



## 2022 Proposed Town Budget Now Available for Public Input

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that the 2022 Proposed Town Budget is now available for public review and input. The proposed budget includes both Operating and Capital as well as proposed Fees and Charges. The 2022 Proposed Town Budget is a starting point for budget deliberations.

To review the 2022 Proposed Town Budget, please visit: [www.thebluemountains.ca/budget](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/budget)

The budget will be reviewed and deliberated by Council at a series of special budget meetings scheduled for the following dates:

**Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Friday, December 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Monday, December 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

The special budget meetings will be conducted virtually and will be live-streamed to the Town website. Following review and direction from Council through these meetings, revisions may be made and the updated budget will be available on Thursday, December 16, 2021. **Following the release of the revised budget, the Town will hold a Public Information Centre and Public Meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022.** Following this meeting any further changes will be incorporated into the 2022 Proposed Budget for Council approval, which is expected to occur on Monday, February 14, 2022.

Residents are encouraged to participate and share feedback with Council throughout the budget process. To learn about how to participate at a meeting or how to provide comments, please contact the Town Clerk or visit [www.thebluemountains.ca/participate](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/participate)

The 2022 Proposed Town Budget strives to balance the immediate needs of the community with sound long term financial planning. The Operating Budget focuses on maintaining existing service levels, while finding opportunities for service efficiency. The Capital Budget includes \$56.7 million for a variety of Municipal Infrastructure Projects planned throughout the community.

The 2022 Proposed Town Budget focuses on continuing to position the Town for the future which is illustrated through the \$8.6M to expand the Roads and Drainage Depot in Ravenna, and \$5.1M to start the Phase 2 expansion at the Town's Landfill and Recycling Depot. In addition, the budget continues to improve Town owned and operated infrastructure through projects such as the Substandard Watermain Replacement, the Road Resurfacing Program, and various machinery and equipment replacements.

To learn more about the Town's annual budget process, including key dates for the 2022 Budget process, please visit:

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

## Deputy Mayor Rob Potter

It is with great sadness that the Town of The Blue Mountains announces that Deputy Mayor Rob Potter passed away peacefully Sunday, November 15th with his wife Linda and his family by his side.

"On behalf of Council, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Linda and the entire Potter family," said Mayor Alar Soever. "Rob was a valued member of Council and a true community leader. His presence will be missed throughout the community by friends, family and residents."

Deputy Mayor Potter served as Councillor for the Town of The Blue Mountains from June 2018, until he was appointed as Deputy Mayor for the Town on January 30, 2020. His selfless dedication to the community was such that he remained active in his role as Deputy Mayor until late last week.

In his professional career, Deputy Mayor Potter was editor of the local Courier-Herald and previously the Review Herald newspapers for a period of 28 years. He also worked with the Town of The Blue Mountains as the Communications and Economic Development Coordinator from 2009 – 2010.

Community volunteer service was an integral part of his life, and the community would be a far lesser place if it were not for his contributions as the founding president of the Marsh Street Centre and a member of the steering committee that brought the Craigleith Heritage Depot to fruition. His volunteer work also extended to several Town committees, including the Community Assist for an Urban Study Effort ("CAUSE") program committee, the Sustainable Path Committee and the Attainable Housing Committee in its early years. He was also involved with the Thornbury Community Theatre Group, Relay for Life and many other local community organizations.

Flags at Town Hall have been lowered to honour the passing and legacy of Deputy Mayor Potter, and the Committee of the Whole and Council meetings scheduled for this week have been postponed. A book of condolences will be available in the Town Hall atrium, starting at noon on Monday. In lieu of flowers, Rob and Linda have requested donations be made to the Marsh Street Centre. Further details regarding arrangements will be released when available.



The Blue Mountains Public Library Presents...

## Author Talk

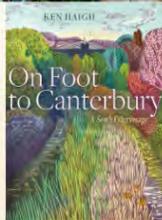
WITH  
**KEN HAIGH**

Thursday, December 2nd

7:00pm

BMPL Zoom - Register Online

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



Hear the travel tales behind Ken's newly published book, On Foot to Canterbury. We are also celebrating the 26th anniversary of the L.E Shore Library. Ken will chat about the history of the building and his time as CEO. Sign up at [www.bluemountainslibrary.ca](http://www.bluemountainslibrary.ca)

## Notice of PIC for Drake's Path Wastewater Servicing

A virtual Public Information Centre has been scheduled for Thursday, November 25, 2021 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Drake's Path was initially serviced with Town water in 1992 and recently has been identified within the Town's Water and Wastewater Servicing Extension Plan as an urban-designated area without full municipal services. In early November 2018, the project was moved forward in the Town's Capital Plan. The project will include:

- wastewater servicing and service laterals to the property line of each property
- minor drainage improvements and installation of a gravel turnaround
- restoration to the existing conditions in the areas disturbed by the installation of the necessary infrastructure

The project was formally approved by Council through the 2019 budget process but was delayed due to transportation concerns in the area. In November 2020 the Town awarded the contract for the completion of the detailed engineering design and construction contract administration to WT Infrastructure Solutions Inc. It is anticipated that the detailed design will be completed in 2021, with construction following in the summer of 2022. Full road reconstruction is not being considered as part of this project.

## Current Situation: Day 608

Follow the 3 W's – Wash hands frequently, Watch distance (ideally 6ft), and Wear face covering correctly, and the 2 A's - Avoid Crowds  
**Testing and case counts reported as of 23:59 hrs, November 15th**  
 All data is preliminary and subject to change. Future situation reports will be updated accordingly.

- 5 new cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce
- 31 active cases
- 2474 confirmed cases
- 2416 resolved cases
- 1 confirmed local active case(s) hospitalized in Grey Bruce
- 0 confirmed cases hospitalized outside of Grey Bruce
- 15 deaths in Grey Bruce
- +1 death related to a Grey Bruce resident that acquired the infection and was treated outside of Grey Bruce
- +7 deaths related to Grey Bruce residents that acquired the infection in Grey Bruce however passed away outside of Grey Bruce
- 121 cases reported in health care workers; workers living in Grey Bruce and working both in and outside Grey Bruce

### Vaccine WALK IN CLINIC

**Beaver Valley Community Centre, 58 Alfred St. W., Thornbury, Monday, November 29th, 12:00pm - 6:00pm**

Grey Bruce Health Unit, 101 17th Street East, Owen Sound  
 Phone: (519)376-9420, Ext. 1241 Fax: (519)376-0605

[www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](http://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)

## Grey Bruce Virtual Job Fair Fall Event to Address Labour Shortages

In response to local labour shortages, partners of the Grey Bruce Virtual Job Fair are planning a Fall edition to be held on **Tuesday, November 23, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Employers can now register for a virtual booth at [grey.ca/job-fair](http://grey.ca/job-fair).

Registration for job seekers will open the first week of November. Registering early for the event guarantees virtual entry and also allows employers to view resumes and profiles and schedule interviews in advance of the job fair. YMCA Employment Services and VPI Working Solutions are available to assist job seekers with writing/updating their resume, preparing for a virtual interview, building their online profile within the virtual platform, and answering questions.



## The REVIEW

Blue Mountains: Thornbury, Clarksburg, Craigeleith, Heathcote, Ravenna

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**ARTICLES** are from media releases or those that are submitted acknowledge the author.

# THE BLUE MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY NOVEMBER 2021



### Winter Birding with David T. Chapman

November 30 | 7:00pm | BMPLYoutube

Learn about bird watching in the colder months of winter.

This exciting program will provide insight for viewing beautiful birds in the cold season whether you enjoy bird watching along hiking trails or in your own backyard.

#### Seniors Exercise

Mondays | 10:00am  
 Facebook



#### Digital Book Club

Thursdays | 1:00pm  
 Facebook



#### 101 Things about CHD

Thursdays | 9:30am  
 Zoom



#### Museum From Home

Mondays | 12:30pm  
 CHD Facebook & Twitter

#### Outdoor Story Time

Fridays | 11:00am  
 L.E. Shore Lawn (wear a sweater!)

#### Letters to Santa

Nov 22-Dec 2  
 Drop off your letter to the North Pole Mailbox at L.E. Shore.



#### Kids Clubhouse

Tuesdays | 4:00pm  
 Zoom

#### Favourite Fossils

Fridays | 5:00pm  
 CHD Facebook & Twitter

#### TwAG (Twins)

Nov 25 | 4:00pm  
 L.E. Shore

#### Wired Wednesday

Wednesdays | 1:00pm  
 Facebook & YouTube



#### Trivia Game Night

Fridays | 7:00pm  
 Facebook



#### Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays | 7:00pm  
 Facebook & YouTube

For more information or to register for events visit the **Event Calendar** on our website. [www.TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca](http://www.TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca)



## FOCUS GROUPS

### NOVEMBER

Educators	Nov. 3	3:45pm
East End*	Nov. 6	10:00am
Arts and Culture	Nov. 10	6:00pm
Open Topic*	Nov. 13	10:00am
Open Topic	Nov. 17	6:00pm
Tween	Nov. 25	4:00pm

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BVO is looking to continue to build its Board of Directors with those who are passionate about the community in which they live. The Board is responsible for BVO's governance, its future direction and for the sustainability of the organization. This volunteer position is an excellent opportunity for community-minded individuals to leverage their experience, add valuable ideas and give back to their community in one of the following areas:

- Finance & Accounting
- Community Engagement & Advocacy
- Marketing, Communications & Social Media
- Fundraising
- Governance, Risk Management & Policy Development in the not-for-profit sector
- Strategic Planning

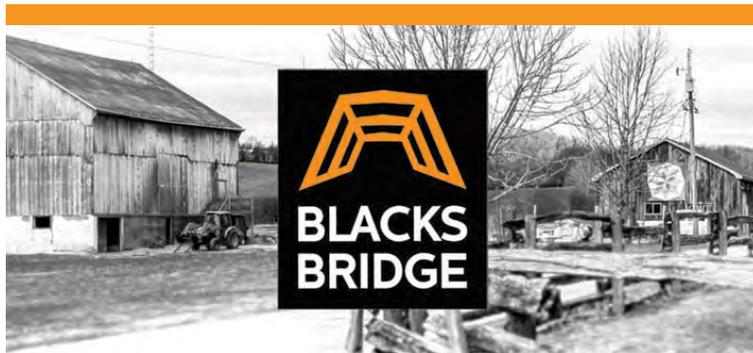
For further information about this opportunity at BVO or about becoming a Board member, please email [board@bvo.ca](mailto:board@bvo.ca) or [boardchair@bvo.ca](mailto:boardchair@bvo.ca)

To apply, please email a covering letter to [boardchair@bvo.ca](mailto:boardchair@bvo.ca), telling us why you are interested in joining BVO's Board of Directors and how your experience and/or interests will help BVO "make good things happen in our community".

## BVO Treasure Shop Announcement

After a Challenging Year with Covid Restrictions BVO Treasure Shop located in Thornbury, Ontario at 54 King Street is pleased to announce that we will be increasing our hours. In addition to Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. we will be adding Tuesdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. starting November 2nd, 2021.

We will still be operating with strict mask protocols and a limited number of Shoppers based on Covid guidelines. We have made some amazing changes to the store and the volunteers are working very hard to bring out twice as many Treasures for your shopping pleasure.



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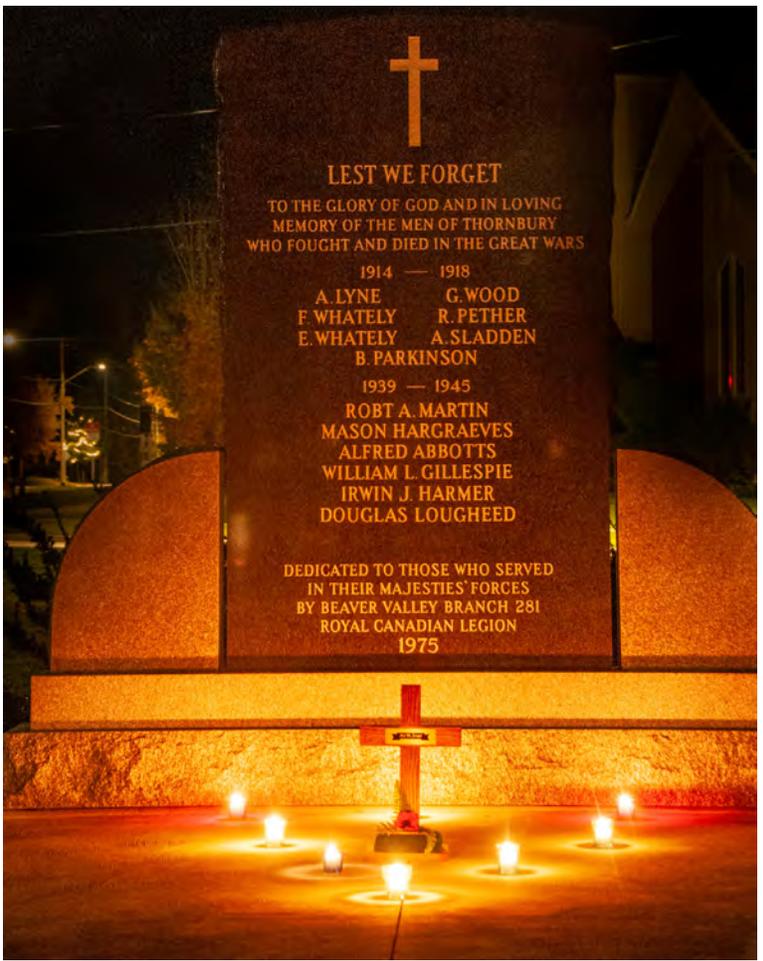
# Legion

On **Wednesday November 10th, 7:00pm** at 229 Bruce Street S., (Cenotaph) The Beaver Valley Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion hosted the First Annual

Candlelight Vigil for those who have to work and school kids to attend and observe Remembrance Day.

**Thursday November 11th, 11am** was the regular ceremony at the Cenotaph and **1pm** at the Ravenna Ceremony.

*photos by Robert Burcher*

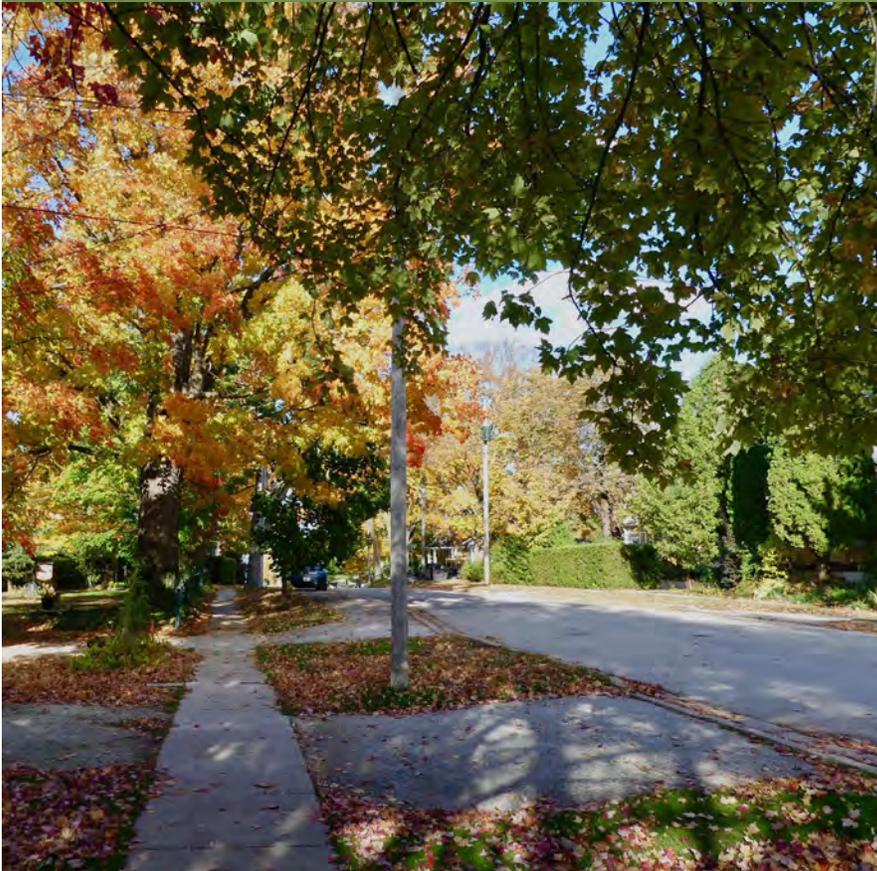


# NOTICE

**TOWN IS CLEAR CUTTING 150 TREES IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD  
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THE NATURAL & CULTURAL LANDSCAPE OF OUR COMMUNITY**

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## **THORNBURY WEST RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PHASE 1**

**What: REMOVAL OF 150+ MATURE/OLD  
GROWTH TREES IN OUR BEAUTIFUL  
NEIGHBOURHOOD ON PRIVATE &  
TOWN LANDS**

**When: December 1st Town Virtual Meeting  
5-7 PM**

**Where: Alice Street West, Elma Street, Louisa  
Street West, Victoria Street South,  
Park Lane, Lorne Street**

## **ACCOUNTABILITY, BALANCE & REVISIONS**

ARE NEEDED TO THE UTILITY UPGRADE & LOUISA PARKING PROJECT  
THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES WITH THE PLAN AND BURDENSOME  
FINANCIAL COSTS THAT MAY AFFECT YOU.

**WAYS YOU CAN HELP**  
REGISTER FOR MEETING

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# Town News & Notices

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## The Town of The Blue Mountains Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

### Property Locations:

- Northwinds Beach – 209605 Highway 26
- Lion's Park – 118 Lion's Park Lane
- Little River Beach – 4 Harbour Street
- Beaver Valley Community Centre – 58 Alfred Street W.
- Moreau Park – 76 Victoria Street S. and 128 Alfred Street W.
- Tomahawk Recreation Complex – 417230 10<sup>th</sup> Line
- Heathcote Park – 236668 Grey Road 13

As this proposed Zoning By-law Amendment applies to various lands no key map is provided.

**Public Meeting: November 22, 2021 at 1:00 pm**  
(Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams)

### What is being proposed?

The Town of The Blue Mountains has received and deemed a complete application for a Zoning By-law Amendment.

The Town of The Blue Mountains is considering permitting the use of a Refreshment Vehicle on the property locations noted above.

The purpose and effect of this Zoning By-law Amendment, if approved, would be to allow the use of a Refreshment Vehicle, as a temporary use, on these lands for a period of not more than three years as part of a municipal pilot project (except for the Beaver Valley Community Centre land). The Beaver Valley Community Centre land is proposed to be rezoned to allow a Refreshment Vehicle for special community events on a permanent basis.

A Refreshment Vehicle would mean any motor vehicle, trailer, cart or similar vehicle or device used to serve food for consumption. For the purposes of this definition, motor vehicle shall not include an unassisted bicycle or tricycle operated by a single rider.

### 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 November 19, 2021 by 10am) will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter at the Virtual Public Meeting is encouraged to pre-register early, and no later than five (5) business days in advance of the Meeting (by November 17, 2021 10am). For those without a computer, a dial-in number is available. Contact the Town Clerk to pre-register at [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca) or by calling the Town at 519-599-3131 extension 232.

### Where do I find more information?

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact Planning Services at the Town of The Blue Mountains at 519-599-3131 extension 308 or [planningservices@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:planningservices@thebluemountains.ca). You may also visit Planning Services at Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Details of this proposed amendment are also posted to the Town Website. You may also request a copy of the full public Notice and view any application materials.

## Town Launches Fire Master Plan Public Survey

To ensure that The Blue Mountains Fire Department continues to meet the needs of the community, a comprehensive review of operations and services is being completed through the development of a comprehensive Fire Master Plan.

To help inform the Fire Master Plan, a public survey has been launched to gain feedback from residents, businesses and stakeholders. To complete the survey, please visit: [www.thebluemountains.ca/fire-master-plan](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/fire-master-plan)

The survey will be available for public input until Friday, December 3, 2021. Paper copies are available upon request by calling 519-599-3131 ext. 101 or at the Town of The Blue Mountains Town Hall.

The goal of the Fire Master Plan is to establish an actionable path forward in planning and preparing for emergency challenges as well as improving overall public education and safety.

To accomplish this, the Town has engaged Emergency Management & Training Inc. (EMT), to assist with this initiative. EMT is a consulting firm that has worked with many fire departments in developing their fire master plans, station assessments and fire service reviews.

The initial FMP information-gathering period has identified the following themes that are placing increased demands and expectations on the Town's fire services:

- Growing and changing community
- High volume of year-round visitors to the area
- Resident and visitor involvement in high-risk activities
- Difficulty in attracting, training, and retaining paid on call/volunteer firefighters

Through research and community consultation, the Fire Master Plan will examine the people, processes, and technology of the Town's Fire Department and will address key items by recommending industry best practices, current standards, and applicable legislation as the foundation for all work moving forward.

The final plan is scheduled to be received by Council in February 2022. To learn more about the status of the FMP and to provide you input, please visit the project webpage.

For more information, please contact:  
The Blue Mountains Fire Department  
519-599-3131 ext. 101



### Fire Master Plan Survey

Complete the survey by December 3, 2021, visit:  
[www.thebluemountains.ca/fire-master-plan](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/fire-master-plan)

# THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2021

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## Post-It Note Activity

November's main activity on the Strategic Plan Study is the Post-It Note Activity. Launching on November 2nd at both L.E. Shore and the Craigleith Heritage Depot locations, community members can stop in, grab a sanitized Sharpie and stack of post-it notes, and add your feedback to the 14 questions we have for community feedback.

In 2018 we ran this event as a one day program, but due to limited capacity indoors and physical distancing, this event will run for 3 weeks ending on November 23rd. Importantly, this gives an opportunity for the community to stop back often and comment on other's thoughts.

BMPL has purchased a number of prizes for participants. With each stop in at either location you will get a sheet of raffle tickets. Drop your tickets into the silent auction boxes and win some great prizes!

For more information on our Strategic Plan Study, please visit our [website](#) or read the [Strategic Plan Study Update](#) which was distributed to each household in The Blue Mountains Review October print.

## Post-It Note Activity

**It's Back! And Bigger Than Ever!**  
The Blue Mountains Public Library's famous Post-It Note Activity starts November 2nd and runs until November 23rd.

Grab a Sharpie and Post-It Note and share your ideas and comment on others'. You'll want to stop in and stop in often!

What is a missing opportunity for BMPL?

What is the best part of the ARCHIVES?

What is the best part of the GALLERY?

What is the best part of the MUSEUM?

What is the best part of the LIBRARY?



# Lest We Forget - November Book List

On November 11th, Canadians will honour Remembrance Day. Here are 10 works of fiction, non-fiction, and children's literature that memorialize the experience of war.

## This Month In the Gallery

**Exhibit Launch: *Three Different Perspectives***

November 2, 2021 - December 5, 2021

The Arts and Culture Council presents "*Three Different Perspectives*", an exhibition featuring the works of Diana Bick, Ted Sivell, and Kate Esplen.

This exhibit is available in-person at L.E. Shore and online on our [Exhibits webpage](#). All purchases can be taken in-person at L.E. Shore, via phone by calling 519-599-3681 ext. 5, and by emailing [TheGallery@TheBlueMountains.ca](mailto:TheGallery@TheBlueMountains.ca).



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### **The Stone Carvers** by Jane Urquhart

Spanning three decades, and moving from a German-settled village in Ontario to Europe after the Great War, this book follows the paths of immigrants, labourers, and dreamers.

### **The Girl You Left Behind** by Jojo Moyes

When their town falls to the Germans, Sophie is forced to serve them every evening at her hotel. From the moment the new Kommandant sets eyes on Sophie's portrait—painted by her artist husband—a dangerous obsession is born.

**Vimy: the Battle and the Legend** by Tim Cook (NF). Cook is one of Canada's foremost military historians. In this work, he examines the battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917 which was unlike any other battle in Canadian history: it has been described as the birth of the nation.

**Deafening** by Frances Itani. Set on the eve of the Great War, this novel spans two continents and the lives of a young deaf woman and her beloved husband.

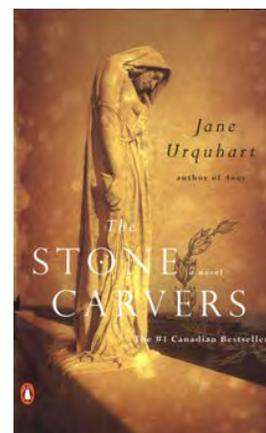
**War Horse** by Michael Morpurgo (JF). Set during World War I, this heartfelt story begins with the remarkable friendship between a horse and his young trainer. When they're forced apart by war, we follow the horse's extraordinary journey as he changes and inspires the lives of everyone he meets as he tries to find his way home.

**In Flanders Fields: 100 Years** by Amanda Betts (NF). A collection of essays on war, loss and remembrance to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the writing of Canada's most famous poem. Published in 2015.

**Somewhere in France** by Jennifer Robson. A daring young woman will risk her life to find her destiny in this atmospheric, beautifully drawn historical debut novel--a tale of love, hope, and danger set during the First World War.

**Rilla of Ingleside** by L.M. Montgomery (JF). The final book in the Anne of Green Gables series, it's 1914 and the world is on the brink of war, young Rilla Blythe is swept into a drama that tests her courage and changes her life forever.

**Into the Blizzard** by Michael Winter (NF). A story of the young men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and the Battle of the Somme. This story touches on the reverberations of that battle, which are still felt in Canada and Europe today.



# Mary Currie: Bluebird of Craigleith



Mary Currie in Nursing Uniform

"Rather a dull, wet day." Isabel Mary Currie of Craigleith was anticipating an uninteresting year when she wrote that line in her diary on January 1, 1916. But a week later, rather than preparing for a job in Lansing, Michigan she enlisted in the Canadian Army Medical Corps (CAMC) and was preparing to serve as a Nursing Sister in the First World War. "Bluebird" as the uniform was blue and white.

Mary's amazing story is told through images, documents and artifacts that found their way to the museum after research began in 2019 on the Our Military Heritage exhibit (on-line). Through a series of connections we reached Mary's great nieces and nephew in British Columbia who stored her collection. John Angus Currie was the nieces' father, and had cared for Mary prior to her death on November 8, 1965. He was responsible for saving this remarkable collection.



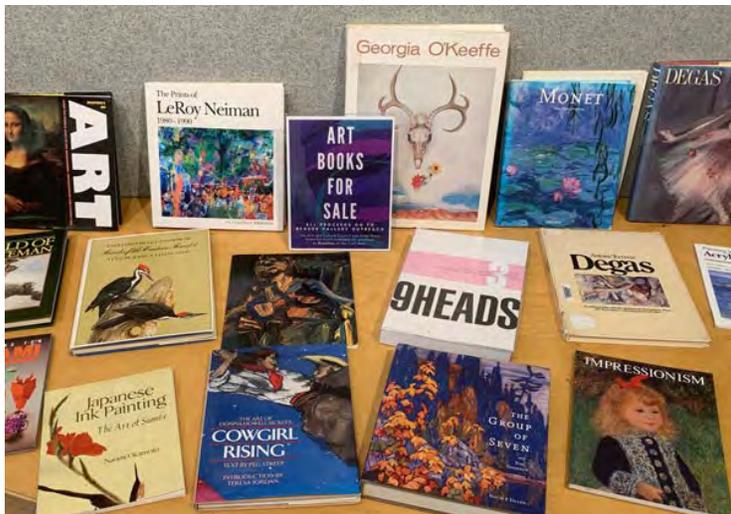
WWI Field Hospital after a bombing

An exhibit in honour of WWI veteran Mary Currie is now on display in the hallway of L.E. Shore. To see even more content visit [Our Military Heritage online](#). View the WWI section and see the artifacts and images that document Mary Currie's time as a nursing sister. Highlights include letters from those she helped, an autograph album with signatures and artwork from her patients and peers, diaries and many remarkable images she took. Together they tell the story of a formidable young local woman. The museum is honoured to be able to continue to care for this collection for the family and the future.

## Art Books for Sale

The Arts & Culture Council (ACC) has introduced to The Gallery a new feature – a display of art books for sale by donation. This is a collaboration with Beaver Valley Outreach (BVO) and The Blue Mountains Public Library.

Donations can be left at the circulation desk and all proceeds go to BVO. Browse the collection when viewing the exhibits. New books will be added regularly, so check back often!



## DIY Tea Take Home Kit

Experience the joy of creating your own delicious Earl Grey tea blends from the Valley Alchemist with a Take & Make Kit (please note, tea contains caffeine). The Kit Includes: 4 kinds of tea leaves, a tea storage container, instruction card, and of course, tea steeping bags. [Register online](#) to pick up your free DIY Tea Blend kit at L.E. Shore Library or Craigleith Depot after November 1.

## Author Talks Galore!

We are lucky to be joined by two popular authors! Join us with Jen McGuire in November and Ken Haigh in December.

Jen McGuire, author of *Nest: Letting Go From Italy, France and Ireland*, will be sharing insight into her novel. This funny and lighthearted book is an honest and touching account about being a mother, being a woman, and even contains a love story. Jen will be sharing memories of raising her kids and her adventures in Europe, all a focus in this novel. Join us from the comfort of your own home as she shares inspiration for the book on Thursday, November 4th at 7:00pm. [Register online](#) today!

In December hear from local author and former L.E. Shore Library CEO, Ken Haigh. Hear the inspiration, writing, and publishing process for Ken's second published book, *On Foot to Canterbury*. There will be a travel element, including a slideshow. We are also celebrating the 26th anniversary of the L.E Shore Library! Ken will end the presentation with a chat about the building's history and his time as CEO. This talk takes place Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00pm. [Register Online](#) to attend this Zoom program.

# Board Corner

**November Meeting.** As we move into the November Board Meeting, the last regular meeting of the third year of the Board cycle, we once again look back and evaluate our efforts this year: evaluation of the Board, CEO, and the Annual Action Plan successes. We additionally begin to look forward into the 2022 year. This next Board meeting will see the annual election of our Board Chair and Vice Chair, approval of the BMPL 2022 Budget, and beginning the discussions of the 2022 Annual Action Plan list. As we are mid-way in our Strategic Plan Study, the 2022 Action Plan will be a shorter plan, intended to be achieved in the months prior to the new Strategic Plan, or with tasks that may cross over between the two plans.

**Board Meeting Pilot Program Nearing End.** A pilot program of online broadcasting of Board Meetings occurred in 2021 due to the pandemic. At the October Board Meeting the Board had a discussion on how to proceed with meetings in 2022. As options for gathering become more flexible the Board may return to face-to-face meetings. However, one benefit of meeting online is the volume of people who have been watching our meetings—either live or after the fact on both Facebook and YouTube. On average, there have been more than 50 views in a month since the pandemic broadcasting began. Members of the Board acknowledged that, while face-to-face is preferred for meeting interaction, the opportunity for public viewing was a something that they wish not to lose. Unfortunately, BMPL is not set-up for a hybrid meeting and does not have the ability to properly stream an in-person session. The BMPL staff will be investigating options and costs for implementation in 2022.

**Board & CEO Drop-In.** There are a few more opportunities to meet with the the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board, and CEO. These are a great opportunity to provide your comments for the Strat Plan Study, or general governance feedback. The November opportunities are Monday, Nov 1 at 2:00pm in the L.E. Shore Boardroom, and Saturday, Nov 27 at 10:00am in the Boardroom.

## 2022-2026 Strategic Planning

# CHECK IN

### STRAT PLAN DROP-IN

WITH OUR BOARD & CEO  
No Registration Required

**Remaining Days:**  
 Nov. 1 @ 2:00pm  
 Nov. 27 @ 10:00am  
 swing by L.E. Shore for  
 a conversation

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### OCTOBER

Seniors ✓	<b>Oct. 13</b>	12:00pm
Teens ✓	<b>Oct. 14</b>	5:00pm
Parents ✓	<b>Oct. 20</b>	5:30pm
Open Topic ✓	<b>Oct. 23</b>	10:00am
Museum ✓	<b>Oct. 26</b>	6:00pm
Rural Communities ✓	<b>Oct. 28</b>	6:00pm

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### NOVEMBER

Educators	<b>Nov. 3</b>	3:45pm
East End	<b>Nov. 6</b>	10:00am
Arts and Culture	<b>Nov. 10</b>	6:00pm
Open Topic	<b>Nov. 13</b>	10:00am
Open Topic	<b>Nov. 17</b>	6:00pm
Tween	<b>Nov. 25</b>	4:00pm



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## Recipes for Life

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

Improve your memory. How do you improve your memory? Are you worried about your memory? We all are. Most of us forget at least one thing a day. How often have you walked out without your wallet, your keys, your phone? Or suddenly the most important thing you had to get at the grocery store you forgot after you cashed out?

Whether your short term retrieval is on stall, or you're drowning in too many details, or you're so tired you can't think straight and the best thing to do is do nothing at all, there are practical and effective ways to improve your memory. You will be less dependent on devices and others. These methods are simple.

Cultivate new rituals if you want to change your habits. Begin small. Begin with paper and pen. Keep a scratch pad or notebook and write down every thing you need to remember for the next day. Map out your route. Be realistic about how much time for each pit stop.

When someone gives you their phone number write it down before you log it digitally. Then, the next time you have to call them, see if you can remember the number. If you can't, repeat it aloud to yourself. I remember phone numbers from thirty years ago because I practice this simple little exercise.

When we read, when we look at art, when we do new things, it is exercise for the brain.

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- 250 complimentary meals will be served through the St. George's Cares and BVO programs, Dec 16th.
  - 150 community meals will be available for purchase at \$25 each, with pickup Dec. 18th. Meals can be ordered through the website: [www.parishofthebluemountains.ca](http://www.parishofthebluemountains.ca) or by phone: 519-599-3047
- Online and telephone orders will open on Monday, November 15th. Donations and sponsorships to support this program are welcome.

## Giving that Grows!

Tree Trust TBM will again be offering a unique, local gift idea for the holiday season. Tree Trust Gift Cards in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 are available with the funds raised used to care for large, mature trees in our community. These trees make invaluable contributions to the beauty, diversity and sustainability of our natural environment. Gift Card purchases help to make sure these contributions continue for decades to come.



Community donations and sponsorships have made it possible for Tree Trust TBM to complete conservation care on five legacy trees to date – all over 100 years old. We have also planted 10 new saplings (to eventually take over from our legacy trees) and we have started a local, native tree seedling nursery. With the sale of Tree Trust Gift Cards, Tree Trust TBM hopes to raise sufficient funds to safeguard more local trees in 2022 and to continue to source seeds from these legacy trees and grow new saplings in our tree nursery.

For more information or to purchase Tree Trust Gift Cards, please visit our website [www.treetrust.ca](http://www.treetrust.ca) tap on the green-coloured Holiday Donation Gift Card Tab at the top and select Town of the Blue Mountains as the community when you make your donation.



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