught we make a twofold selection,  
One, that we abdicate the role of hobo, now we dedicate to lead and drive,  
Two, that our theme will encourage, dignify, enable, and restore.  
These rails are life's bedrock, and when rejected, darkness commits to chaos.  
What shall be our proclamation? Denial? Nay! Money? Nay! Retreat? Nay!  
We state and restate, affirm and reaffirm, "The train to the harvest is Hope".  
We seed hope, we plant hope, we cultivate hope, we are light and warmth to hope.  
And to remind and refresh, ah that is our calling, all and one!  
We become crucibles of encouragement, confectioners of praise,  
Icons of fellowship, harbingers of humour, and the cradles of courage.  
As the train rolls on, the rails now in tender submission, be I the conductor,  
Or the engineer, porter, driver, perhaps inspector, perchance a stoker,  
The stripes of hat and overall, no longer blue and white,  
Decaim one message, one truth, one covenant,  
The Train Of '22 Is The Rolling Stock of Hope.

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley  
New Year's Eve 2021

## Community Foundation Grey Bruce Awards Grants 2021

Community Foundation Grey Bruce is pleased to announce that a total of \$246,633 was distributed this past fall through Capital and Community grants to local charities and non-profits supporting projects that address community wellbeing across the Grey Bruce region. In spring of 2021 \$159,315 was distributed. For a full report on the Foundation's impact, visit our website to read our newly released Annual Report.

Community Foundation Grey Bruce manages more than 165 endowed funds, comprising over \$20 million dollars in community assets, that generate income that is disbursed as grants to charities and non-profits addressing quality of life in Grey and Bruce Counties.

To donate to the Foundation or for a complete list of community grant projects. Applications will open in January for Spring 2022 Community Grant applications due April 15.

Created in 1994, Community Foundation Grey Bruce has a mandate to enhance community vitality by fostering open discussion about local need, sharing knowledge, and growing endowments to provide strategic



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granting and support to a wide range of non-profit organizations.

More than \$5.29 million has been distributed since CFGB began making grants in 1994. In 2020, approximately \$1 million in grants were awarded to regional charities and non-profits.

The Foundation's vision is that everyone in Grey Bruce benefits from a vital, healthy, and resilient community.

Spring 2022 - Launch of Vital Focus on Housing

April 15, 2022 - Spring Community Grant Deadline

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## Vaccine Clinics *by Robert Burcher*

New normal? Pivot? Jab 1, shot 2 or booster, walk-in or an appointment? Greek letters? What have we all learned this year?

Here are some thoughts after a visit to our Town's Vax clinic on Friday December 31, so routine and bizarre all at the same time.

This most serious event also becomes one of the best socializing places during the holidays. A total mix of people from all levels of the community. Kids, seniors, workers, councillors, visitors and the dedicated volunteers with happy faces and silly hats. Everyone in a good mood because they are playing on the winning team.

Doing their best to fight this damn pandemic and also as a bonus to get to connect with random folks from the area. Yes, we do have a remarkable little town to be able to pull together to have a well-run vaccine clinic.

A really big thank-you to Dr. Tim Remillard and his righthand assistant nurse-practitioner Melody Fox from the Blue Mountains Community Health Centre.

Then too the numbers of dedicated volunteers who manage to make the ordeal somewhat less overwhelming.

It has been just over a year since the vaccine rollout – Dec. 5 2020. That was a great relief that help was on the way, but also kicked off the contentious debate and the serious development in our Canadian society - to vaccinate or not.

In chatting with Melody, to orchestrate *Tim with Karen and Steve from Kimberley*



the Vaccine rollout, she described what a slick organization they have fashioned throughout the multiple clinics of 2021 with the first community sessions being held in July. For them they felt they had risen to their highest calling. Maximum shots for maximum people.

But on a serious note, watching the effect of the pandemic she is very worried about the long-term fallout. On children who haven't had a good school year - lack of hard learning, lack of socializing with other kids and lack of fun in their lives from any kind of sport or recreation. Then too there is the fallout affecting lonely seniors, young people, disrupted extended family gatherings and generally the lack of a certain future. We also have to recognize the worn-out front-line workers in the hospitals, some who have quit because of the relentless grind. Yes, the mental health of the whole country has taken a blow. Then too lurking behind all this trauma is the economic disaster that has only just begun to wreak havoc.

At the beginning of the pandemic they were calling this a WAR. If we did all the right things, it would be "over by next year". But like the First World War this has turned into "Trench Warfare". Eventually the war of attrition will beat down the virus but we will be living with the effects for the rest of our lives.

In the short term can I possibly say, **Have a Happier New Year?** For updates on future vaccine clinics visit [www.tbmvaccines.ca](http://www.tbmvaccines.ca)



*Melody, nurse practitioner,  
Blue Mountains Community  
Health Centre*

## Markdale Hospital Construction Site - Dec. 2021

Markdale Hospital provides inpatient, outpatient, and emergency services to approximately 22,000 people in central Ontario. The vision is to develop a 68,000 sq. ft. new rural health centre model that co-locates and integrates primary care services with acute, hospital-based services.

From the patient perspective, this creates a convenient one-stop shopping experience for their healthcare needs. The Master Plan / Business Case as well as the design and construction of a new facility will significantly increase space requirements for emergency, outpatient ambulatory services, diagnostic services, and surgery. In response to the unique demographic challenge, not only will the new hospital improve clinical practice areas and the patient care environment, it will set a benchmark in elder-friendly design. The build is planned to take approximately two years.



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# Addressing the Health Care Challenge in TBM



Residents of the Town of The Blue Mountains (TBM) are aware of the most significant health care concern in our community - the persistent shortage of primary care doctors. The Blue Mountain Ratepayers' Association wanted to provide our members with greater understanding of this issue, its root causes, and efforts underway to address the challenge. To help gain these insights, we solicited input from two TBM residents who are very involved with local health services – June Porter, Board member of the North East Grey Health Clinics and Chair of the Joint Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee, and Brian Harkness (also a BMRA Board member), Chair, President and CEO of North East Grey Health Clinics Inc.

Over the last ten years, while our community has grown enormously, new Family Physicians to our town have primarily replaced those who have retired or relocated, therefore providing **no net new Family Physicians**. This has resulted in continual increases in what are termed “unattached patients”, meaning those who do not have a primary care physician. Currently we need at least six new Family Physicians to fill that deficiency.

Primary care doctors (Family or GP doctors) who wish to practice in a rural setting rather than an urban environment are able to access learning opportunities in rural communities such as TBM via the Rural Ontario Medical Program (ROMP), which is based in Collingwood. After the completion of their residency program the doctor then decides where and when she/he wishes to open a practice.

In recent years, Family Physician candidates have chosen not to practice in the Town of The Blue Mountains due to the lack of a Family Health Team structure (which we will discuss later), as well as lucrative incentives being offered by neighbouring areas. This is intensified by the fact that those communities can offer new physicians lower housing costs and lower clinic rental expenses. ROMP states they have a 70%+ retention rate of learners within our region, however, TBM has not benefited.

## **This of course begs the question - how can these challenges in attracting new Family Physicians be addressed?**

The reality is that doctors are independent businesspeople who leave medical school with a large and cumbersome debt load. To help mitigate that debt, doctors seek and are offered a variety of financial incentives. Competition for Family Physicians across Canada, and in particular Ontario, is fierce. We are surrounded by neighbouring communities such as Hanover, West Grey, as well as Bruce and Simcoe Counties, which have dedicated personnel paid either publicly or through a foundation, to undertake Family Physician Recruitment and Retention.

Community residents committed to help with the recruitment challenge undertook a major medical building fundraising program for both TBM and Meaford. Their aim was to attract primary care doctors by removing the cost of land and building ownership expenses. The program set up a non-share, not for profit Corporation, North East Grey Health Clinics (NEGHC) that funded, built, and now operates the two medical centres - The Blue Mountains Community Health Centre and The Don Bumstead & Family Medical Centre.

Moving forward after the last municipal election to further address the shortage of doctors within the two municipalities, community members approached TBM staff and council regarding this issue. Agreement was reached in June 2019 to create and fund the Joint Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee, an Advisory Committee of Council. Currently the committee encompasses four bordering communities who all share a common interest in increasing regional access to primary health care.

## **However, the lack of a Family Health Team impairs our recruitment efforts**

Results of a doctor survey of 2nd year family medical residents at 6 Ontario Medical Schools (August 2021) to determine what was most important to them revealed the following:

- New doctors preferred joining or being allied with a Family Health Team
- Proximity to family was important
- Spousal/family employment opportunities
- Financial incentives

The Blue Mountains, along with Meaford, are the only two municipalities in the Southern Georgian Bay region that do not have a Family Health Team (FHT). Why is that important to family physicians, especially in a rural area? FHTs include a wide range of health professionals, such as Nurse Practitioners, Occupational Therapists, Dieticians, and Social Workers, working together to serve the needs of patients in their community.

Having a FHT offers the new doctor peace of mind through access to more specialized medical expertise, assisting in the diagnosis and treatment of complicated illnesses. Nurse Practitioners allow family doctors more time to concentrate on complex patient issues. Our area is deficient.

At a Provincial level, the Committee made a delegation in August 2021 to the Honourable Christine Elliott, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the purpose of raising the awareness of our challenges and to garner support for the recruitment of Family Physicians. A request was made for more immediate funds to run a pilot project near term to fill the current unmet need. A response has not yet been received.

## **So where does this leave us?**

Our local acute care providers, our hospitals, rely on Family Physicians to staff emergency departments such as at the Meaford Hospital. The urgent need for Family Physicians in our town and region will only intensify. The demands on After Hours Clinics and local Emergency Departments for those seeking primary care on a timely basis will continue to escalate.

Some TBM residents may question whether financial incentives to recruit and retain Family Physicians are required. However, as stated the reality is that neighbouring municipalities which are known to be Areas of High Physician Need within a range of 57 - 145 km have paid recruitment and retention personnel, and offer significant incentives which can be upwards of \$100,000. That is the competition TBM faces for Family Physicians.

There must be more public debate regarding these medical care challenges, and this should include significant focus during our upcoming 2022 elections.

The BMRA will provide periodic updates to keep you informed of progress made in the efforts to recruit primary care doctors.

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



## **INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED IN THE TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY?**

### **Consider a Position on the BMRA Board**

**The Blue Mountains Ratepayers Association (BMRA) is a volunteer, part time organization that advocates on behalf of our members with Town Council and Staff to help maintain and enhance our quality of life.**

**We are looking to add new Board members, in roles that could be focused on:**

- Communications,
- Sustainability, and
- Finance, among others.

**Please send us a note at [info@bmrateratepayers.com](mailto:info@bmrateratepayers.com)**



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## Notice of Public Meeting

### With regard to Proposed Revisions to the Procedural By-law 2021-76 as it relates to Timelines Associated with the Release of Agendas

**Monday, January 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**

#### Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

#### What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to receive comments on the proposed changes to the Procedural By-law 2021-76 as it relates to the timelines associated with the release of Agendas.

Additional information regarding the proposed changes can be accessed via **“Staff Report FAF.21.197 Proposed Revisions to Procedural By-law as it relates to the Timelines Associated with the Release of Agendas”** included on the November 23, 2021 Special Committee of the Whole Agenda. Staff are proposing:

1. Move the timeline for the release of Agendas to Monday at 3:00 pm (one week in advance of the meeting) from the current Wednesday at 3:00 pm (five days in advance of the meeting)
2. Move the deadline for submission of correspondence or a deputation request to Friday at 9:00 am (ten days in advance of the meeting) from the current Monday at 9:00 am (one week in advance)
3. Move the deadline for submission of correspondence or deputations following release of an Agenda to Wednesday at 12:00 pm noon (five days in advance of the meeting), from the current Friday at 12:00 pm noon (three days in advance)

#### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the proposed changes has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After considering the comments received from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

#### How can I make my views known about this proposal?

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#### How do I submit my comments?

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**Corrina Giles, Town Clerk**

**Phone:** 519-599-3131 ext. 232

**Email:** [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)

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# Notice of Public Meeting

## Revisions to the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy POL.COR.07.02

**Monday, January 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**

### Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

### What is being proposed?

Staff are recommending repealing and replacing the current Sale and Disposition of Land Policy POL.COR.07.02, to include revisions that will make the process clearer and more efficient.

The revised draft Policy and supporting process supports Council's direction not to consider any request to sell Town owned waterfront property.

Staff are suggesting that where land has been identified as a Road Allowance, Street, Laneway, Fire Lane or is of a size that is deemed not to be a building lot, it shall be Registered on Title that there shall be no future requests for building permits or variances considered for the subject lands because of it being acquiring from the Town and to protect the overall feel and character of the local area.

The current Policy allows for exclusions for land formerly used for railway lines. Staff suggest that this reference be removed the land that was formerly a railway line, in most cases, is currently the alignment of the Georgian Trail. For the exception of those sections of trail that have an existing realignment, staff recommend that no sale of lands that are part of the former railway line should be considered for potential disposition or surplus in the foreseeable future.

Town staff recommend a process where twice per year consideration may be brought forward to consider lands surplus with the purpose being to dispose of land from the Town's current land inventory.

For more detailed information about the proposed revisions and to view a copy of the proposed Policy, please download the following staff report:

[FAF.21.178 Revisions to the Town's Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy POL.COR.07.02](#)

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=6996>

### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on these Policy revisions has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the revisions to the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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

**Shawn Everitt**, Chief Administrative Officer

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**Email:** [cao@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cao@thebluemountains.ca)

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## Update on Operations & Response to Modified Step Two

In response to the Provincial announcement regarding the return to Modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen, the Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise that select municipal facilities will be closed to the public until further notice.

**Facility closures** include Town Hall, Beaver Valley Community Centre and Arena, Craigleith Community Centre and Ravenna Hall.

During the facility closures, Town staff continue to be available to assist residents over the phone and by email during regular business hours. In addition, various online services can be accessed 24/7 by visiting: [www.thebluemountains.ca/online-services](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/online-services)

Please review the following information for updates related to specific Town services:

**The Town Landfill and Recycling Depot** will remain open for public use. Enhanced physical distancing and capacity limits will be enforced to ensure the safety of staff and visitors. All visitors to the site are reminded that masks must be worn at all times. For more information, please visit the garbage and recycling webpage: [www.thebluemountains.ca/resident-services/garbage-recycling-waste](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/resident-services/garbage-recycling-waste)

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# Notice of Public Meeting

## Revisions to the Corporate Hiring of Employees Policy POL.COR.07.06

Monday, January 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

### What is being proposed?

Staff are recommending repealing and replacing the current Hiring of Employees Policy, POL.COR.07.06, to include revisions that will provide efficiencies to the current recruitment and selection process. Recommended revisions include:

1. Updates to employee status definitions to provide more clarity on Permanent, Temporary, and Seasonal employment types.
2. An additional statement on legislative requirements under the Ontario Human Rights Code and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and how the Town complies with the Integrated Standards Regulation and removing barriers throughout the recruitment cycle and upon hire.
3. An additional statement that unionized positions will be posted in accordance with their Collective Agreement. Committee of the Whole Meeting November 16, 2021, FAF.21.191 Page 5 of 7.
4. Updates to Job Posting and Advertising timelines and requirements that incorporate new strategies and flexibility to allow staff to be more responsive to staffing needs in a constantly changing and competitive labour market.

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**Building Division inspections** will continue; however, all building permit inspections will require that enclosed structures be vacant during the inspection. Please plan accordingly and ensure contractors are aware ahead of the scheduled inspection time. For more information, please contact the Building Department and visit the Building Inspections webpage:

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

**The Blue Mountains Public Library L.E. Shore branch** will be open for browsing, but patrons are asked to limit their time in the building. Computer access and study tables will remain available. All onsite programs have been cancelled until regulations allow for gathering indoors.

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm

**The Craighleith Heritage Depot** is moving to curbside service and per the new regulations, the museum access is closed. Library materials will still be available through holds pick up.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12:00 - 5:00pm

Sunday 12:00-4:00pm

Please check the Blue Mountains Public Library website for more info [www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca](http://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca)

*"During the temporary facility closures, the Town will continue to prioritize service delivery and customer service to all residents and stakeholders" explained Chief Administrative Officer, Shawn Everitt. "I would like to thank all residents for their continued patience and understanding as we navigate through the current challenges imposed by the pandemic."*

For more information, please contact:  
Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

For more detailed information about the proposed revisions and to view a copy of the proposed Policy, please download the following staff report:

[FAF.21.191 Review of Corporate Hiring of Employees, Lieu and Overtime, and Vacation Policies](#)

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=7765>

**Note:** Date of the Public Meeting referenced in the staff report was modified to January 24, 2021 during the meeting the report was presented to Council.

### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on these Policy revisions has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the revisions to the Hiring of Employees Policy and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

### How can I make my views known about this proposal?

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

**Sarah Traynor**, Manager of Human Resources

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# Notice of Public Meeting

## With regard to the 2022 Draft Budget and 2022 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget

**Monday, February 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**

Hybrid Format - In-Person AND Virtual/Online  
Town Hall, Council Chambers  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

### What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the 2022 Draft Budget and supporting Tax Rate Changes as well as the 2022 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains, at its regularly scheduled Council meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022, intends to adopt the Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for all departments of the Town for the year 2022 and intends to adopt the 2022 Water and Wastewater Budget.

Copies of the 2022 Draft Budget and the 2022 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget will be available through the Town's website, [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the 2022 Draft Budget and 2022 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the 2022 Draft Budget and 2022 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

### How can I make my views known about this proposal?

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**Ruth Prince**, Director of Finance and IT Services;  
**Phone:** 519-599-3131 ext. 228;  
**Email:** [directorfit@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:directorfit@thebluemountains.ca)

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## Draft 2022 Budget Timeline

Council has directed staff to revise the draft 2022 Budget timeline to the following:

1. December 13, 2021 Council Meeting – all recommendations from the Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meetings provided to Council for consideration.
2. January 17, 2022 Council Meeting - Staff to provide Council with a REVISED draft 2022 budget book for final endorsement before proceeding to the Public Meeting.
3. February 7, 2022 Council, Public Meetings – Public Meeting to receive comments on the draft 2022 Budget
4. February 15, 2022 Committee of the Whole – Followup report from Public Meeting considered by Committee of the Whole
5. February 28, 2022 Council – recommendations from February 15 Committee of the Whole considered by Council. Consider adoption of the 2022 Budget By-law

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# Notice of Public Meeting

**With regard to amendments to By-law 2021-15 for the Imposition and Collection of Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities, amendments to By-law 2021-18 for the Solid Waste Management Fees, amendments to By-law 2021-17 for Planning Matters and Engineering Services, amendments to By-law 2021-16 for the Imposition of Water Charges and Sewer Charges and amendments to By-law 2002-08 for The Swimming Pool Fence By-law**

**Monday, February 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**

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Town Hall, Council Chambers  
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### What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, Planning Matters and Engineering Services By-law and Water Charges and Sewer Charges By-law and the Swimming Pool Fence Bylaw.

It is proposed that Council will consider enactment of these revised By-laws at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on **Monday, February 28, 2022.**

Copies of the proposed amendments to the By-laws will be available through the Town's website, [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the By-laws has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the By-laws and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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## 2022 Winter Parking Restrictions and Resident Snow Removal

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to remind residents that Winter Parking Restrictions came into effect on November 1, 2021. In accordance with the Highway Traffic Act and Town By-law No. 2003-11, overnight parking is prohibited on all Town streets from 2:00 am to 7:00 am. Winter Parking Restrictions will remain in effect until April 1, 2022.

In addition, residents are reminded that Town By-law No. 2014-65 prohibits the deposit of snow or ice onto a Town roadway, including the shoulder, sidewalk, walkway, boulevard, or ditch, without written permission from the Director of Operations.

Winter parking and snow removal restrictions are necessary to help ensure that snow removal operations can be completed safely and effectively. The Town would like to thank all residents for their cooperation throughout the winter season.



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# In Memoriam

## LORRAINE DOREEN LOWE

At 7:17 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14th, 2021, Lorraine's prayers were answered and her wishes were granted. She died at home on her own terms, with a smile on her face, her favourite music playing, surrounded by her family.



For quite some time Lorraine was being tortured (her term) by vascular dementia which had progressively taken away her mobility, co-ordination, and basic skills. She could no longer dress herself, type, write or print, use the tv remote, enjoy her favourite shows, make calls on the telephone, or even enjoy her special place, our Island # 1, Lowe Quay in Honey Harbour. She was increasingly confused, and at times was lost in her own home, both frightening to her. Fortunately, she had no physical pain: but she understood what was happening to her and knew that her future would be unbearable.

Lorraine often expressed that she had no fear of dying, possibly resulting from her experience as a bereavement counsellor, her volunteering with Hospice Georgian Triangle, and her volunteering as a Victim Support Worker with the O.P.P. In recognition of the help she gave to so many she was awarded the prestigious "June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award". She also brought pleasure to many through her singing at local Seniors' homes.

Lorraine was born in 1939 in York Township, attended school at Islington Public and Etobicoke C.I. She had been coerced into the 4 year commercial stream (common for girls at that time) where she excelled. After graduation and while working full time, she signed up for correspondence courses and completed grade 13, then earned a B.A. from York U. and an M.A. from U. of T. and OISE.

In 1958 she met Geoffrey and they were married in 1959 (Geoff does not buy lottery tickets because he knows he already won something better than any lottery offered when she said YES to his proposal in December of '58).

Lorraine's chosen career was in education. She taught for 2 years at Alderwood C.I. then quit when her first son Evan was born in 1970. Adam joined the family in 1974. Being at home for her family

was important for Lorraine. After her boys were well established in schools she took a job with the Etobicoke Board of Education, but refused a salaried position, insisting on being an independent contractor on a fee for service basis so she could have summers off to be with her family on their pontoon houseboat. At the board office she progressed to become the Supervisor of Planning. Her real calling was teaching, so she requalified, and taught at Burnhamthorpe Adult H.S. retiring in 1997.

The family joined Georgian Peaks Ski Club in 1975 where Lorraine skied until 1991, and served on the Board of Directors and produced the Peaks Periodical for several years.

Evan's sudden death in a skiing accident in 1991 was very difficult for Lorraine and her entire family. Her volunteering years started shortly after his accident because she felt that with her experience of a death of a child she might be able to help others. And she did!

Lorraine's family includes parents Clare and Stan Wale (both deceased), sister Nola, niece Susan in N.Y. State, nephew Steve (who is right now dealing with very serious medical issues), sister-in-law Inez from Arizona, much loved niece Brenda and nephew Jason in Victoria, very special son Adam and his wife Jennifer, and husband and best friend and lifelong partner, Geoffrey.

Lorraine has too many good friends to single out any, but her "ECI Girls" were special to her as were her Grace United friends and choir mates.

Lorraine's wishes for all are to always look for the "good" in people; smile and laugh a lot; support public broadcasting, live music and theatre; volunteer; help refugees who have been forced to move; read works by our talented Canadian authors; and give generously to charities, including "Dying With Dignity".

With her death imminent, our dear Lorraine made it clear that "this is the right thing at the right time", no doubt designed to make losing her less painful for us.

What a WOMAN! A loyal, dependable friend, contributing citizen, good neighbour, caring and nurturing mother, fabulous partner, an inspiration to us all. Lorraine, you will be so much missed by so many. Your spirit, positive attitude, and teachings will carry on in your family, friends, and the many students you influenced.

A private service will be conducted at the Ferguson Funeral Home in January 2022. Lorraine's family hope to celebrate her life in the warmer weather at her special place, 'Island #1 - Honey Harbour', when it is safe for family and friends to gather.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to Dying with Dignity or the Alzheimer Society 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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## PATRICIA MARGARET 'PATSY' DENNIS

Patsy passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday, December 10, 2021 in Thornbury in her 85th year.

Born on September 20, 1937 in Toronto, ON, she was a daughter of the late Dorothy (nee Coldwell) and Grenville Hobson, and a sister to Janis Hobson (Gary Hails) of Toronto and Dale Hobson (Darlene) of Frankford, ON.

Patsy was married to William 'Snuffy' Dennis for 25 years until his death at the age of 54. Together they raised a family in the Beaches and later, Clarksburg.

She was the dear and beloved mother of Leslie McLean (Tim Marchand) of Walter's Falls, Darrell (Erin Mclvor) of Clarksburg, Shannon (Will Walker) of Penetang, and Bill (Sarah Bright) of Clarksburg.

Patsy adored her grandchildren and was infinitely proud of them. She will be missed Landon McLean (Katja Pelkonen) of Whistler, BC,



Megan McLean (Mike Wilson) of Whistler, BC, Casey Derrick (Eric Brown) of Collingwood, Corbin Derrick (Tori) of St. John, NL, Maxwell Dennis, Lily, Sadie and Lara Dennis of Clarksburg, and Amanda Kaden, Kate Navarro, Virginia Skuce, and Matt Harwood (Melissa). She will be remembered fondly by her niece, Adelaide Hobson.

Patsy loved to participate in life! She was a resident of the Toronto Islands while growing up. She sang with the Sweet Adeline's both in Toronto and later with the Thornbury Chapter. Patsy adored all types of music. She was an accomplished skier and tennis player, a renowned quilter, knitter and seamstress.

She made a friend of everyone she met, and loved to laugh and make merry with family and friends both old and new. Patsy loved the community and touched many hearts and souls during her life journey. But most of all, she loved her family.

A celebration of Patsy's life will be held early in the summer, details will follow.

As your expression or sympathy, donations to the Beaver Valley Outreach would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)

## FATIMA ANN MOORE (nee DIAS)

With profound sadness, the family of Fatima Moore announces her sudden passing at the Owen Sound Hospital on December 28, 2021 at the age of 65.

She was the loving daughter of the late Manuel and Adelina Dias.

Fatima is survived by her husband, Jim and the light of her life, daughter Stephanie.

She was the sister of John and Gwen, Carl, and Maria. Sister-in-law of Deb and Keith, Bob and Jane, and Fatima was predeceased by Pat. She will be remembered fondly by her many nieces and nephews and their families.

'Amazing Wife, Mother and Friend to many. Rest in peace our dear Fatima.'

Due to Covid restrictions there was a small gathering of immediate family on January 4, 2022 at St. George's Anglican Church in Clarksburg.

A celebration of life service and scattering of her ashes will take place in the spring. All are welcome to join us at that time.

As your expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Owen Sound Regional Hospital Foundation [www.oshfoundation.ca](http://www.oshfoundation.ca), Meaford Hospital Foundation [www.mhfoundation.ca](http://www.mhfoundation.ca) or St. George's Youth Ministry [www.parishofthebluemountains.ca](http://www.parishofthebluemountains.ca) or through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



## BARRY ALEXANDER McEWEN

Barry Alexander McEwen passed away suddenly at his home in Clarksburg on Tuesday, December 28th, 2021 at the age of 75. He was born in Owen Sound on April 8th, 1946, a son of the late Melvin McEwen and Margaret Isabel (nee Maher).

Barry was raised in Chatsworth on a mink farm where he made a lifelong friend in Mel Hill, and the two were known to get into a lot of mischief together. Barry married Elizabeth Parker in 1986. He is survived by his stepson Scott Parker; and was predeceased by his stepson Ross Parker.

Barry is survived by his brother David McEwen (Mary). He was the dear uncle of Anne McEwen (Peter Stabins); and was predeceased by his niece Jane McEwen-Pearson and will be remembered fondly by Jason Pearson, great nephews Sullivan Pearson, Max Pearson, James Stabins and great niece Claire Stabins.

Barry worked at Redpath in many capacities and became Assistant Vice President of Sales and Marketing before retiring after 29 years. He was an avid skier for over 40 years at Blue Mountain. He and Elizabeth travelled extensively over the years and spent part of the year in the Bahamas where Barry thoroughly enjoyed the sport of bone fishing.

Barry's perfectionism and craftsmanship are evident in the log house he built and subsequent new family home in the Thornbury/Clarksburg area. He had an eye for antiques; collecting and refinishing, especially ones that had meaning of his early years. In the words of Barry's grand nephew Sullivan: "His reserved personality and kindness always made his sense of humour all the funnier, and I enjoyed talking with him whenever I got the chance".

A private service of committal and interment will be conducted at Greenwood Cemetery in Owen Sound in the New Year. A public celebration of Barry's life will take place in the near future when family and friends are able to gather safely.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Research would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



## JOHN SINCLAIR CORRIGAN

February 15, 1938 - December 27, 2021



John Sinclair Corrigan, of Thornbury, passed away on December 27, 2021 after a short illness at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. He was surrounded by his loving family as he passed, his wife of 55 years Lynn Corrigan and his three children Chris, Tim and Suzanne. John was born and raised in Toronto. In 1961 he began a 36 year career in Information Technology and Human Resources Management. He married the love of his life, Lynn in 1966 and they raised a family of three children who blessed them with grandchildren and step-grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

In 1997 John retired and he and Lynn moved to The Blue Mountains where he fell in love with the crystal blue water of Georgian Bay, the beauty of the Beaver Valley orchard lands, the stunning clarity of a bluebird ski day at Blue Mountain, and the quiet of a forest hike on the Bruce Trail. He was an enthusiastic sailor, paddler, golfer, skier, tennis and pickleball player, and loved the camaraderie and challenge of these activities.

John was a deeply committed citizen and used his retirement years to build an inclusive and welcoming community. He sat on the The Blue Mountains Library Board for nine years, three of them as chair. Accompanied by his much loved dog Maggie, he spearheaded the building of the Moreau Park Dog Park and lent his commitment, kindness and energy to many citizen initiatives to improve development, municipal planning and citizen engagement in the Town. As a handyman, he threw himself into projects leading Bruce Trail bridge building crews and building three homes locally for Habitat for Humanity. He helped settle three refugee families and was a devoted member of Grace United Church where he served as a lay reader and usher.

John left an incredible legacy of kindness, humility and commitment and was loved by all who knew him. He was delighted to have spent time on earth, and never took a moment of it for granted. He was curious until the end, seeing every experience as yet another story to tell. On Christmas morning, before he headed to the hospital, he gave each of his family members a copy of a 600 page memoir of his life which he had painstakingly written and compiled over the past 10 years.

It was entitled "A Grateful Life Well Lived."

And so it was.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grace United Church, Box 219, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 in John's memory.

## JOHN SCHUSTER



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of John Schuster on December 30th, 2021 at the age of 84, after a short illness. Born in Austria on September 11, 1937, John lived in Kitchener, Ontario the majority of his life with his wife Millie (nee Rolland) Schuster, who predeceased him in 2013. He was the treasured father of Alicia (Dan Lachine), Amy (John Mesina), and John (Chris Tatham). John was known as Opa to his grandchildren; Amber, John Louis, Anthony, Sophia, Loretta, as well as the grandchildren and great grandchildren he gained through Dan and Alicia's marriage. He is survived by his two sisters in Austria, Rosa and Berta, and his brother Rudolph in America.

John was fortunate to have spent his last years with his partner Ingrid Richmond in Clarksburg with their beloved cat Mitzie, where he was able to enjoy a peaceful setting. A carpenter, cabinet maker, and locksmith until the end, John never stopped building. He worked diligently to create a carpeted multi-level home for his stray cat to live until Mitzie was comfortable enough to join them inside. His handcrafted jewelry boxes are cherished by many.

At our father's request, no services will take place. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo 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)

## SHERRI OGILVIE

Sherri Ogilvie, aged 67, passed peacefully on January 2, 2022, in Meaford, Ontario following a difficult battle with cancer. She was a beloved sister, mother, aunt, great-aunt, and grandmother, survived by her son Grant (Heather), siblings Dawn (Gus), Hope (Michael), Trent (Dawn), and Paul (Trish), and grandchildren Isaac and Audrey. She remained steadfast until the end and leaves behind countless memories.



Sherri grew up in Oakville, but also spent a significant amount of time in Collingwood, eventually moving to the Blue Mountains in retirement. Sherri had a wonderful life, with a particular affinity for wine and animals. She can now be reunited with her beloved dog Lola. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Golden Triangle Humane Society or the Canadian Cancer Society.

## Ontario's Seniors Home Safety Tax Credit Being Extended Protecting our progress by helping seniors stay in their homes longer

The Ontario government is helping seniors stay in their homes longer by extending the Seniors' Home Safety Tax Credit by one year, to 2022.

The Seniors' Home Safety Tax Credit is a refundable credit worth 25 per cent of up to \$10,000 per household in eligible expenses, to a maximum credit of \$2,500. It can be shared by people who live together, including spouses and common law partners.

The extension will assist seniors, or those living with senior relatives, to renovate their homes to make them safer and more accessible.

"Our government continues to make the necessary investments to build Ontario and protect the progress we've made against COVID-19," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "We know that seniors would prefer to stay in their homes, where they are the most comfortable. That's why we are pleased to bring forward this plan to give them extra time to benefit from this tax credit."

Examples of eligible renovations include:

- Installing grab bars and related reinforcements in bathrooms
- Wheelchair ramps, stair lifts and elevators
- Light fixtures in the home and exterior entrances
- Non-slip flooring
- Automatic garage door openers
- Certain renovations to allow first-floor occupancy or a secondary suite for a senior

Individuals can claim the credit for renovation expenses to their principal residence, either owned or rented, or to a residence that they reasonably expect to become their principal residence within the 24 months following the end of the year.

To claim the tax credit, claimants should keep receipts from suppliers and contractors.

Extending the Seniors' Home Safety Tax Credit is part of the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario.

The plan lays out how the government will build the foundation for Ontario's recovery and prosperity by getting shovels in the ground on critical infrastructure, attracting increased investment, and restoring leadership in auto manufacturing and other industries.

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## Thornbury Jazzworks - ANOTHER GREAT CONCERT SERIES

Following sold out Jazz-at-the-Library concerts in September, October and November, TJW hosted Dean Hollin and Friends for a Holiday concert at Marsh Street Center, where a packed house enjoyed Dean's take on winter holiday music with a fine quartet composed of some of Ontario's best jazz musicians. The proceeds of the show allowed TJW to contribute \$3,000 towards Beaver Valley Outreach's wonderful Holiday Hamper program which brings joy to so many families who are experiencing hardships. This was the first Holiday concert TJW was able to produce since December 2019 and raised more than double the amount raised that year.

A volunteer organization, TJW produces live jazz concerts. The proceeds are used to support music students and programs in our area except for the December concert, which supports BVO.

Tony Bauer and Doreen Norris started TJW in 2015, and since its inception, TJW has put over \$25,000 into the community. We are now planning 2022 concerts, hopefully starting in March. Stay tuned.

PS If you would like to get involved, please send an email to: [rodinnes7@gmail.com](mailto:rodinnes7@gmail.com) You will enjoy what we do.

L-R: Rod Innes & Florence Farr, TJW volunteers; Cathy Innes, BVO Chair; Catherine Sholtz, BVO Manager; and Norine Baron, BVO volunteer. [www.bvo.ca](http://www.bvo.ca)



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## Blumination - Fire, Ice and Lights at Blue Mountain Village January 3 - February 28

This winter Blue Mountain Resort will be illuminating some winter attractions and the mountain as part of Blumination! Watch the mountain light up for night skiing from dusk to 9:00pm.

Hike N' Tube: This hill will be illuminated for added fun while you traverse down the hill in your snow tube.

Mountainview Skating Trail: Skate along this 1.1 kilometre trail among different light installations, weather permitting. Pre-purchase your pass to avoid disappointment.

Ice Carvers in the Village: As the temps chill the Ice Carvers sharpen their tools to take an ordinary block of ice and transform it into an extraordinary piece of ice art! Saturday January 15, January 29 & February 12. You can see the displays in the Village, until they melt.

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