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Sustainable, Attainable, Affordable Housing – it affects us all!

The Institute of Southern Georgian Bay is pleased to announce its upcoming webinar on **Wednesday December 1, 2021, 4:30 to 6pm:** Sustainable, Attainable, Affordable Housing – it affects us all!

We need an "all hands-on deck" regional approach to tackle the lack of housing in broad segments of our population. Young people working in the service industry, professionals trying to buy their first home, seniors needing rental accommodations; so many cannot find a place to live which they can afford. The housing crisis is impacting the vitality of our communities, now.

A challenge for too long, the question for all of us is: Where do we want to be in 5 years on this issue?

Panellists:

Andrea Nemtin, Executive Director, Social Innovation Canada will present on Financial Strategies from the recently published report on the Financialization of Housing, done with CHMC, MaRS Discovery District, and Centre for Social Innovation.

Marg Scheben-Edey, Vice Chair, Collingwood Affordable Housing Task Force and Chair, Regional Housing Committee, Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness. She will present on housing needs in the region and data from the recently published reports from these two committees, emphasizing the need across the population.

Robert Voigt, Director, Development Services, Meaford will highlight planning processes, challenges and opportunities for municipal and builder communities, benefits of a regional approach, what needs to change and what levers are available.

Shirley Keaveney, Deputy Mayor, Meaford will talk about Social Finance tools including community loan funds, community bonds, and land trusts, which can help to increase the housing supply. She will also highlight our region's participation in a national housing lab, where innovative ideas are being developed and tested across the county to accelerate progress.

Audience: Municipal leaders and staff, business owners, service providers, investors, developers, and residents from across the region. Lack of housing is not a special interest issue - it is affecting us all.

Part of Our Sustainable Future Series, The Institute continues to focus on developing a regional vision in line with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal 11 - Make communities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Housing is at the top of the milestone list for reaching this goal.

Register here: **https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/210171096407**

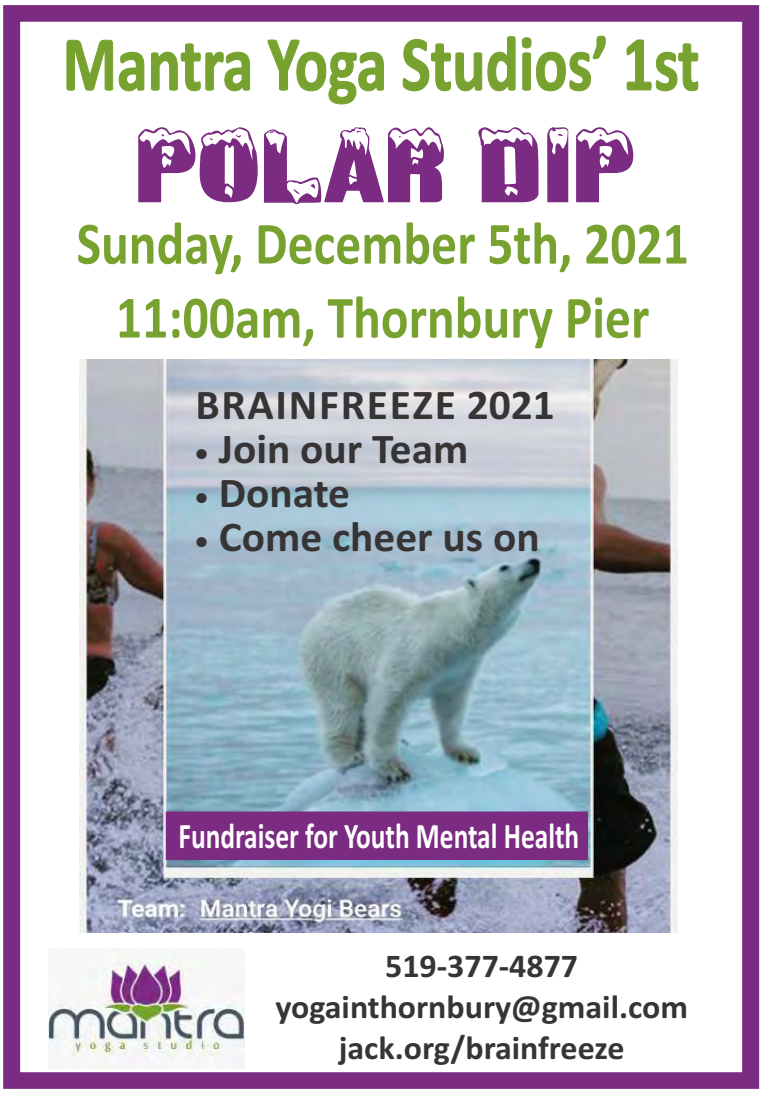
Hear the travel tales behind Ken's newly published book, On Foot to Canterbury. We are also celebrating the 26th anniversary of the L.E Shore Library. Ken will chat about the history of the building and his time as CEO. Sign up at **www.bluemountainslibrary.ca**

Holiday Magic At Blue Mountain Village

November 19th, 2021 - January 2nd, 2022.

The Village is wrapped up in garlands and bows and illuminated with the sights and sounds of the holidays.

Stroll the 1km Light Trail around the Mill Pond and enjoy enchanting moments around every corner while you shop, dine and celebrate the magic of the season.



Current Situation: Day 617

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 23rd

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

- 4 new cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce
- 31 active cases
- 2497 confirmed cases
- 2448 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

Thornbury Jazzworks Christmas Jazz Concert

Enjoy a wonderful evening in support of BVO's Holiday Hampers. Friday December 10th, 7:00 p.m. at the Marsh Street Centre, with Dean Hollin (host and vocals), Danny McErlain (piano), Michael Allen (guitar), Neil Swainson (bass) and Howard Gaul (drums), presenting Holiday classics.

BVO's Holiday Draw is back (6 tickets for $10 sold at the concert), featuring great prizes, such as a ski pass for 4 at The Georgian Peaks Club, tickets to Meaford Hall and wine packages from Georgian Hills Vineyard. Limited number of tickets, $35 per person, first come-first served.

Email **thornburyjazz@gmail.com** to reserve your seat!

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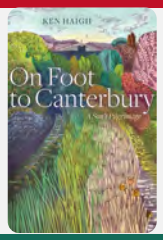
Author Talk with Ken Haigh



Dec. 2 | 7:00pm | Zoom | Registration Required

Join us on the BMPL Zoom for a book discussion. Hear the travel tale which provided the inspiration for Ken's newly published book, On Foot to Canterbury.

Arts & Crafts in the Gallery at L.E. Shore

Runs Dec. 7, 2021-Jan. 6,2022

The Arts & Culture Council present: Arts & Craft Show. Featuring the works of local artists and crafters.

Story Time in the Gallery

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

Stories, rhymes, movement songs, and lots of FUN! Ages 0-5years. Register online.

Home for the Holidays

Dec. 18 | 10:00am-12:00pm | L.E. Shore

Stop by for some good old-fashioned, nostalgic holiday magic. Pick up Take & Make craft and treat kits to enjoy at home, listen to holiday music and take part in our Holiday Scavenger Hunt. Fun for the whole family.

Seniors Exercise
Mondays | 10:00am
Facebook

Museum From Home
Mondays | 12:30pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter

Kids Clubhouse
Tuesdays | 4:00pm
Zoom

Wired Wednesday
Wednesdays | 1:00pm
Facebook & YouTube

Bedtime Story Time
Wednesdays | 7:00pm
Facebook & YouTube

Digital Book Club
Thursdays | 1:00pm
Facebook

#YourArchives
Sundays | 12:00pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter

Trivia Game Night
Fridays | 7:00pm
Facebook

Teen Group
Dec 9 I 5:00pm I L.E. Shore
Fun activities, new friends.
Ages 13-17

101 Things about CHD
Thursdays | 12:00pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter

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

TwAG (Tweens)
Dec 23 | 4:00pm I L.E. Shore
Ages 10-13

For more information or to register for events visit the **Event Calendar** on our website. www.TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca

BMPL HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday December 24 CLOSED
Saturday December 25 CLOSED
Sunday December 26 CLOSED
Friday December 31 10am-3pm
Saturday January 1 CLOSED

Eligibility Expands for 5-11 Year Olds – COVID-19 Vaccine

On November 19, 2021, NACI (National Advisory Committee on Immunization) announced recommendations for the administration of the pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to those aged 5-11. As a result, Ontario is expanding eligibility for the pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to those aged 5-11 years old (turning five prior to the end of 2021 – born in 2016).

The Grey Bruce Health Unit will host vaccine clinics at municipal locations such as arenas and community centres, and schools during non-school hours on a regular basis. Some of these clinics will be designed for people aged 5-11. Parents and guardians can find these clinics on the Grey Bruce Health Unit's vaccine schedule. Appointments are required for this age group.

On November 23, 2021, parents and guardians of eligible individuals (5-11 years old) could book first and second dose appointments through the COVID-19 Vaccination Portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

For those 5-11, the COVID-19 vaccines should be booked at least 14 days before or after other vaccines. Second doses for this age group MUST BE at least eight weeks after the first dose. Second dose appointments ARE NOT automatically booked when booking your first dose.

If local clinics are not viewable, they will be added in the coming days. DO NOT CALL THE HEALTH UNIT TO TRY TO BOOK AN APPOINMENT We are not able to book for you.

Individuals 12 and older still requiring first or second doses, DO NOT need an appointment.

In addition, participating primary care providers and pharmacies may offer the COVID-19 for children and youth. For detailed information about the Grey Bruce Health Unit's 5-11 year old vaccination process, and booking your vaccine, please review the Health Unit's website at: **www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/COVID-19/Vaccines/Getting-Your-COVID-19-Vaccine**
519-376-9420 or 1-800-263-3456 ext. 3940

- Getting Your COVID-19 Vaccine
  covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine

For questions or concerns about getting your child vaccinated visit:

- SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service offers appointment by phone to provide a safe, judgement-free space to have an open conversation about the COVID-19 vaccine for children and youth. It is available in multiple languages, using over-the-phone language interpretation. Phone: 437-881-3505
- Toll-free: 1-888-304-6558 Email: vaccine.consults@sickkids.ca
- The CARD System Learning Hub
  www.aboutkidshealth.ca/card
- Comfort Measures to Reduce Pain during vaccination
  www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/Your-Health/Immunization/Comfort-Measures

For complete Provincial details, please visit the ministry's website at:
www.covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-children-and-youth
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Ontario Shifting to Convenient Digital Reminders for Product Renewal Notices

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The Ontario government is continuing to improve access to modern and customer-focused services by eliminating mailing paper renewal notices in favour of convenient digital reminders. By eliminating paper renewal notices, Ontario will be saving up to $29 million over five years in postage and mailing costs with funds being re-invested into critical programs and services like education. Further, it will benefit the environment by saving approximately 80 million pieces of paper – roughly 16,000 boxes or 362 tonnes – over five years, reducing unnecessary waste and protecting our forests.

"Our government is taking another big step in our digital first approach by shifting away from snail mail to a modern alternative, saving taxpayer dollars and eliminating excess paper waste. Providing Ontarians with digital reminders is a fast and convenient way to ensure they don't miss their renewal deadlines," said Ross Romano, Minister of Government and Consumer Services. "As part of our commitment to improving access to government services for the people and businesses of our province, Ontarians can now benefit from secure and timely reminders and renew their products right from the comfort of their own homes."

Moving to a digital model for renewal notices builds on the numerous initiatives the government has taken to make services more convenient, accessible, and easier to use for Ontarians, including:

- Enabling over 40 services online through ServiceOntario with 24/7 access, with products mailed directly to you and the option to print proof of renewal right at home.
- Launching the new Ontario Business Registry to support businesses and not-for-profit corporations at every stage of their lifecycle with quick and easy access to over 90 transactions online, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- Making the land registry completely paperless as an accessible web portal that provides worldwide remote access to search land registration records.
- Enabling the online renewal of permanent Accessible Parking Permits and Ontario Photo Cards.
- Providing more payment options for driver and vehicle products.

Ontarians with products that expired on or after March 1, 2020, and were not renewed because of the temporary extensions that were put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will receive a final letter in the mail letting them know that it's time to renew. For a complete list of renewal deadlines, visit **Ontario.ca/RenewalDeadlines**.

"Our government is building a strong foundation for a digital Ontario and will continue to modernize for better, faster services," said Kaleed Rasheed, Associate Minister of Digital Government. "Ontarians expect and deserve digital services at their fingertips."

Earlier this year, the government introduced the option for Ontarians to receive digital reminders 30 and 60 days in advance of their renewal date. Nearly one million voluntary subscriptions have been completed to deliver digital reminders, allowing Ontarians to keep up to date with important renewal deadlines.

Mailed renewal notices for driver's licence holders and vehicle owners will continue for:

- individuals aged 70 years and older
- individuals with a driver's licence class A, B, C, D, E, or F
- individuals with endorsements that require additional testing (i.e airbrake)
- individuals who have a licence plate sticker associated with a company/fleet vehicle
- individuals who have jointly owned vehicles, and
- heavy commercial vehicles

Quick Facts

- Some Ontarians will continue to receive paper renewal letters in the mail for these products.
- Ontarians can continue to receive courtesy renewal reminders for driver's licences, licence plate stickers, and health cards by email, text, or phone call by signing up at **Ontario.ca/Reminders**
- A renewal notice is not required to renew any product with ServiceOntario. Most driver's licences, licence plate stickers, and health cards expire on your birthday. Signing up for digital reminders is easy, free, and secure.
- On September 1, 2021, the government announced the reinstatement of renewal requirements for driver's licences, licence plate stickers, Ontario Photo Cards, Ontario health cards, and other products that were temporarily extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- It's fast and easy to renew products at **ServiceOntario.ca** Over 40 services are available online with 24/7 access, and products will be mailed directly to you with the option to print proof of renewal right at home.

www.ontario.ca 1-800-267-8097.

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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

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**

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
THORNBURY WEST RECONSTRUCTION – PHASE 1
FINAL DESIGN

The Town will be hosting a Virtual Public Information Centre regarding the Thornbury West Reconstruction – Phase 1 project. The Public Information Centre will provide an update regarding the detailed design for the Thornbury West Reconstruction – Phase 1 project area and will provide important information for residents regarding the upcoming construction.

The detailed engineering design for the Thornbury West Reconstruction Phase 1 project is currently at the 90% stage and is scheduled to be completed in December 2021. Following completion of design, the project will be tendered for construction over a 2-year period starting in May 2022.

For more information, please visit the Towns website at: https://www.thebluemountains.ca/building-business-development/current-projects/municipal-infrastructure-projects/thornbury-west-0

VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

A Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to showcase the design and gather input from stakeholders. All those interested in the project are invited to attend the Virtual Public Open House on **Wednesday December 1, 2021 from 5-7 pm.**

The Link to Register is: cc@thebluemountains.ca**If you are unable to attend or require further information, please contact, or provide comments to:**

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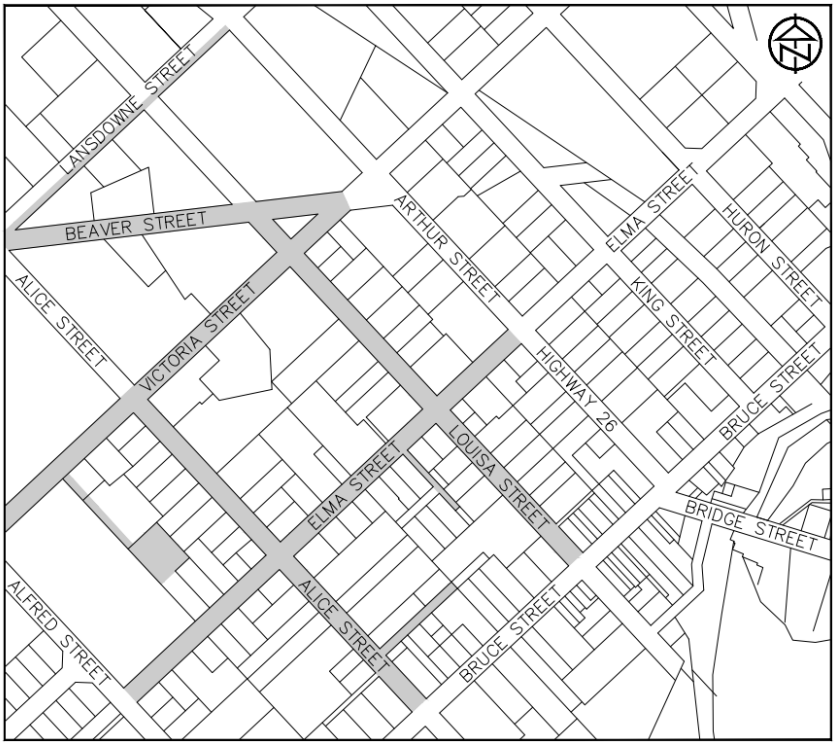

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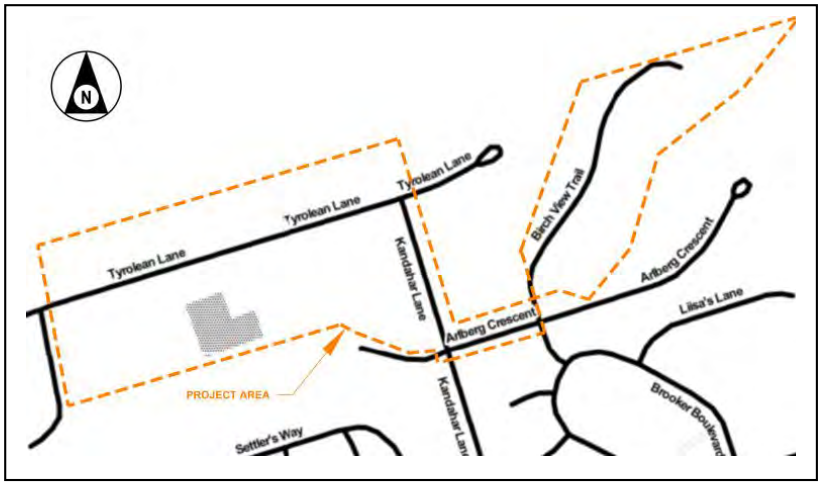
WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT AND SANITARY SERVICING IN TYROLEAN VILLAGE
Contract # 2020-60-P-OPS



Project Overview

As a follow-up to the first Public Information Centre held on May 6th, 2021, a second Public Information Centre is being held to update the public on project progress and the plans for the project going forward.

The proposed works will include the following:

- Replacement of approximately 1,000m of watermain on Tyrolean Lane, Kandahar Lane, Arlberg Cres. and Birch View Trail including water services to property line.
- Construction of approximately 1,000 m of new Sanitary Sewers on Tyrolean Lane from Arlberg Cres. to Birch View Trail including sanitary service connections to property line.
- Construction of 450m of new low-pressure sanitary sewer forcemain on Birch View Trail from the end to the intersection with Arlberg Cres. including sanitary service connections to property line.
- Restoration of disturbed areas to match existing surfaces.

The watermain component of the project is financed through the capital budget. The sanitary sewer is a local improvement and will be paid by landowners with frontage on the new sanitary sewers if the project is deemed affordable under the requirements of the Affordability Policy for Water and Wastewater Service Extensions (POL.COR.17.02). The criteria for division and payment of these costs will be discussed in the Public Information Centre. This information has been updated and provides a delineation of the cost sharing between different zoning designations within the project limits.

The Town intends to proceed with this construction project in the summer of 2022.

For more information, please visit the Town's website at: https://www.thebluemountains.ca/tyrolean-watermain-replacement-ww-servicing.cfm?is=27

VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

A Virtual Public Open House is being held to gather input from stakeholders. All those interested in the project are invited to attend the Virtual Public Open House on **Thursday, December 2 from 5-7 pm. Contact** icpc@thebluemountains.ca **to register for a link to connect to this event.**

If you are unable to attend or require further information, please contact, or provide comments to:

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icpc@thebluemountains.ca
Tel: 519-599-3131 ext. 304

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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.

Listen. Do you ever wonder why people don't remember what you've just said? It is because they are not listening.

They may be looking at you but they are definitely somewhere else. Distracted.

There is so much noise around, we have so many things turned on, so many devices. Then there is traffic, construction, friends, family and work demanding your attention. No wonder a few things fall off the rails. Selective listening is symptomatic of the modern age.

How often do you listen to the birds? How often do you go for a walk along the river and listen the sound? When was the last time you went to the lake to be lulled by the waves?

Scrap your playlist, leave your apps at home and take a trip with nothing but the wind in the trees as listening music.

Just be in nature and see how it makes you feel.

People don't listen. They don't listen to each other and they don't listen to what the world is telling them. If you keep doing the same old thing and getting the same old result, you are not listening.

Just like listening to good music, it takes time, practice and purpose to be a good listener. Stay tuned and you will hear.

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Come On Board!

BVO is Looking for New Board Members

Are you interested in making good things happen in our community? Would you like to contribute your experience to a local and respected grassroots organization with a 35+ year history?

For more than 35 years, BVO has been making good things happen in our community. The vision of a vibrant, engaged and inclusive community with quality programs and services has enhanced the well-being of numerous families and individuals.

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:

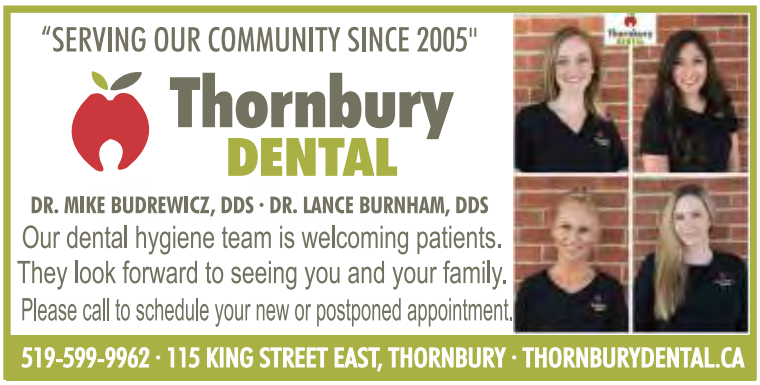
- Finance & Accounting
- Community Engagement & Advocacy
- Marketing, Communications & Social Media
- Fundraising
- Governance, Risk Management & Policy Development in the not-for-profit sector
- Strategic Planning

For further information about this opportunity at BVO or about becoming a Board member, please email board@bvo.ca or boardchair@bvo.ca. To apply, please email a covering letter to 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 Hours

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.



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Hosted by St. George's Anglican Church a traditional turkey and ham Christmas dinner is planned for December 16th and December 18th.

- 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.parishoftheblue mountains.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 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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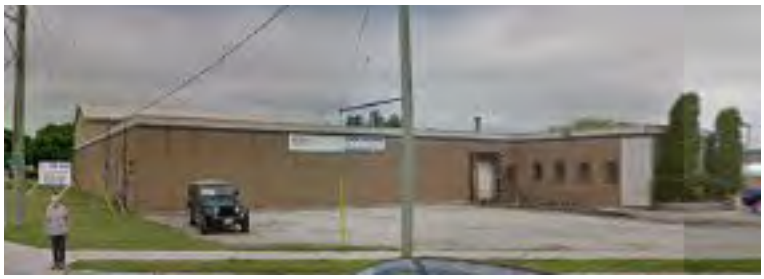

Grey County Council to Purchase a Building for Transitional/Supportive Housing

The County needs safe and stable temporary housing for those experiencing homelessness in our community. The County's By-Name List currently has 36 people experiencing chronic homelessness, meaning they have been homeless for more than six months of the year, that are waiting for housing and services. Community partners such as Grey Bruce Health Services and Canadian Mental Health Association have people on their waitlists in need of supportive housing.

A partnership in which the County provides the bricks and mortar housing and community partners provide onsite supportive services, would provide badly needed safe and secure alternate housing.

The County received $1,989,200 in Phase four of the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) from the Province. The funding can be used for the purchase and renovation of a building to increase supportive and transitional housing availability. The funding cannot be used for a new build due to the tight timelines in the SSRF program. The property must be acquired by March 1, 2022 and the building renovation completed by March 2023.

Staff undertook a search for suitable properties. They identified the subject lands as having potential. Salter Pilon Consulting was hired to carry out a site analysis of a building located at 396 14th Street West in Owen Sound as a candidate for supportive housing. The location is ideal as it is close to the Salvation Army and Grey County Housing buildings. Adjacent properties are mainly commercial use. The building is currently being used by one or more commercial tenants as a warehouse, gym and offices; staff propose to negotiate with any tenants under leases to have them release their lease so that their space may be converted. The layout provides a blank space in which to convert into 8-10 single units and provide a room for a hub for individuals to attend; it currently has offices that would remain for staff use. Staff are recommending that Council approve the purchase of the property, subject to staff being satisfied with the results of the site and environmental investigations.

At the Affordable Housing Task Force meeting October 26, 2021 staff were directed to negotiate a conditional purchase of the building located at 396 14th Street West, Owen Sound for the purpose of transitional/supportive housing. Staff were successful in negotiating a conditional Agreement of Purchase and Sale to purchase the land and building. The Agreement, which is conditional on satisfactory site and environmental investigations and County Council approval was drafted by the County's realtor, in conjunction with the Clerk's office and Legal Services, and through negotiations with the owners of the property and their realtor. It was signed November 4, 2021, for a purchase price of $1,200,000.

In order to carry out the environmental investigations, staff have enlisted GM BluePlan to complete a Phase One and Phase Two Environmental Site Assessment, as well as file any necessary Record of Site Condition with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. The condition states Grey County has until December 23, 2021 to obtain an environmental site assessment that is satisfactory. If all conditions are satisfied, the County would obtain title to the property by January 20, 2022.

Staff will be returning to the Affordable Housing Task Force with a workplan for this project and the results of the RFP to retain an architect to develop the site plan and renovation plan for the property.

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