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Grey Sauble Conservation Releases 2023 Watershed Report Card on World Water Day

The five-year update of Conservation Authority Watershed Report Cards are being

released today, coinciding with World Water Day. Grades indicate that many of Ontario's watersheds, especially those in southern, more urban areas are stressed. The local Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) watersheds scored very well, particularly in surface water quality and forest conditions, with most achieving a grade of Good to Excellent!

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority CAO, Tim Lanthier, commented on the advantages for our local communities that are associated with these positive grades: "We are happy to see that our watersheds are generally in very good to excellent condition, though there are areas where we, as a community, need to focus our efforts for improvement. Healthy watersheds provide important benefits to everyone who lives or visits our area. They help to drive recreational tourism, encourage healthy living, and mitigate the impacts of climate change. Together with our partners, stakeholders, and the community, GSCA will continue to provide services that monitor and improve the environment in which we all live, work and play."

Watershed Report Cards can be used to show the overall environmental trends and assist in developing targeted actions to address issues. The main challenges to local watershed health identified in GSCA's 2023 Watershed Report Card include non-point source pollution such as runoff from fields, streets, and backyards; watercourses without adequate riparian cover (trees within 30 metres of a watercourse), and limited funding and resources that constrain programs and services that support healthy watersheds. The Watershed Report Card also includes valuable information for residents, municipalities, and agencies on how to help enhance watershed health locally.

Maintaining good grades is no easy task and GSCA is looking forward to another successful year working with partners across Grey and Bruce Counties to help monitor, restore, protect, and enhance natural features. To learn more about how you can be part of these efforts and help improve local watershed health by planting trees or implementing stewardship projects on your property like livestock restriction fencing, contact the Grey Sauble Conservation office (519-376-3076 or explore@greysauble.on.ca).

To view the local GSCA report card, visit www.greysauble.on.ca/water-management/watershed-report-cards/ and find more information about the Watershed Report Cards and conditions across the Province at www.watershedcheckup.ca.

photos by Robert Burcher

Share your perspective for Beaver Valley's Sustainable Tourism Strategy!

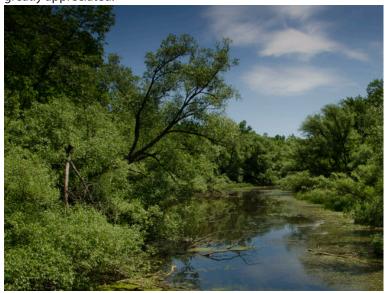
Grey County, The Municipality of Grey Highlands, the Town of The Blue Mountains, and RTO7 are working together to develop the first Sustainable Tourism Strategy for Beaver Valley. The goal of the project is to co-develop a sustainable tourism strategy to envision the desired future state of the Beaver Valley Corridor, along with a three-year action plan to move toward this vision. A key component of the research process is to gather insight, input, and feedback directly from a variety of stakeholders in Beaver Valley whose perspective and experience is extremely important to this process.

If you are a resident of Beaver Valley, operate a visitor-facing business, work at an organization related to tourism in Beaver Valley, or have another interest in tourism in Beaver Valley, we would like to invite you to complete an online questionnaire by using this link www.surveymonkey.com/r/BVTourismcommunitysurvey

The questionnaire is made up of 13-20 questions and will take you around 10 minutes to complete. The survey will remain open until **Friday April 14th at 5:00pm EST.**

The information you share will remain private and confidential.

Thank you for taking the time to share your perspective with us, it's greatly appreciated.



Change the Batteries in all Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The Blue Mountains Fire Department recommends installing new batteries in all alarms. Old batteries should be replaced with new batteries once a year in Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms to ensure proper function.

An early warning and knowing what to do when the smoke alarms sound is an important part of fire safety. **Working smoke alarms** are required on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, The Blue Mountains Fire Department recommends also installing smoke alarms inside all bedrooms.

Carbon monoxide alarms must be installed outside all sleeping areas in a home with a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage. Tampering with or removing the batteries from your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms is against the law. Failure to comply with the Fire Code can result in a ticket for \$360 or a fine of up to \$50,000.



Planting season is just around the corner.

People need to be aware of farm vehicles using TOBM roads. Farm vehicles are sometimes very long and very large and often require more distance to turn and stop. Operators may have poor visibility due to loads and equipment in tow. Please share the road and be extra careful approaching and passing.

Slow-moving vehicle signs are for slow moving vehicles only. It is illegal and dangerous to use them as driveway markers if they can be seen from the road.

Ontario Highway Traffic Act

76.4 No person shall place a slow moving vehicle sign on or near a fixed object where it is readily visible from a highway



Blue Mountains Community Health Centre

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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS GREY BRUCE (BBBSGB) ANNOUNCES

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE FUNDRAISER EVENT

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce is hosting their 43rd Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser event this April.

Lanes will be available at three local bowling alleys across Grey, Bruce, and Western Simcoe. Roll with BBBS in-person at:

- The Bowling Alley in Owen Sound, April 13th (6:00pm-7:30pm), April 14th (6:00pm-7:30pm) and April 15th (11:30am-1:00pm),
- Georgian Bowl in Collingwood April 20th (6:00pm-7:30pm & 7:30pm-9:00pm) and
- Sunset Family Fun Centre in Port Elgin April 21st (6:00pm-7:30pm).

Winners will be announced Tuesday, April 25th via Zoom and will be available for view on BBBS Grey Bruce's socials. Link will be provided to participants.

An **Online Silent Auction will run from April 6th-22nd**. The link to the silent auction will be posted on BBBS Grey Bruce's website closer to the date.

BBBS is serving more children and youth than ever before. They serve over 140 youth, facilitate numerous in-school tutoring programs, run a monthly outdoor wellness program, and this year, have a waitlist of over 70 youth. Funds raised will help BBBS support these growing youth mentoring programs across Grey, Bruce and Western Simcoe.

BBBS believes in investing in the potential of all young people and believe every child who needs the guidance of a supportive mentor should have one. Help them reach these children by bowling in BBBS 2023 fundraiser this April.

Roll with the strikes and spare some FUN time for the many children and youth Big Brothers Big Sisters serve all year.

For more information and to register visit our website: greybruce.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

Contact us at 519-376-4449.

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Grey **Roots** Museum and Archives is proud to present Our Roots Are Showing, a unique new concert series exploring local culture, geography, and history which features talented local artists. Through music, poetry, and storytelling, with visuals presented on the big screen of Grey Roots' theatre, each performance will take audiences on a journey to

better understand themselves and their neighbours.

The series kicks off on **March 30 with Two Singers and A Poet** featuring singer-songwriters Larry Jensen and Dave Hawkins with poet Rob Rolfe. Together, these storied and seasoned artists shine a light on life in Grey-Bruce from perspectives rooted in local knowledge and worldly experience. Admission is \$15+tax or \$12+tax for Grey Roots members. Doors at 6:30, show begins at 7:30.

On April 27, journalist, photographer, and fiddler Will Henry presents stories and songs from his book Juggling the Notes. With live music, a slideshow of photographs taken over 40 years, and excerpts from his book, Will offers a glimpse into traditional music culture that few have ever seen.

Young and gifted singer-songwriter Camryn Ruthven presents The Scottish Gaelic Diasporas: Healing Through Reclamation on May 25. Uniting her passions for music and history, Camryn explores the Gaelic lineage through song. Camryn weaves her own creative tapestry through poetry, songwriting, vocal improvisation, and instrumentation.

The series closes on **June 22 with Wiarton-based rocker Josh Ritchie** and his band. Josh will perform highlights from his album Love at the End of the World and more. Josh admires music with purpose, and as a young and ambitious person of colour, he takes pride in weaving themes of topical social issues into his work.

Each presentation in the Our Roots Are Showing Concert Series is held in the Grey Roots theatre on a Thursday evening. The series runs every four weeks starting on March 30. Each show will be up to 90 minutes long including intermission. Tickets may be purchased for individual shows, and a Series Pass is available. Admission to Grey Roots Museum & Archives is included. Tickets on sale now at greyroots.com



Call for Big Band Musicians

The Georgian Sound Big Band has issued a Call for Musicians experienced in playing big band repertoire especially sax, trombone and keyboard players.

The Band is in it's 35th year, performing in the south Georgian Bay area. It boasts 100's of charts by well known arrangers such as Dave Volpe, Neil Hefti and Sammy Nestico. Annually the band provides a music scholarship to local young musicians continuing their music studies post-secondary. Whether you are new to the area or looking for new playing opportunities, please contact Rob Chambers at georgiansoundbb@gmail.com.



GO GREEN for a BETTER BLUE GIVE THE EARTH A GIFT OF TIME VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We at Climate Action Now Network (CANN) in The Blue Mountains are looking for people to join us. No experience necessary! Are you a protector of trees and animals? A community member wanting to do your part for the climate? An educator? A science nerd who loves to talk recycling? Someone who trips out on hiking in the woods? or Participates in neighbourhood cleanups? These are just a few of the activities CANN members do to preserve and improve our beautiful Town. Come to a meeting! You won't be sorry. And the local beavers, owls and bats will thank you.

Email us: canntbm@gmail.com or call 519-599-3345 Message us on Facebook: climateactionnownetwork

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Join a community of kayakers on the Beaver River or Georgian Bay from May 1st - October 15th

2 morning and 2 evening paddles planned per week Kayak rentals available

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Lynx Air Expands Services from Hamilton and Kelowna

CALGARY, Alberta, March 22, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) --

Canada's leading ultra-affordable airline will offer seasonal summer services between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Kelowna International Airport (YLW) starting April 13, 2023, and between Hamilton's John C. Munroe International Airport (YHM) and Vancouver International Airport (YVR) starting April 16, 2023. Both services will operate as "through flights" via Calgary International Airport (YYC), providing a seamless service with a single boarding pass and the ability to check bags through to the final destination.

Tickets go on sale today, and the fares are truly ultra-affordable, starting from \$89* one way between Hamilton and Vancouver and \$85* one way between Toronto and Kelowna, including taxes and fees. To celebrate, the airline has launched a limited-time seat sale, offering up to 50 per cent off all base fares on all Hamilton and Kelowna routes. The sale will run from March 23, 2023, ending at 11:59 PM EDT on March 25, 2023, and can be accessed with the promo code: FLYSUMMER. For complete details and to book an ultraaffordable fare, visit FlyLynx.com.

"As Canadians look to book their Summer vacation, we are excited to offer more ultra-affordable links between the communities of Kelowna, Toronto, Hamilton and Vancouver," said Merren McArthur, CEO of Lynx. "We know the airline industry has had some challenges over the last 12 months and we want to assure Canadians that they can book with confidence on Lynx. I am proud to say that since our launch in April 2022, Lynx has had the lowest cancellation rate in Canada. Whether you are flying to visit loved ones or for a wellearned vacation, Lynx Air will provide a great flying experience at an ultra-affordable price."

"Vancouver is a destination that our passengers have requested year over year, so we are very excited that Lynx is adding a Vancouver connection and expanding its services from Hamilton International Airport. The addition of this long-awaited destination provides travellers from across Southern Ontario another low-cost, affordable option to explore the beautiful landscapes and rich history of Canada's west coast," said Cole Horncastle, Executive Managing Director of John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport.



Simcoe-Grey **MP Community** Leader Awards

Recognizing Volunteer Excellence in Simcoe-Grey



Recognize a deserving volunteer in your community by nominating them for the Simcoe-Grey MP Community Leader Award!

Contact the Office of MP Terry Dowdall for the Nomination forms:





1-866-435-1809 Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca

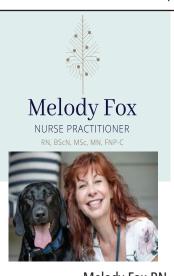
LIBRARY NEWS

2022-2026 Board Members - Joanne de Visser, Laurey Gillies (2023 Chair), Shawn McKinlay, Julia Scott (2023 Vice Chair), Marie Swift, Kris Wichman, Pat Wright

Board Training & Planning Session: The Board will be meeting on April 20th for a full day training and planning discussions at the Craigleith Community Centre.

Budget Approved: The Board approved the BMPL Board budget for 2023. This document was another successful test of the TBM/BMPL Funding Agreement as it was a key aspect in the Board being able to approve a 2023 budget while looking forward to include funding needs of future years. The 2023 BMPL Budget is based on 6% of the 2022 TBM Tax Levy.

The Craigleith Heritage Depot Renovation is making progress, with much of the exterior completed. Doors were installed and final



Are you looking for a Health Care Provider?

Melody Fox, Nurse Practitioner is currently accepting new patients at her private practice.

To book an appointment call 226-665-2200.

Services provided include:

Primary Care Weight Management Women's Health Dermatology Men's Health Mental Health Counselling Geriatric Assessments Home Visits

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painting will happen when the weather allows, sometime by mid-April. The interior has received a full painting and the Museum Team is now working on cleaning in the building and restaging with new exhibits for a spring opening. The Board will be holding a Grand Re-Opening in June and will announce when the date is available.

Naloxone Trained Staff: In response to the growing opioid crisis, both BMPL facilities now have Naloxone on site. These, our AEDs and First Aid/CPR Certified staff are additional ways that we can provide safe spaces to our community.

Biblio-Board Museum Virtual Collection Reaches All-Time High! The month of February saw the Virtual Museum receive 1208 views, which included 900 visits to the Walter Trier exhibit. CHD also supported the 2nd Annual Willi Winkles Day which occurred on March 4th. For those who missed the day, visit the Willi Winkles exhibit on the Virtual Museum.

The BMPL welcomes MPP Brian Saunderson: MPP Saunderson visited L.E. Shore for a tour of the facility. As our new MPP this was an opportunity to demonstrate how BMPL continues to exceed service expectations and talk about the needs of libraries across Ontario.

Ontario Digital Public Library: The ODPL was a topic of much news reporting last week. The CEO explained to the Board that the ODPL is a way for all communities, including TBM to receive the same base unit of electronic resources (e-books, e-magazine, language programs etc), and to do so on a provincial buying power, which would save BMPL money and allow us to expand our current collections. This project is part of the provincial request by Ontario's Public Libraries for the 2023-24 budget.

BMPL CEO featured on TVO's The Agenda with Steve Paikin: Our CEO was one of four panelists featured in Is this the Era of the Library? Where libraries as community hubs, social infrastructure, and a first line of defense was discussed.





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Notice of Public Meeting Potential Establishment of a Lobbyist Registry

April 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
Hybrid Format
In-Person AND Virtual/Online
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

What is being proposed?

At the January 30, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council received Staff Report FAF.23.021 entitled "Potential Establishment of a Lobbyist Registry". At the corresponding Council meeting on February 13, 2023, Council directed staff to schedule a Public Meeting to gain feedback regarding the creation of a Lobbyist Registry for the Town of The Blue Mountains.

https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStre am.ashx?DocumentId=15304

At the Public Meeting scheduled for April 18, 2023, the public will have the opportunity to provide comments and feedback regarding the draft Lobbyist Registry By-law and associated Lobbyist Code of Conduct (Schedule A).

The draft By-law outlines how the Town intends to establish and maintain a Lobbyist Registry for The Blue Mountains.

A copy of the draft Lobbyist Registry By-law, including the Lobbyist Code of Conduct (with revised formatting) is available at the following link:

https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStre am.ashx?DocumentId=15660

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the potential establishment of a Lobbyist Registry has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the proposed By-law and comments from the public, Staff will bring a recommendation forward to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting.

Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by **1:00 p.m. on Friday April 14, 2023**, will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can be faxed to **(519) 599-7723**, or emailed **townclerk@thebluemountains.ca**.

Any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses.

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by **4:30 p.m. on Monday April 10, 2023.**

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber.

Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk if you would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal to: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON Fax: (519) 599-7723 townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member! Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer (519) 599-3131 ext. 234 or cao@thebluemountains.ca

Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information provided for, or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record, including resident deputations. This information may be posted on the Town's website. and/or made available to the public upon request.

This document can be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable and upon request.

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Call for Applications for Provincial Appointee to The Blue Mountains Police Services Board

The Ministry of the Solicitor General are seeking applications from members of the public for one appointment to the Town of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board as the Provincial Appointee.

Appointees to the Police Services Boards should be active members of their community with a general knowledge of Police Services Boards duties and responsibilities, and awareness of community safety issues and programs within their local community. Members appointed by the Province of Ontario must be residents of Ontario and cannot be a judge, justice of the peace, a current police officers or a person who practices criminal law as a defence counsel. There is no limit in the Police Services Board Act with respect to the term of the Provincial Appointee.

Per the Police Services Act a minimum of 4 meetings per year are held, plus an additional Joint Town of Collingwood and Town of The Blue Mountains meeting is held once per year. Meetings are generally once per quarter on the third Wednesday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Meetings are held in-person at Town Hall, Council Chambers at 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, NOH 2PO.

Meetings for the 2023 Calendar Year are scheduled as follows:

- January 18, 2023
- April 19, 2023
- July 19, 2023
- October 18, 2023

All Applications should be submitted online at **www.ontario.ca/page/public-appointments**. This posting will remain active until filled.

*Questions regarding the Police Services Board, can be directed to **Colleen.T.Wansbrough@ontario.ca**. Applicants must meet legislated eligibility. Police Services Board applicants are encouraged to visit: www.ontario.ca/page/public-appointments for details on screening and interviews.

Personal information provided by the applicant is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for the purpose of candidate selection. The Town of The Blue Mountains is an equal opportunity organization. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code. This document can be made available in other accessible formats upon request and as soon as practicable.

VolunteerAwards

APRIL 22, 2023

Nominations open from March 7 - 21, 2023

For more information, visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards





treetrust.ca May 13 Volunteer

Save the Date – **Tree Care Day**

Treetrust TBM, Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary and The Town of The Blue Mountains will be sponsoring a spring community tree sapling care event on May 13.

Last year over five hundred tree seedlings were planted along two sections of the Georgian Trail. This year we are going to focus our volunteer program on making sure these baby trees get the tender loving care they need to thrive.

Community volunteers will be asked to help by trimming away competing vegetation, applying compost, mulch and water. Community tree care activities will start at Northwinds beach section of the Georgian Trail at 10 am and 2 pm at 10th line (across from Goldsmiths).

To help us plan, volunteers are asked to register their interest by sending an email to csadmin@thebluemountains.ca indicating the location/time and the number of people who will attend.

See you on May 13th and thank you for helping grow the tree canopy in TBM!





Ontario Updating COVID-19 Measures in Long-Term Care Homes

As Ontario approaches the end of respiratory illness season, the province is updating its COVID-19 measures in long-term care homes in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health. While homes will continue to be required to monitor residents daily to detect the presence of infection and indoor masking requirements remain in place at this time, other guidance and requirements that are no longer necessary are being adjusted to reflect the high vaccine uptake among residents and the availability of safe and effective antivirals that are reducing the risk of severe outcomes to residents. These changes will bring Ontario into alignment with other provinces across the country that have already made similar adjustments.

"Over the past three years, the COVID-19 pandemic has required sacrifices from individuals, families, businesses, the health care system and especially the long-term care sector. Thanks to their continued efforts, Ontario has reached a point where it can begin a safe, cautious and balanced reduction of public health measures in long-term care homes across the province," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "The health and safety of residents remains paramount, and we will continue to work with the sector to ensure residents and their families receive the level of care they need and deserve, in a safe and comfortable environment."

Working with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ontario is taking a phased approach to updating COVID-19 measures for people living in, working in or visiting long-term care homes. The first phase involves realigning measures effective March 31, 2023, including:

- Testing of staff, caregivers and visitors who don't show symptoms (asymptomatic) is no longer required.
- Masking outdoors is no longer recommended for residents, caregivers and visitors, although wearing a mask outdoors continues to be recommended for staff when they are close to a resident.
- Daily temperature checks or screening of residents returning from an absence is no longer Removing the limit of one caregiver at a time during a COVID-19 outbreak, or when a resident is symptomatic or isolating.
- Social and physical activities can be held without adjusting for physical distancing.
- Long-term care homes that have retained COVID-19 proof-ofvaccination requirements are also encouraged to revisit their policies and consider allowing visitors and qualified staff, regardless of their vaccination status.

They will also help ensure people living in long-term care get the quality of care and quality of life they need, and that valuable staff time and resources are focused on resident care and effective infection prevention and control practices. The government will continue to work closely with the Chief Medical Officer of Health to monitor the pandemic to keep homes safe for residents and staff.

Quick Facts

- By updating the province's COVID-19 measures, Ontario will now be aligned with other provinces across the country, including Quebec, New Brunswick, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.
- The Ontario government is providing up to \$1.25 billion to longterm care homes this year to hire and retain thousands of additional long-term care staff, part of the government's historic four-year, \$4.9 billion commitment to ensure residents receive, on average, four hours of direct care per day by March 31, 2025.
- Through a \$6.4 billion investment, Ontario now has 31,705 new and 28,648 upgraded beds in development across the province. This will help increase overall bed capacity, address long-term care waitlists and hallway health care, and provide our seniors the care
- Ontario is a leading province in terms of inspector per long-term care home ratio in Canada, with one inspector for every two homes in the province.

Towards A National Hearing Health Strategy: An Agenda For Change

Backed by an abundance of representation and research, we call on the Government of Canada to play a leadership role and create a multi-stakeholder national committee with a goal to launch a comprehensive National Hearing Health Strategy.

Our Goal

Our goal is to stimulate a national dialogue, foster stakeholder collaboration and crystalize a national effort to create a National Hearing Health Strategy. We hope it will further inspire individuals, organizations, governments, researchers, educators, advocacy organizations, health care providers and communities of interest to work together towards a national outcome.

Five Compelling Truths ... Some Background

1. Hearing loss is widespread in Canada Hearing health remains a low public policy priority in Canada.

And that's despite the abundance of research and statistics showing that hearing loss is both widespread and with severe impacts on health and quality of life of individuals and economic cost to governments.

2. There remains a chronic lack of awareness

Statistics Canada's 2016 Canadian Health Measures Survey discovered that many Canadians are unaware that they have experienced some level of hearing loss. This can lead to more serious impacts: ones that may have been avoided through protection, earlier awareness and appropriate treatment and reduce the negative consequences for relationships, social engagement, academic and workplace performance, quality of life and cognitive and mental health. Thus adding, for example, to the costs of health care.

3. The impact of hearing loss needs to be better recognized

The health, social and economic consequences of unaddressed hearing loss are widespread and yet not well understood. It's a challenge that places considerable burden on Canadian society through lower productivity, diminished income, increased health and insurance costs and poorer quality of life.

4. Setting priorities today is a crucial step

There are four priority areas where the National Hearing Health Strategy must focus on:

- reduce the prevalence of hearing loss.
- detect and treat hearing loss early.
- ensure equitable access to quality hearing healthcare.
- support research in hearing health.

5. We can make a difference...together

Given the growing number of Canadians affect ed by hearing loss, hearing health must be made a publicpolicy priority. Urgent action by the Government of Canada is required. It must lead and work closely with provincial and territorial governments and communities of interest to create a National Hearing Health Strategy. We recognize there aren't simple solutions to address the complex challenges associated with having a comprehensive, accessible hearing health system in Canada. No single organization, government or community can be expected to solve this challenge. That's why we advocate for a collaborative approach to hearing health: partnerships among federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments, health and education professions, consumers, and other communities of interest.

About Our Alliance

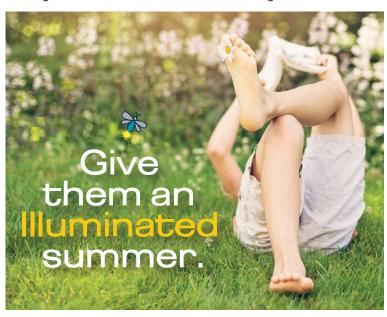
The Hearing Health Alliance of Canada comprises the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility, Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario, Canadian Academy of Audiology, Canadian Hearing Instrument Practitioners Society, Cochlear Canada Inc., Hearing Industry Association of Canada and Speech Language & Audiology Canada.

- 1. Raise the profile and awareness of hearing health and the impact of hearing loss.
- Facilitate a unified national voice through ad vocacy on issues of common interest.
- 3. Play a leadership role and facilitate the creation of a national strategy for hearing health.
- Advance policy, legislative, regulatory and consumer aspects of common interest.
- 5. Coordinate proposals or submissions to the government on issues of common interest.

To view our call to action, please visit: hearinghealthalliance.com For additional information, please contact:

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Blue Mountain Soccer Club Annual General Meeting Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:30pm - 9:30pm L.E. Shore Library, Thornbury

We invite all interested parties to attend. Come and meet the Directors, ask questions, and find out, information about the various OPEN volunteer positions. We are also offering a ZOOM option for the AGM. Please email us at: info@bluemountainssoccer.com A ZOOM link will be emailed to interested parties closer to the date. Website: https://bluemountainssoccer.com



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Friday Night Pub Nights will resume Friday March 24th

(Closed March 17th due to March break)



March 24th To be announced soon



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April 21st Mike Nyman Returns



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Come and learn about the issues facing pollinators, why this project is important and how you can make an impact in your community! Register with Franz 519 599 3681 ext. 142, The Gallery @The Blue Mountains.ca





Trivia NightII

Tuesday, April 18th, 2023

Beaver Valley Community Centre

Doors open at 6:30pm Questions start at 7:00pm

- \$160 per team
- Maximum 8 players per team
- Cash Bar
- 50/50 Draw
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2023 END-to-

Calling All Hikers Looking for A CHALLENGE!

The Annual Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club End-to-End Hike Event

May 27 - 29, 2023

Registration opens on March 1, 2023 To register visit the Hike Schedule at www.bmbtc.org



For more information go to bmbtc.org under News and Events or email Christine Lasky at:



Wind your way through the beautiful and varied terrain of the Blue ins Club trails and enjoy the early signs of nature awakening, the beautiful vistas, and the rugged escarpment.

Both hikes will cover the 69km of the Blue Mountains section of the Bruce Trail which runs from Lavender to Swiss Meadows

Event	Date	Approx. Distance	Fee
2 Day End-to-End	Saturday – Sunday May 27 and 28th	34.5 km/day	Members \$70.00 Non-Members \$80.00
3 Day End-to-End	Saturday, Sunday and Monday May 27°, 28° & 29°	23 km/day	Members \$80.00 Non-Members \$90.00

Fees cover bus transportation to the start, refreshments, a BBQ Saturday post hike, on-line registrations fees and the E2E badge.

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