



"On Canada Day it is important to reflect on the fact that the strength of our country lies in its diversity." says Grey Bruce Medical Officer of Health, Dr Ian Arra.

"Canadians of all backgrounds

and varied origins have come together to create a society that is welcoming to all. While we acknowledge the missteps along the way, we learn from each, and use that knowledge to build a more inclusive and compassionate community. I encourage everyone to respect others with kindness and caring."

100th Anniversary

A unique ceremony will happen in Ravenna on Saturday, July 24th at 1pm, presided over by Rev. Grayhame Bowcott. The local Beaver Valley Pipe Band and the Legion will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the First World War Memorial that presides over the park.

On this special occasion, they will be performing a Drumhead Service. This is a religious event that dates to the 1700s. When soldiers on the battlefield could not get to a church for a service, the padre and the regiment would create a temporary altar using the drums of the pipe band. The flags of the regiment would be draped over the stack of drums and a Bible and other necessary equipment would complete the setup. Consider a Saturday afternoon in Ravenna to remember the boys who did not make it home. (CoVid protocols will be followed.)



2nd Annual Lobsterfest, July 3rd

It was just a great day - the weather, the volunteers, and over 700 dinners being served at the drive-thru. Proceeds to support community organizations. Thank-you to everyone who participated.



Provincial Senior of the Year Award

The Town is pleased to announce that local resident, Bill Abbotts has been selected as the recipient of the 2021 Province of Ontario Senior of the Year Award for the Town of The Blue Mountains.

Established in 1994, the Senior of the Year Award honours one outstanding local senior in each municipality in Ontario. The nominee must be over the age of 65 and have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of his or her community.

"Known locally as a community builder, outstanding volunteer, and cycling enthusiast, Bill has worked hard to contribute to the growth and prosperity of The Blue Mountains community," explained Mayor Alar Soever. "On behalf of Council and the entire Town of The Blue Mountains community, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Bill for his amazing contributions and congratulate Bill (and Sue) on this well-deserved and exciting achievement."



Ontario Moves to Step Two of Roadmap

With key public health and health care indicators continuing to improve, the provincewide vaccination rate now surpassing the targets outlined in the province's Roadmap to Reopen, and on the recommendation of the the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government is moving the province into Step Two of its Roadmap to Reopen at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

In order to enter Step Two of the Roadmap, Ontario needed to have vaccinated 70 per cent of adults with one dose and 20 per cent with two doses for at least two weeks, ensuring a strong level of protection against COVID-19. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Ontario's health care partners, as of June 23, 2021, over 76 per cent of the population in Ontario ages 18 and over have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and over 29 per cent have received their second dose. More than 13.3 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered provincially.

Before entering Step Two, the province also needed to see continued improvement in key public health and health care indicators, including hospitalizations, ICU occupancy and the weekly cases incidence rates. After entering Step One, during the period of June 11 to 17, 2021, the provincial case rate decreased by 24.6 per cent. As of June 22, the number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs is 305, including 10 patients from Manitoba, as compared to 450 two weeks ago. The province expects these positive trends to continue over the coming days before entering Step Two.

Step Two of the Roadmap focuses on the resumption of more outdoor activities and limited indoor services with small numbers of people where face coverings are worn, with other restrictions in place. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 25 people;
- Indoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 5 people;
- Essential and other select retail permitted at 50 per cent capacity;
- Non-essential retail permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- Personal care services where face coverings can be worn at all times, and at 25 per cent capacity and other restrictions; *cont'd*

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- Outdoor dining with up to 6 people per table, with exceptions for larger households and other restrictions;
- Indoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services permitted at up to 25 per cent capacity of the particular room;
- Outdoor fitness classes limited to the number of people who can maintain 3 metres of physical distance;
- Outdoor sports without contact or modified to avoid contact, with no specified limit on number of people or teams participating, with restrictions;
- Overnight camps for children operating in a manner consistent with the safety guidelines produced by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health;
- Outdoor sport facilities with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- Outdoor concert venues, theatres and cinemas, with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- Outdoor horse racing and motor speedways, with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- Outdoor fairs, rural exhibitions, festivals, permitted at 25 per cent capacity and with other restrictions.

Please view the regulation for the full list of public health and workplace safety measures that need to be followed.

While the province has surpassed Step Three vaccination targets, Ontario may remain in Step Two for a period of approximately 21 days to allow the most recent vaccinations to reach their full effectiveness and to evaluate any impacts of moving to Step Two on key public health and health care indicators. When it is determined to be safe, the province will promptly move to Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen. "Due to the continued commitment of Ontarians adhering to public health measures and going out to get vaccinated, we have seen our key health indicators continue to improve across the province," said Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "While we can now begin preparing to ease public health measures under the Roadmap, the fight against COVID-19 is not over and we must continue adhering to the public health advice and measures currently in place to maintain this great progress."

COVID VACCINE CLINCS INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT

www.tbmvaccines.ca or call 519-599-3345

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THE BLUE MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY JULY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Summer Reading Club Virtual Meet-Ups

Fridays | 1:00pm
BMPL YouTube | Registration & Drop-in
Registered participants can pick-up their SRC Kit and join YouTube to learn the activity. Don't have a kit? You can still join in on the fun by following along on YouTube!



Game On Weekly Challenge

Mondays | 3:00pm

BMPL Facebook | Drop-in

Get active, have fun, and try something new with our Game On Weekly Challenges. Don't forget to tag us with the hashtag #BMPLGameOnSummerChallenges



Dorothy Crysler Bird Club

3rd Saturday | 9:30am
BMPL Zoom | Registration

Join fellow new and experienced birders as you share avian knowledge to help you identify the birds you see, learn about their habits and habitats.



Exhibit Launch: Places I Know

Art About Memory

Jul 6 | Online

Our memories are often associated with a place in time. In this exhibit, the Grey Highlands Artists Collective and invited guests will explore this theme with new work in a variety of media.



REGULAR PROGRAMS

Seniors Exercise

Mondays | 10:00am
BMPL Facebook & YouTube



Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays | 7:00pm
BMPL Facebook & YouTube

Outdoor Story Time

Fridays | 11:00am
Lawn at L.E. Shore



Museum From Home

Mondays | 12:30pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter

Digital Book Club

Thursdays | 1:00pm
BMPL Facebook

Trivia Game Night

Fridays | 7:00pm
BMPL Facebook

Wired Wednesday

Wednesdays | 1:00pm
BMPL Facebook & YouTube



Teen Group

2nd Thursday | 5:00pm
BMPL Zoom | Registration



Monthly Scavenger Hunt

L.E. Shore Library & Craigleith Heritage Depot

For more information, visit the [Event Calendar](#) on our website



Community Consultation

BMPL has begun our Strategic Plan Study, in preparation for the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. Started in April, we have been launching a new micro-user survey every two-weeks. These are available in print when you pick up your holds as well as online on our [User Surveys](#) page. Please consider responding throughout the summer to our various themed survey's and making sure your voice is represented in our [Strategic Plan 2022-2026](#). Also, watch our [Community Consultation](#) website for more opportunities to participate.



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Current Situation: The province is in Step Two

Testing and case counts reported as of 23:59 hrs,
July 3, 2021:

All data is preliminary and subject to change. Future situation reports will be updated accordingly.

- 22 new cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce; 9 Saugeen First Nation, 6 Owen Sound, 2 Saugeen Shores, 1 Huron Kinloss, 1 Georgian Bluffs, 1 Hanover; 1 Southgate; 1 No Fixed Address
- 1721 confirmed cases
Includes 456 cases of Variants of Concern (VOC), 13 active
- 1512 resolved cases
- 200 active cases
- 298 active high-risk contacts
- 6 confirmed local active case(s) hospitalized in Grey Bruce
+6 local active cases transferred to hospitals outside of Grey-Bruce
- 6 deaths in Grey Bruce
+1 death related to a Grey Bruce resident that acquired the infection and was treated outside of Grey Bruce
+2 deaths related to a Grey Bruce resident that acquired the infection in Grey Bruce however passed away outside of Grey Bruce
- 102 cases reported in health care workers; reports health care workers living in Grey Bruce and working both in and outside Grey Bruce

Vaccines -

22,064 COVID-19 vaccines given in the past 7 days
166,658 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered in Grey- Bruce

Working Together with Saugeen First Nation to Fight COVID-19

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has been working together with Saugeen First Nation Chief Lester Anoquot and Band Council to address the COVID-19 outbreak in the community. On Wednesday, June 30, Saugeen First Nation Chief and Band Council declared a State of Emergency in response to the emerging COVID-19 crisis.

Measures undertaken by the Chief and Band Council to control the spread of COVID-19 include full closure of all band services and businesses for a two week period and a full closure of ALL SAUGEEN FIRST NATION SERVICES AND BUSINESSES beginning Friday, July 2 at 12:00 noon. The Chief and Band Council will re-assess at the end of the two week period (Thursday, July 15) and determine if the closure of Saugeen First Nation services and businesses can be lifted or if it will be extended.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has no jurisdiction within the community but works in collaboration with the Saugeen First Nation COVID Crisis Team and community health services through permission of the Chief and Band Council. This work includes a multipronged approach of supporting the community health team through deploying staff to conduct COVID-19 testing, case and contact management, providing information and education on isolation to cases and contacts, supporting with IPAC – Infection Prevention and Control, supporting vaccine clinics and mass vaccination, and providing information on vaccine safety and effectiveness.

“The Grey Bruce Health Unit team is proud that the Chief Anoquot and Band Council have offered us the opportunity to collaborate, and we are honoured for their confidence in us as a partner.” said Dr. Ian Arra. “We are confident that under the leadership of the Chief and Band Council, and with our shared commitment to health, our teams will be successful in bringing under control the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in the community.” We thank all agencies, partners and individuals for their support in testing, vaccines and other contributions to assist.

Saugeen First Nation is an Indigenous community governed by the Chief and Band Council. Health services in the community operate under the direction from the Chief and Band Council. Communication on details regarding the fight against COVID-19 within the Saugeen First Nation community is most appropriate coming directly from Chief Anoquot and Band Council or with their approval.
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Ontario Enhancing Blue Box Program

Following extensive consultations, the Ontario government is improving blue box recycling by expanding service to more communities, standardizing the list of materials that can be recycled across the province and saving municipalities money by making producers of products and packaging fully responsible for the cost and operation of the program.

The enhanced Blue Box program will make recycling easier for Ontarians by:

- Expanding collection to all communities outside the Far North by 2026;
- Standardizing what can be recycled across Ontario;
- Accepting common single-use and packaging-like products such as paper & plastic cups, foils, trays, bags & boxes sold for home use;
- Collecting single-use items that are distributed or sold to consume food and beverage products, like stir sticks, straws, cutlery & plates;
- Expanding services to more facilities such as apartment buildings, municipally run or non-profit long-term care homes and retirement homes, and schools.

The province is also expanding collection to more parks, playgrounds, and transit stations, more than tripling the number of public space recycling bins funded under the current program so there are more opportunities to recycle at home and on the go.

The changes to the program will also transition the costs of the Blue Box program away from municipal taxpayers by making the

producers of products and packaging fully responsible for managing the life-cycle of their products, resulting in an estimated savings of \$156 million annually for municipalities.

Combining 253 local programs into a single provincial collection system managed by producers will improve recycling operations across the province, encouraging producers to find efficiencies that will make recycling simpler and easier for residents, while also driving innovation in recycling practices and technologies by rewarding producers who make their products easier to recycle and can derive more value from waste – fueling job creation and attracting investment right here in Ontario.

The transition to the enhanced Blue Box program will be staggered from 2023 to 2025 to ensure a smooth transition for municipalities and producers, so there is no interruption to service for residents. Some of the first municipalities scheduled to adopt the new producer model include Kenora, London, Toronto and Hawkesbury.

Reducing plastic waste and litter and making producers responsible for managing waste from packaging or their products is a key part of the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan. Ontario remains committed to balancing a healthy economy with a healthy environment and keeping Ontario clean and beautiful.

2021 Tree Trust Work Begins!

On June 25, Tree Trust TBM sponsored conservation work on a 140 year-old sugar maple located in the Thornbury Union Cemetery. The sugar maple is the third tree cared for by Tree Trust TBM since our launch last year and the first tree so far in 2021. We hope to complete another special tree in the Thornbury Union Cemetery soon, in conjunction with a public celebration event. Thank you to TC Rotary Club and our dedicated citizen donors for helping Tree Trust TBM to look after beautiful and ecologically important trees.

The sugar maple at Thornbury Union Cemetery presented several issues needing attention including the presence of a large cavity in the main trunk. Tobias Effinger of Arboreal Tree Care explained how a tree produces new wood as part of a multi-layered defense mounted in response to injury. When an injury or cavity interrupts the vascular system, the tree works around the cavity in a process known as compartmentalization.

This process creates both physical and chemical barriers in an attempt to arrest the spread of decay. When examining the large cavity, Tobias was able to determine that the tree was successfully creating new wood at the edges of the cavity. In order to create the conditions favoring growth of new (reaction or barrier zone) wood, and reduce fungal spread, the team carefully cleaned the cavity.

James Houghton of the Arboreal Tree Care team also completed work in the upper canopy, removing carefully selected limbs and sections of limbs that are vulnerable to structural failure due to poor attachment (i.e. limbs outgrowing their holding potential). Limb reductions like this are preventative against injury but also increase tree vitality by stimulating new growth closer to the center and the proximal vascular system of the tree.

Regarding another tree on the Tree Trust TBM list: An active and dedicated Tree Trust supporter recently alerted us that **gypsy moths have completely defoliated an oak tree that Tree Trust**

was planning to care for in the Windfall area. Tobias had already assessed the tree as somewhat vulnerable due to root damage from recent road and trail construction. At this point, we will have to wait to see how the tree recovers from the considerable stress of losing all of its leaves. For the time being, providing sufficient water is our best form of support while we monitor this special tree.

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What is a Natural Burial Cemetery?

Natural burial returns the body to the earth in a protected green space so the body can contribute to the earth's renewal. The body is buried in a biodegradable casket or shroud in a natural burial ground. There is no embalming and no vault surrounding the casket. The body will be placed a minimum of 3 feet beneath the surface as required by law.

Those laid to rest in a green burial ground do not need grave markers above each plot, however there will be a communal marker such as a wood wall or large rock with names engraved. The entire meadow becomes their place of rest, and family members and the community are welcome to enjoy the serenity of all the grounds.

Demand for natural burials grounds is growing worldwide. The Natural Burial Association is a volunteer run non-profit helping communities across Ontario create natural burial grounds. They are motivated to take care of our planet, and offer people the option of a gentle farewell. www.naturalburialassociation.ca

There's an expansive privately owned property near Metcalfe Rock in Grey Highlands, where a natural burial ground could be situated within the bucolic meadowed and woodland landscape. The Municipality of Grey Highlands has approved the idea "in principle" and now Sara Benjamin, the property owner, proceeds to the next level of approval with the Niagara Escarpment Commission and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.

And now in The Blue Mountains, a group of environmental advocates from The Climate Action Now Network would love to hear from you. If a few acres of natural burial ground were created within the Thornbury Clarksburg Union cemetery, what would you like to see? It could have pollinator gardens, trails, bee hives, trees, meadow, sculpture and so much more. Let your imagination carry you away! Email canntbm@gmail.com

Cystic Fibrosis Fight Coming to an End

Health Canada has approved Trikafta for sale in Canada. At the same time the national agency responsible for negotiating drug prices on behalf of provincial, territorial and federal drug plans has agreed on pricing with the manufacturer of two other CF drugs, Kalydeco and Orkambi. These transformational medications improve life quality and extend the lives of people living with Cystic Fibrosis.

"Much of the credit for this progress goes to families in our region who have fought long and hard for these life-saving drugs," said Simcoe-Grey MPP Jim Wilson. "I've been proud to work alongside people like Beth and Madi Vanstone, and Sasha Haughian and Jamie Larocque, who have been tireless in their efforts to access these innovative drugs that are available, and paid for by health plans, in many other countries," he added.

Ottawa's announcement means that doctors can now prescribe Trikafta for people aged 12 and up with cystic fibrosis. And the deal between the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA) and the drug manufacturer means that provincial governments can now negotiate agreements with Vertex Pharmaceuticals (Canada).

MPP Wilson has raised the question of Cystic Fibrosis medication availability numerous times over the past 10 years in the Ontario legislature. Minister of Health Christine Elliott has committed to ensuring the government will move quickly to list them on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary.



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Over the past several months, Marsh Street volunteers have been working hard on the relaunch of Marsh Street Rocks, starting with the appointment of a new musical director and instructor, Craig Smith of Collingwood. Craig is an immensely talented singer/songwriter and music producer who has a passion for teaching others the art of making music. As a professional musician, he has toured internationally and has released 2 solo albums. He plays locally in the ever popular band Motown and Marley. We are extremely excited to have Craig on board! We would like to acknowledge the contribution of Gary Gillespie in his work to help us establish Marsh Street Rocks. Thank you, Gary, for everything you've done and best wishes!

We're also looking for donations of any guitars, keyboards, or drum kits so that not owning an instrument doesn't hold back any child or teen from participating in our program. If you would like to donate an instrument, email

marshstreetinstruments@gmail.com or call 519-599-7837



MAPLE (RE)LEAF

Maple (Re)Leaf is a Canada-wide campaign in support of mental health services. Blue Mountain Village Foundation has been graciously chosen as the Foundation of choice for South Georgian Bay. For a \$30 donation you can have a Maple (Re)Leaf, designed by world renowned artist Charles Pachter, planted on your behalf and help raise funds for mental health initiatives in South Georgian Bay.

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The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$1 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.

- Watch for the Japanese beetle on your Lilies, Roses, Rose of Sharon, Dahlias, Hollyhocks, and numerous other plants. Handpicking and squeezing, combined with a beetle trap, are the most efficient way to limit these ravaging critters. Luckily, the little red devils don't eat Day Lilies (*Hemerocallis*)
- Watch for earwigs and Gypsy moth caterpillars. Spray plants with a 40:1 mixture of water and dish soap.
- Ants are also a problem. The ant powder does not seem to work for me. Maybe the ants didn't read the instructions to take it back to their nest.
- Trim evergreens, cedar hedges, etc., NOW as needed, not later in the summer.
- Stake straggly annuals and perennials, or pinch them back to promote new growth.
- Raise lawn mower blades for summer mowing. (Grass should be at least 5 - 7.5 cm (2 to 3 inches) high to stay healthy and weed free.)
- Prune spring flowering shrubs like Forsythia and Spirea after blooming. If you really want to be picky, remove individual spent lilac blooms.
- Water flower beds deeply and try a second round of weeding. Add mulch again to keep the weeds at bay.
- Mulch your tomato plants. When a ripe tomato drops, it won't split or get muddy. Mulch holds moisture too!
- Thin, hoe, weed and water vegetables as required. (This is why I stick to flowers)
- Water lawns and beds as deeply as you can. May was a record breaking NO RAIN month. Now we get downpours in late June.
- Tackle weeds now before they go to seed.
- Stake tall perennials that may be weakened by too rapid growth.
- Turn compost regularly and check the moisture level - not too wet, not too dry, like Goldilocks, just right.

A big thank you to everyone who turned out for our second COVID Plant Sale at St. George's, the Anglican Parish for the Blue Mountains, in Clarksburg. You bought over 1,000 donated plants. Thanks to the many plant donors TOO!



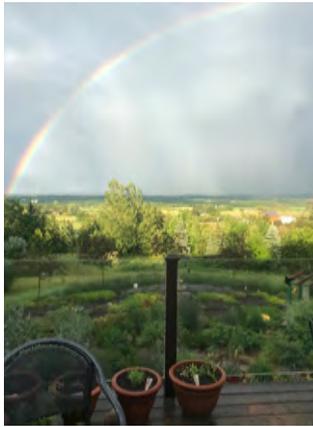
Rev. Grayhame tends to his "flock". photos by Robert Burcher



Tomato plants were available for everyone.

Twenty Years of Gardening Growth

@ Frog Hollow Gardens by John Hethrington



In 2000 my wife Carol and I purchased what has become Frog Hollow Gardens at the top of the Niagara Escarpment. We got "the view to die for" looking down on Thornbury and out to Georgian Bay one way, and down the Beaver Valley the other. In fact, we bought a view with a house attached! We also inherited some perennial gardens around the house and 55 feet of raspberries.

We also acquired 2 1/2 acres of clay, the kind you make clay pots with. Forget about amending the soil. We trucked in triple mix, compost, gravel

and bog soil to build and expand the gardens over the years. Our objective has been to have as many different environments - types of growing conditions - as possible, so we could grow the widest possible range of plant material, from bog plants to desert cactus.

Here is a list of the many various gardens we have created over the past 20 years that people can come and enjoy.

- Xeriscape, or desert garden in full sun with great drainage.
- Sixty feet of daylilies, blooming from June to September.
- 2,000 daffodils all over the property that, unfortunately, have to be dead-headed in June
- Canadian Explorer Rose Garden in a finally filled-in fish pond.
- Three bog gardens for moisture loving plants
- Ornamental grass bed, some growing 12 feet tall.
- Flowering shrub border along our southern border with a window to see down the Beaver Valley
- Wide variety of Hostas in the shade
- Carol's raised vegetable garden
- Nursery for new yet-to-be planted plants.
- Cutting Garden for flowers for the house.
- Flowering crab-apple and pear trees for spring bloom
- Fifty-five feet of raspberries for award-winning jam...
- "White Garden" like Sissinghurst castle in England
- Small fruit garden with red and black currants and a plum tree
- Unique 12' x 80' perennial garden with swaths of blooming plants Meadow for native plants.
- Formal Mediterranean Garden for Thyme, Sedums and Lavender with pea-stone paths and a fountain.
- Large traditional perennial garden with a wide variety of traditional and unique plants Finally, there is a pond with a leak.

Carol has decreed that there are to be NO NEW GARDENS, just fix the pond, continue weeding and show people the diversity of Frog Hollow Gardens.

**Frog Hollow
Garden Tour
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133 Dinsmore St., Thornbury just
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Enjoy a socially distanced, timed entry, self-guided tour of the many different gardens. A map, description of the gardens and refreshments will be provided. For info call 519-599-3811.

Limited number of tickets available at \$20 with proceeds going to St. George's the Anglican Parish of the Blue Mountains.

**Book your tickets on line at www.froghollowgardentour.ca
or call 519-599-3345**



Our Town is More Beautiful with Its Newly Planted Garden Boxes *Submitted By Kris Wichman*

Each year a group of volunteers from the 599 Garden Club plant the Town's many garden boxes, which are placed at 12 strategic locations across the community. The planning started in January with Kris Wichman and Davina Kerr, members of 599's Management Team working with Jessica Ladly, co-owner of Riverside Greenhouses and Terry Green, the Town's Manager of Parks and Trails. They decide what plants to grow for each box. Terry orders the 652 annuals to be delivered in June. The Town's Theresa Caldwell makes sure the plants are watered all summer. Five 599 volunteers; (pictured above) Davina Kerr, Nancy Hart, Jackie Stewart, Kris Wichman and Penny Jerred came out to sort the plants for each of the boxes at the Parks Operation Centre on June 7th. The next day, "The Planters"; Mary Angus, Lynda Ardiel, Nancy Ardiel, Nancy Harrison, John and Carol Hethrington, Davina Kerr, Maggie Maby, and Kris Wichman came out to plant. This garden box planting project was started by Jackie Stewart and Penny Jerred, 20 years ago as part of the Communities in Bloom program, with the 599 Garden Club taking on the project for the past several years.

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful community with such a supportive Town Staff and Council.

Ontario Resumes In-Vehicle Passenger Road Testing Provincewide

Ontario is resuming in-vehicle passenger road tests on Monday, June 14, 2021, at DriveTest centres across the province. To address the backlog of road tests resulting from COVID-19 restrictions, road testing capacity will be increased by hiring 167 additional driver examiners while introducing extended hours for in-vehicle passenger road tests (class G1/G2).

As measures to address the backlog come online, additional road test appointments will be made available. Please continue to check DriveTest.ca for new blocks of road test appointments.

To book your road test, please visit DriveTest.ca. This is the only official channel for booking a road test.

INTERESTED IN JOINING A BAYVIEW PARK TENNIS GROUP?



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Coryll Harwood - coryll1905@gmail.com

Mens Doubles - Thursday at 1pm
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Free Pickleball Lessons For Ages 10 To 16

Lessons to be held at the beautiful, soon to be completed, BLUE MOUNTAIN PICKLEBALL COURTS at the Tomahawk Recreation Complex, located at 417230 10th Line, Thornbury.

Lessons will run from July 5th to July 30th for 2 hours a day, Monday to Friday. All paddles and balls are provided. (following Covid-19 regulations) Numbers are limited to 16 so contact Harry Stevens or Rosemarie Wickens for details and to reserve your space at 705-888-8089.



After many years and effort from our pickleball community and the Town's Recreation Staff, public Pickleball Courts are being installed and are scheduled to open early July.

The game of Pickleball is easy to learn, affordable and suitable for all ages. To introduce pickleball to the Youth of Blue Mountain and area, Harry and Rosemarie, along with a group of volunteer instructors have generously offered to conduct group lessons for ages 10-16.

The game Pickleball, started on the west coast of USA over 50 years ago. It has become the fastest growing racquet sport in the Americas.

It certainly is a fun, competitive, social and addictive sport, which provides excellent exercise, and is enjoyed and played in nearly every Town, Village and City through out the USA and Canada.

The sport has become so popular that it is now being considered for an Olympic Sport. Rosemarie and Harry were invited some time ago to Hamilton, to participate in demonstrating the sport to the PanAmerican Games.

It certainly is a different game when Youth get involved as they excel quickly in making the sport very exciting.



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Transportation Master Plan Study Description

The Town of The Blue Mountains is undertaking the development of a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The plan will be an important resource for the Town as it continues to adapt to changing needs, growth and development, and new opportunities. It will shape how we travel, help us further understand and define our regional connections, and support the movement of goods and services throughout the region. The TMP will address existing and future vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transit infrastructure.

Where Are We in The Study?

We are currently in Phase 1 of the TMP process, which includes gathering information and identifying problems and opportunities. This information will guide the development and evaluation of alternative transportation solutions and help to identify a preferred set of solutions in Phase 2.

- The Notice of Study Commencement was issued on May 14, 2021 to all stakeholders
- Invitations to Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) and Technical Advisory Groups (TAG) were issued on May 14, 2021
- Existing conditions data collection (e.g., reviewing policy documents, collecting & analyzing Streetlight traffic data and Strava pedestrian and cyclist data, obtaining stakeholder input)

Online Survey

- **Online Survey will be available until Friday July 16, 2021 at www.thebluemountains.ca/survey**

- The goal of this survey is to collect information on how people use the transportation network, identify priorities concerning transportation, and obtain feedback on the overall vision for the future multi-modal transportation network. Subsequent surveys will collect feedback on more specific transportation topics.

Milestones Completed

- Notice of Study Commencement (May 2021)
- Launch of Online Survey (June 2021)

Next Steps

- Hosting TAG and SAC meetings
- Launching the first online Public Information Centre (July 2021) to present and gather feedback on the TMP study process, the goals and objectives of the TMP, existing travel conditions and community characteristics, community input on transportation infrastructure in the Town, as well as next steps in the TMP process
- Reviewing and considering feedback received through the initial online survey
- Completing the Streetlight Data traffic analysis
- Completing the Phase 1 Report

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THE BLUE MOUNTAINS FUTURE STORY

Create a Vision for Community Sustainability
Cafe Series: July 13, 14, 15 at 7 pm



The Town would like to thank the community for participating in the first phase of The Blue Mountains Future Story. Now in Phase 2, we need your help to set our community's vision and objectives for the future to guide our Community Sustainability Plan.

- Share your vision for The Blue Mountains in our **Phase 2 Survey** (Closes July 16)
- Participate in one of **five themed workshops**: Natural Environment, Economy, Arts & Culture, Community Life, and Built Environment (July 7, 8, 14 and 15, 2021)
- Join us at the **Future Story Café** series with Burton Glasspool Overdrive, Drew McIvor, Coco Love Alcorn (July 13, 14 and 15 at 7:00pm)
- Look for our **pop-up phone booth** – The Future is Calling!
- **"Ambassador" resources** to host your own conversations also available

TBMFutureStory.ca

sustainability@thebluemountains.ca

The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains

Notice of Public Meeting OFFICIAL PLAN 5 YEAR REVIEW

Property Location: Municipal Wide
(A key map is not provided)

Public Meeting: Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm
(Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams)

What is being proposed?

The Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan describes Town Council's policies on how land in the community should be used and helps to ensure that future planning and development will meet the needs of the community. An Official Plan deals with issues such as where housing, employment, agricultural, industrial and commercial uses should be located; what services such as roads, sewers and parks will be needed to support growth; and the way in which parts of the community will grow or be protected.

Please visit www.ontario.ca/document/citizens-guide-land-use-planning/official-plans for further information about Official Plans.

The Ontario Planning Act requires our Municipality to review the Official Plan every 5 years and it is now time to begin the update. Prior to finalizing the items included in the review, the Planning Act requires that the Municipality hold a public meeting to obtain input on the revisions to the Official Plan that may be required.

This Public Meeting is the first of the statutory meetings to be held for this review and will include an overview presentation by Town Staff. In the future, there will be additional opportunities for the public to review draft documents and to provide comments to Council and Staff including a Public Open House and Second Public Meeting prior to Council considering the adoption of any new proposed changes to the Official Plan.

The Town of The Blue Mountains is looking for public input on the type and scope of revisions to the Plan to be considered as part of the upcoming review. It is our intention that this input will

be obtained through your written and verbal comments & via discussions to occur at a special public council meeting to be held at **5:00pm on July 12th, 2021**.

Town Staff have generated a preliminary list of items for consideration under Staff Report PDS.21.054 which is available at <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/official-plan.cfm?is=26>.

Also available at that link is the current Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan.

Public Meeting Information

To help limit the spread of COVID-19, this Public Meeting will be held in a virtual (online) format. You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk in advance of the Public Meeting. Written comments will be circulated to Council. Comments received at least one (1) business day in advance of the Public Meeting (by July 9th, 2021 by 10am) will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting.

Additional information on how to watch the Public Meeting, how to participate in the Public Meeting and how to submit written comments in advance of the public meeting can be found on the town site at: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/public-notice.cfm>

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter at the Virtual Public Meeting is encouraged to pre-register at https://www.thebluemountains.ca/info_form.cfm For those without a computer, please call the Town Hall at 519-599-3131 extension 263 and a Staff Person can help get you connected to the meeting.

Where do I find more information?

For more information and regular updates about this matter, please visit the Official Plan on the Town Website at <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/official-plan.cfm?is=26>. Subject to Covid-19 protocols and related restrictions that may be in place, you may also visit us in Planning Services, at Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or contact Planning Services at the Town of The Blue Mountains at 519-599-3131 extension 248 or planning@thebluemountains.ca

The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains

Notice of Public Meeting BEAVER STREET STOP UP AND CLOSE FROM LOUISA STREET TO VICTORIA STREET

Property Location:



Public Meeting: July 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm
(Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams)

What is being proposed?

The Town of the Blue Mountains has completed a traffic study as part of the preliminary engineering for the Thornbury West Phase 1 Reconstruction Project. The study recommends:

- **Stop Up and Close Beaver from Victoria St. to Louisa Street**
- **Reconstruct the entrance to Foodland/LCBO to Victoria Street**

The result of these recommendations will be to correct hazardous intersections at Beaver/Victoria and Beaver/Louisa.

The Town of The Blue Mountains is looking for public input on the

proposed works. It is our intention that this input will be obtained through your written and verbal comments & via discussions to occur at a public meeting to be held at 5:00pm on July 12th, 2021.

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Where do I find more information?

Visit the Thornbury West Phase 1 Page on the Town Website: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/thornbury-west-phase-1.cfm?is=27> for additional information and regular updates. Subject to Covid-19 protocols and related restrictions that may be in place, you may also visit us in Operations at Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or contact the Project Manager, Michael Campbell, at 519-599-3131 extension 275 or at cc@thebluemountains.ca

The Local Biz Moves: *by Robert Burcher*

Once upon a time in this town a shop or a business would exist for decades. Not anymore. Now you need to have a constant updating as our big game of “who’s on first” continues.



We will start in Clarksburg with the biggest change of all is the corner of Clark and Marsh now turning into a cluster of creative spaces. Sue Tupy is the signature name in a huge gallery called The Clark. Another gallery is coming soon in the former Tree Green showroom on the

property. Two the Core and Leaps and Bounds Wellness Centre have taken over the garage as a gym and the last remaining piece of the former seed cleaning mill is being transformed into a rental performance space.



Don Kilby, artist, has moved from the Bank Collective building on the corner into the space vacated by Sue Tupy, Curio. The Imagination Studio has moved across the street into where the Dance Studio had been. Abby Gauthier has opened up a new business called The Market on Marsh – good food and coffee in the former Code Red location. Code Red has moved to a new space on Clark St. The sad news is that the PJ Mart is no more and the building will be undergoing a major renovation.



To match those big changes, the Harbour Mews on Bruce St. N. has been transforming in the past weeks. A new parking lot and an upgraded park area with picnic tables is a welcome change.



Also two new stores have popped up in that location. A marine brokerage called Central Marine has arrived as well as a women’s golf and tennis clothing store Open Court. Loved You Madly consignment store has quietly expanded into household and retro furnishings. Still there but almost unnoticed is Georgian Glow Aesthetics with an entrance from the back of the golf clothing store.



The restaurant overlooking the harbour has a new tenant. Sterlings will be operated by Roadrunner Foods who have been catering locally for several years and will reopen the restaurant and feature a boutique market.

Then too, we will be having two Cannabis shops. Two!! Soma Leaf is now open in the King’s Court building on the highway and “dimes” is on the hill on Bruce Street South.



Two businesses on King Street East that have undergone major renovations recently include Thornbury Craft Cider & Beer and Penny’s Motel. The Cidery will be offering vendor spaces to local businesses for the summer and the 13 room boutique motel recently had their

grand opening and will focus on great experiences for their guests. The vintage-feel space is equipped with a beautiful garden-light courtyard, Bocce ball, fire pit, oyster bar and a herb garden.



That should be all for now....

Tips to Keep the Great Lakes Clean this Summer

It is a great time to go outside and spend some time on the water, but it’s important to be mindful of the impact we have when we’re outdoors. As part of its “Little Bits, Big Problem” campaign, the Great Lakes Plastic Cleanup (GLPC) is reminding everyone that simple actions matter in keeping our environment free from plastic litter.

Here are just few tips:

Before you head down to the beach, make sure to grab some garbage bags so you can collect all your trash without having to seek out a garbage can.

Bring reusable cutlery, water bottles and containers to make sure you don’t leave plastic waste behind.

While bonfires are a good way to cook and keep warm once the beach gets cold, it is not the place to toss garbage. Burning plastic and other waste can release toxic fumes, and partly burned trash can still end up in the water.

Properly dispose of your waste – Learn what belongs where – food wrappers and packaging often belong in the garbage while plastic bottles and containers can be recycled. Dispose waste appropriately and if no bins are available, take the trash home with you.

Anyone who visits the Great Lakes can take a few small steps to ensure they are kept clean for everyone to enjoy and are protected for future generations.

Two local artists supporting the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund.



Thornbury Harbour watercolour 20”x 29” by Judy Moore. \$500



Original painting by Vanche, 4’x 4’ \$1500

Art can be seen at the Review Office, 22 Louisa St. E. Thornbury
519-599-3345 www.bluemountainlegacyfund.ca

Growth and Development in TBM:

Here's your chance to have a say in how much, how fast and how to protect what's important.



The recently announced "Official Plan 5 Year Review" may not sound like the most exciting news, but it's easily one of the most important projects our Town will undertake in 2021-22.

The Official Plan (OP) is the primary legal document that governs how our Town grows and develops. It covers everything from the scale and density of new buildings and subdivisions to requirements for critical services like schools, parks, water & sewer systems, roads and bike paths. It also defines where the growth doesn't go – how we protect the trees, watersheds, beaches, agricultural lands and other assets that are so important to our quality of life.

An Official Plan review happens every five years, and this one is more important than ever. TBM is currently facing unprecedented development pressures, and there are some serious questions about how and whether this growth can be managed sustainably.

It all starts on July 12, 2021, with the first Public Meeting for the OP review process. We'll get a presentation from Town staff on what's involved, and we'll be invited to comment on key issues such as the scope of the review, our top priorities, and our overall vision for TBM for the next 25 years.

This will be followed by more public meetings and opportunities to review draft documents in the coming months.

BMRA will be engaged in this process every step of the way, and we're hoping you will also take advantage of this opportunity to have your say. Here are some of the key OP issues to look for:

Growth Projections: Grey County is currently completing studies to prepare 25-year growth projections and define how growth should be allocated among the County's nine municipalities. We'll have to look very carefully at how these projections are derived, how they will be handed down to us and what these allocations might look like in the real world, at the local level. This is particularly important for TBM, which will likely be expected to continue to manage a large share of regional growth.

Intensification: We're going to hear a lot about intensification during the OP review, given the inevitable growth that the County will be asking us to absorb. The general idea, in theory, is that it's more efficient to accommodate growth by increasing densities in areas that are already well-served than by allowing more low-density sprawl, which would require the installation of new infrastructure services. And the concept of increasing intensification will inevitably lead to discussion of maximum allowable building height, which will need to be one of the key issues that must be addressed in the review.

Environment: This brings us to the all-important issue of preserving – and enhancing – our natural environment. We're fortunate to have a rare combination of escarpment lands, wetlands, woodlands, rivers and shorelines, and it's our responsibility to make sure these vital ecosystems are protected. They play a central role in everything from climate change mitigation and species preservation to defining the unique natural beauty of our area. For years, and through numerous venues and documents, TBM residents have demanded effective environmental stewardship. A strong OP is needed to translate goals and aspirations into real, measurable environmental improvements.

Best Practices: TBM is not alone in launching an OP update this year. Most of our neighbouring municipalities in both Grey and Simcoe Counties will also be reviewing their OPs, and it will be important to stay in touch, learn from each other and identify best practices. We're also

not alone as a municipality that is attracting growing numbers of permanent and seasonal residents, vacationers and tourists. We should identify and learn what we can from peers across Ontario and Canada who have succeeded in managing growth while preserving the very qualities that make their areas attractive.

Design: One of the ways municipalities can ensure a high quality of development is to establish comprehensive architectural and design standards and guidelines. The Town's existing Design Guidelines are due for an update, and there's a need to address requirements such as green building techniques as well as compatibility with the character of our established communities. These standards and guidelines are implemented through the Official Plan.

Attainable Housing: The proposed Gateway project in Thornbury is just one of many options available to address our chronic need for a broader range of affordable housing options. We need a comprehensive, fully integrated strategy to support diversity in our housing stock, backed by effective OP policies.

Notice of the upcoming Public Meeting for the Official Plan 5 Year Review, including links for additional information and speakers' registration, can be found on the Town's website at

<https://www.thebluemountains.ca/public-notices.cfm>.

BMRA encourages all members to become engaged with the Official Plan Review process, which will have a major impact on the future of the Town of the Blue Mountains.

Please feel free to forward any questions or share your comments and input via email at info@bmratespayers.com



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In Memoriam

DOUGLAS ALLEN 'COOTER' McCULLOCH

Doug McCulloch of Heathcote passed away suddenly and far too soon at his home on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at the age of 63.



Born in Collingwood on December 27, 1957, Doug was a son of the late Allen and Donelda (nee Rear) McCulloch.

He was the proud father of Derek Reekie (Margriet), Dana Reekie (Riley), Rebecca Reekie (Zach), and Alicia Record (Brady), and will be remembered fondly by their mother, Patti Wolf. Grampa Dougie 'Bumpa' will be sadly missed by Hanna, Charlotte, Dehlia, Jackson, Lennon, Kessel, Deacon and Annie.

He was the dear brother of Sharon Lobsinger (Jim), Dorothy LeClair, Marvin McCulloch, Karl McCulloch (Wendy), and was predeceased by his brother Myles Rear (Hazel). Doug was the wonderful uncle of Duane, Kevin, Michelle, Bobbi-Jo, Shaun, Dustin, Brandon, Jordan, Danielle, Devon, Dylan, Jonathan, Sirea, and was predeceased by nephews Danny and Jason.

Father, brother, friend, coach; Doug had the biggest heart and would do anything for anybody. Everybody knew he was only a phone call away. He always made time for family and friends ... and golfing, baseball, broomball, hunting, fishing, woodworking, playing cards and gambling. Doug really looked forward to getting away hunting, fishing and 'socializing' up north with his friends. He was a dedicated Blue Jays and Montreal Canadiens fan. Doug has worked in the apple industry in the area for many years and has spent over 35 of those years at Golden Town Apple Products. He will be missed terribly by his co-workers and friends at work. Doug participated in the community in many ways throughout his lifetime and truly enjoyed being a member of the Beaver Valley Kinsmen and coaching sports.

Due to the present Covid-19 rules and restrictions, a celebration of Doug's life will take place at a later date when family and friends can safely gather. A private family interment will be conducted at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Beaver Valley Athletic Association (cheques only please) would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9

www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

HAROLD GLENN CORNFIELD

Harold passed away peacefully with family by his side at Errinrunc Nursing Home in Thornbury on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at the age of 92. Born in Kimberley, ON on January 11, 1929, Harold was a son of the late Tom and Elva (nee Elford) Cornfield. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Wilma (nee Brown) Cornfield in 2017.

Harold was the much loved father of George and Lynn Cornfield of Simcoe, Blair Cornfield of Collingwood, Gerald and Joanne Cornfield of Meaford and Tom Cornfield of Mississauga.

Grampa will be missed by his eight grandchildren, Ryan, Tyler, Kara, Stacey, Terri, Ashley, Michael, Liz and their families. He was the proud Grampa of Aiden, Logan, Keston, Charlotte, Tyson, Matthew, Quinn, Noah, Ryker, Ella, Georgia, Ronan, Ava and Maeve. Harold is survived by his sister Fern Park (late Ivan) and was predeceased by his brother Gerald Cornfield (late Audrey) and his sister Freda Vail (late Leighton). He will be remembered fondly by his brother-in-law George Brown and his many nieces, nephews and their families.

Always a hard worker, Harold took great pride in his farm at Epping and as Golf Course Manager at Talisman Resort and then manager of Bay Bins in Clarksburg. He looked forward to visits from family, especially his grand and great grandchildren while residing at Errinrunc Retirement and Nursing Home over the last 6 years.

A private family graveside service, officiated by Reverend Dr. Robert Buchanan, will be conducted at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer Society of Grey Bruce or the charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca



JESSE ELWOOD JAMES

Jesse Elwood James died peacefully on June 16, 2021 at the age of 81. Born in Ravenna on November 1, 1939, Jesse was the son of the late Wesley and Viola (nee McArthur) James.

Jesse was a farmer, a storyteller, and a community historian. He was deeply proud of his roots and was thrilled when his grandchildren became the 7th generation on the family farm. He deeply loved the land on which he was born, and farmed it with dedication and care. He will be missed by his family and his community.

Jesse is survived by his wife Margaret James, son Mark James (Karen) and grandchildren Ruth and Rolan (Jordyn) James. He will be missed by his sister Muriel Smith (Eric) and extended family members. He was predeceased by daughter Laura James.

A private graveside service will take place at Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery on Monday, June 21, 2021. As your expression of sympathy, donations to Events for Life, Thornbury (cheques only please or directly through organization), 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



JOHN EDWARD DREWRY

John Drewry was born December 15, 1937 and passed away peacefully with his family and dogs by his side June 25, 2021 at the age of 83 at his home by the water in Thornbury. John was predeceased by his loving wife and partner of 32 years, Lynn Drewry who, together with John built a loving family and very successful real estate brokerage.

He was extraordinarily proud of his entire family: Father to Cheryl (Adam), Brent (Melinda), Cynthia, and Mark (Erin); grandfather to Raya, Regan, Dana, Grace and Adam; and great-grandfather to Landon, Madi and Taylor. And of course as an animal lover, he doted on his "pups" Lexie and Marley, making it his mission to take extra good care of them through their 15 years.

Dad was an avid sailor and persistent entrepreneur who made his own rules along the way, ahead of the curve in building computer software and hardware companies well before it was the giant industry it is today. His background in accounting as a CA/FCA and partner in national firms drove him to innovate an industry that was starving for it at the time.

John had a witty, dry sense of humour and charm that enabled him to easily make many friends and build solid business relationships over the years. He had a strong commitment to volunteerism, serving as President of his condo corp, director of Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, elected twice to the governing council of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and President of Progressive Conservatives Kitchener Waterloo.

Thank you SO much to all of his friends at Lora Bay, Thornbury and in Venice, Florida who have helped him tremendously over the last year. You embody everything that loving, caring neighbours and good communities are made of. 'The Drewry Family'

Cremation has taken place and John's life will be celebrated soon when it is safe for family and friends to gather. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Grey Bruce Animal Shelter or Hospice Wellington would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca



Highway 26 Speed Limit Reduced through Craigeleith



The Ministry of Transportation has decided to reduce the speed limit to 60 and 70 km/h speed zones on portions of Highway 26 throughout the Craigeleith. The changes set to come into effect on **Monday, June 21.**

The amendments to the regulatory speed limits on Highway 26 include the following:

From the intersection of Grey Road 21/Long Point Road travelling westerly the changes include:

- **70 km/h from Fraser Crescent East Junction to east of Grey Road 19 (reduced from 80 km/h);**
- **60 km/h from east of Grey Road 19 to east of Arrowhead Road (reduced from 80 km/h).**

The Ministry of Transportation has provided a Q&A Document to help answer common inquiries related to this decision.

www.thebluemountains.ca/document_viewer.cfm?doc=4039

The new 60 and 70 km/h speed zones along Highway 26 were determined based on the results from the speed studies conducted by the Ministry of Transportation, the Transportation Association of Canada Guidelines for Establishing Posted Speed limits.

The Ministry of Transportation, in consultation with the Town of The Blue Mountains, Grey County, the Town of Collingwood, and the Ontario Provincial Police will continue to actively monitor speed and traffic operations along Highway 26 to ensure the speed limits reflect ongoing development and changes along the area.

In addition, the Ministry of Transportation recently changed the two warning signs for the **Georgian Trail Crossing** on Highway 26 east of Thornbury. The warning signs were changed from a "hiker" symbol to "pedestrian and cyclist" symbols with a "CROSSING" sign also added. The symbols were changed to better reflect what a motorist might encounter crossing Highway 26. The ministry has also planned to install a flashing amber beacon on top of "pedestrian and cyclist" warning signs to enhance their visibility.

The Ministry of Transportation will also be completing a study to determine if there is a benefit to install a pedestrian crossing at the Georgian Trail Crossing on Highway 26 east of Thornbury. The study will be based on the guidelines provided in Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 15 – Pedestrian Crossing Treatments. The study is planned for this summer and information will be shared when available.

Spark/Brownie Advancement

Just in time - we were allowed to meet in person for our last meeting when the girls received their badges and Lief and Vaida advanced from Sparks to Brownies. Valerie Crowe, our Contact Guider and also called Pink Owl, cut out camp hats for the girls and stuck their badges in them - pink for the Sparks and orange for the Brownies. We have one



Spark, Leeyah, who is virtual only as she lives far away so as you can see in the one picture - Ailie is carrying a phone so that Leeyah can see what is happening and Darwin is carrying her camp hat with her badges on it. We had one Spark who was away, Northern Skye, and couldn't make it - she will be a Brownie in September. Hopefully, come next year - we will be able to continue to meet in person again and the girls will get to know their Owls who were all there for advancement but kept their distance as we were limited as to how many of us could be there - Brown Owl (Wenona Hammond), Gray Owl (Barbara Loucks), Fluffy Owl (Carolyn Wintrip) and Shiny Owl (Beverly Philips).



Special thanks to Pink Owl for knowing how to help us have virtual meetings and to the parents for letting their girls sign on every Wednesday evening for our Spark/Brownie meeting. It was certainly a different year with a real learning curve....

Allie, Vaida, Lief, Darwin, absent Leeyah and Northern Skye

THE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP COURSE is designed for youth whose families currently own a pet or who are considering adopting a cat or dog. Participants will learn about pet health, safety and veterinary care, the importance of spay/neuter surgeries, microchipping, training and the benefits of adopting from a local animal shelter.

Check with your child's guidance counsellor to determine if this course is eligible for community involvement hours within your school board.

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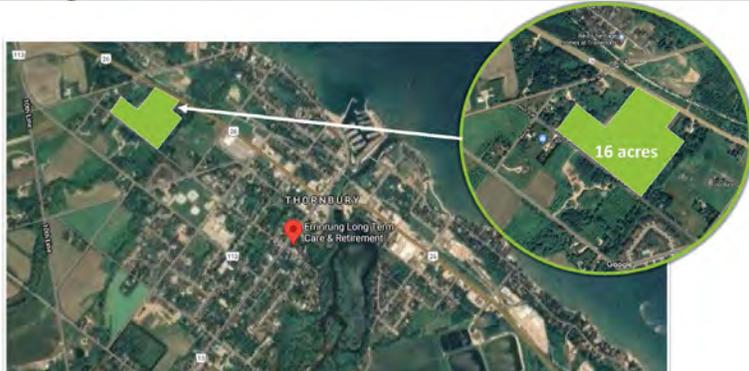
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Southbridge Long Term Care Home - new plans for Thornbury stalled



Under the Planning Act, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has the authority to issue a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) over any property in the province, determining the development plan for that property even if it overrules a municipal zoning bylaw. There is no process for appealing an MZO. The use of MZOs has traditionally been reserved mostly for emergency situations.

The Ministry of Long-Term Care is looking to have as many projects started in 2021 as possible. With the Minister's Zoning Order support being requested Southbridge could possibly have started construction as early as December 2021. The Ministry's next steps would be to accept their application, approve the site and issue a Development Agreement (DA). The DA allows them to proceed with the construction drawings.

The subject site is designated Commercial Corridor and zoned 'D' Development. Establishing the proposed uses requires both Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Bylaw Amendment. A Minister's Zoning Order will allow Southbridge to expedite the development process.

Errinrung Long Term Care is comprised of 18 new beds and 42 'C' beds that need to be redeveloped. The current application with the Ministry of Long-Term Care for 128 LTC beds is being updated to 160 beds. The completion of this redevelopment project was planned for December 2023.

Southbridge currently has four new long term care (LTC) homes under construction in Owen Sound, London, Kemptville, and Cornwall, each with 160 beds and built to the new standards.

Update - At its Committee of the Whole meeting on June 22, 2021 Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains received a request from Southbridge Health Care LP to support a request to the Province for a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO), to facilitate the development of a 160 bed Long Term Care Home.

On June 29, 2021, Southbridge provided an update on the MZO request and advised that the request cannot proceed further at this time due to external circumstances beyond Southbridge's control.

If approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, the MZO would have started to facilitate a seniors care campus in Thornbury by laying out the land uses and zoning. Detailed studies, design and site plans would follow afterwards with future approvals from the Town. With an aging population, finding safe and caring places for



The site planned to include a 6 storey commercial/ seniors residence; 6 storey care / multi residential facility and seniors bungalows. Accommodation was also planned for the staffing that is required.

our elders is a priority for many communities, including the Town of The Blue Mountains.

"As with all initiatives, sometimes challenges arise," states Mayor Alar Soever. "At the Council meeting on June 28, 2021, Council was unanimous in supporting, in principle, the request of Southbridge with the Minister's Zoning Order. I hope that any hurdles can be overcome on this initiative and the addition of much needed long term care beds can progress with success for our community."

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Quick Facts

The Ontario government is making a historic \$2.68 billion investment in long-term care development. That includes the March 2021 announcement of a \$933 million investment in 80 new long-term care projects. This will lead to thousands of new and upgraded long-term care spaces across the province.

Ontario now has 20,161 new and 15,918 redevelopment spaces in the development pipeline. Creating new long-term care spaces and redeveloping existing older spaces to modern standards is part of the Government of Ontario's Long-Term Care Modernization Plan.

As of December 2020, more than 40,000 people were on the waitlist to access a long-term care bed.

Council Approves Additional Funding for the Thornbury Pier Resurfacing Project

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that due to unexpected challenges following the removal of the Thornbury Pier's concrete decking, the project's budget has faced an increased cost, and is now anticipated to be complete by mid-August 2021.

The available drawings for the pier, which was built in the 1930's, showed the concrete pad to be 1 foot, 2 inches in thickness. During the demolition process, the contractor removed the concrete decking of the pier, and found the decking was approximately 2 feet thick and required additional removal of materials and labour. Staff and the consulting engineer were onsite to view, photograph and confirm the thickness.

Following the concrete removal, the contractor also found significant variances in the height of the sheet piling. Although some variances were expected, it extended to the entire width of the pier. This required cutting all the steel pilings and now requires welding new steel framing to support the replacement deck component.

Due to the significant change in materials and labour required to complete the project, Town Staff requested an additional \$140,000 through a Staff Report presented during the June 28th Council meeting through the Town's Community Services Asset Replacement Reserve.

With Council's approval to the additional funding of the Thornbury Pier's Resurfacing project on Monday, the project's reconstruction is estimated to take an additional 4 to 6 weeks to complete, with a full resurfacing now scheduled for completion by mid-August 2021.

The Town will provide updates on the Thornbury Pier Resurfacing project webpage as it is received from the contractor.

Ontario's Action Plan:

Protecting People's Health and Our Economy brings total investments to \$16.3 billion to protect people's health and \$23.3 billion to protect our economy. Ontario's COVID-19 action plan support now totals \$51 billion. Over the next decade, Ontario is investing over \$145 billion in Ontario's infrastructure, including strategic investments in transit and highways, schools and hospitals.

Ontario is investing over \$10.2 billion under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to support public transit; community, culture and recreation; green; rural and northern and other priority infrastructure projects. Across the province and over the next 10 years, Ontario is investing approximately \$320 million and Canada is investing approximately \$407 million under the Community, Culture and Recreation infrastructure stream of the ICIP. This stream supports the construction of new facilities and upgrades to existing facilities that improve community infrastructure (community centres, libraries), recreational venues (arenas, recreational spaces) and cultural spaces (theatres, museums).

Pricing for Multi Use Community Centres

BRACEBRIDGE – The Ontario government is investing over \$16 million to support the construction of a \$22 million Multi-Use Community Centre in Bracebridge. The new centre will include a 1,000-seat arena, a modern public library, a shared community hall, an accessible indoor multi-use field house, a common lobby area and ample on-site parking.

BARRIE – The Ontario government is investing over \$29 million to support the construction of a \$40 million community hub. The new community hub, that will be operated by the YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka, will include licensed childcare spaces, a youth centre with transitional housing and outreach support, a rehabilitation space for cardiac and cancer post care patients, and various recreation areas for fitness programs.

TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY – The Ontario government is investing over \$16 million to support the construction of a \$22 million recreation centre. This facility will include an ice pad, a senior centre and youth centre, walking track, gymnasium, and two soccer pitches.

PARRY SOUND – The Ontario government is providing over \$10.6 million, towards a \$1.9 million centre. The design of this new facility features a 25-metre, multi-lane lap pool, and a warm water therapy/leisure pool. It will include a gym, a fitness and conditioning centre and studio, an indoor walking track, various multi-purpose rooms, space for Indigenous programming, and inclusive change rooms.

MISSISSAUGA – The Ontario government is investing over \$45 million to support the reconstruction of a \$61 million South Common Community Centre and Library in Mississauga. The new community centre will have expanded indoor and outdoor fitness spaces, an aquatics centre and a new gymnasium. This is in addition to a new 16,000 square-foot library and multi-purpose rooms.

Ontario Launching New \$30 Million Surgical Innovation Fund

This fund is part of the government's investment of \$300 million announced in the 2021 Budget to help the hospital sector recover, expanding access to care and helping to reduce the health service backlog due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over 465,000 scheduled surgeries took place in Ontario's hospitals in 2020-2021. Access to urgent lifesaving surgeries was preserved during the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. In areas less impacted by COVID-19, hospitals were able to do more surgeries in November and December than they had in previous years, delivering important surgical care to Ontarians, while reducing wait times for patients to have the procedures they need. As a result of improvements in hospital capacity, the volume of surgeries being completed in Ontario

has increased by approximately 20 per cent a week since non-urgent surgeries resumed in May. Surgical output has reached nearly 70 per cent of pre-pandemic levels.

Under the 2021 Budget, Ontario is investing an additional \$1.8 billion in the hospital sector in 2021-2022, bringing the total additional investment in hospitals since the start of the pandemic to over \$5.1 billion. This includes creating more than 3,100 additional hospital beds to increase capacity and reduce occupancy pressures caused by COVID-19.

As part of the province's \$2.8 billion fall preparedness plan, the government has invested \$283.7 million to assist the health system's ongoing efforts to reduce surgical wait times, and \$457.5 million to ensure that the health system is prepared to respond to any waves or surges of COVID-19 without interrupting routine health services.

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The 1st Commodore of the Thornbury Yacht Club to celebrate 100

By the 1980s, more people who only used to come north from Toronto to ski, realized that Thornbury, had much to offer in the summertime, with its pristine waters, uncrowded beaches, and beautiful Niagara Escarpment scenery. In 1982 there was no road to the outer harbour, at the mouth of the Beaver River, and boats were all on swing moorings. A local condominium owner, Altona Holdings, was to guide the installation of the marina facilities with 80 berths. When this happened, as recounted in "Thornbury - Remembering When, the fish shed club house, used by the Reef Boat Club, built in 1967, had to come down." Now the club would be homeless. At the annual meeting, in April 1983, a majority of the Reef Club members voted to move the club to a new location in Meaford. In June, 14 local boaters who wanted to stay based in Thornbury, met together to form a new boat club to be known as the Thornbury Yacht Club." By August, the club had 65 members and had also joined OSA and CYA.



Erling Morris, the first commodore, explained that, "The yacht club is a group of boaters and non-boaters whose primary objective is to promote safe boating, good seamanship and good sportsmanship among all boaters and those with a genuine interest in boating."

At this time we would like to wish Erling a Happy Birthday as he celebrates his 100th on July 11, 2021.

His lifelong partner Inger was born in Sandar, Norway on August 1, 1921. She met Erling at 18 while playing in an orchestra. They would spend the next 80 years together. Inger passed away on April 1, 2021. In her 99 years she loved many things: summers at the cottage, yoga, running, tennis, piano, shopping & fashion, live theatre, skiing, sailing, and swimming in Georgian Bay at every opportunity. She loved Nordic skiing & kayaking, travelling, her dogs and ice cream cones at any time of the day. She was very connected to the earth and energy of life.



FIRST SAIL PAST

The first "Sail Past and Blessing of the Fleet" took place on Saturday, June 23rd 1984 at 12 noon. Club burgees had been designed (and were available for \$10) Almost 30 yachts took the salute from Commodore Erling Morris and Rear Commodore Al Laing. Five ministers from the area- Rev. William Metcalfe, Rev. Ralph Gibson, Rev. Ian Raeburn-Gibson, Rev. Wells Robinson, and Father Tunney Hathaway- blessed each boat as it passed the reviewing stand at the end of the pier. The second season of Thornbury Yacht Club was underway.



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