



Have a listen to the NEW ThisHereWow! Podcast

Dean Hollin, local celebrity entertainer, radio broadcaster and EFL volunteer has created a new Podcast "ThisHereWow!" Go to Dean's website to listen to episode #2 where Dean interviews Shelley Higginson the Founder of EFL who tells the EFL story and episode #4 you will hear delightful interviews from two of EFL participants in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day. www.deanhollin.com

April 2nd is World Autism Day and the kick off to World Autism Month

The Participants at EFL made "puzzle art" before the pandemic started to sell and raise awareness for autism. A collection of their art will be sold at a future event. If you would like to support our individuals who have autism and continue to benefit from our programs please go to www.eventsfor.life and click on donate.



LBF Supports EFL

Stephanie Anevich and David Johnston of the Lora Bay Foundation present Events for Life ED Barb Weeden, Program Director Shelley Higginson and Kyle & Kevin Whyte with a donation in support of EFL.



Lora Bay Foundation is a grassroots, community-based organization focussing on local initiatives that support Healthcare, Childhood Development and Physical Activity. The Lora Bay Foundation advances healthy environments that empower people to thrive and make lasting contributions to their communities.



Follow the 3 W's – Wash hands frequently, Watch distance (ideally 6ft), and Wear face covering correctly, and the 2 A's - Avoid Crowds and Arrange for outdoor activities instead of indoors whenever possible.

Current Situation: Grey Bruce is in the Green- Prevent Zone in the Ontario COVID-19 response framework.

Testing and case counts reported as of 23:59 hrs, March 29, 2021:

- 815 confirmed cases over the past year
- 753 resolved cases
- 58 active case(s)
- 437 active high-risk contacts ("it takes a tremendous amount of effort to manage this number of high risk contacts. This number will keep increasing, unless we limit, starting today, our unprotected encounters with all people outside of our own households" Dr. Arra)

The Grey Bruce Health Unit COVID-19 Vaccination Program Plan

- 26519 doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered in Grey and Bruce
- Vaccine Shipment Week of March 29: 5850 doses
- We exhaust all doses we receive before the arrival of the next shipment with the exception of a small percentage to ensure sufficient supply of vaccine for clinics scheduled at the beginning of the following week. Shipments are not guaranteed to arrive on the same day each week.

Future Vaccination Planning

For week of March 29, vaccinations will focus on: clients 75+, First Nation Communities and First Nation Clients not living in First Nation Communities, Long-Term Care Home staff, residents and essential caregivers (2nd dose). Stage 2 anticipated to begin booking on April 1st. (publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)

Those turning 70 this year or older, born 1951 or earlier, can make appointments through the provincial on-line booking system for COVID-19 vaccinations at <https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine> or call the toll-free number **1-888-999-6488**.

- Clients without a Health Care Provider or a Health Care Provider outside Grey Bruce, should also call 1-888-999-6488.
- Appointments are not available by calling your healthcare provider.
- Appointments are not available by calling the Health Unit.
- No one will be left out.

Vaccine Clinic on Wheels

A very successful first Covid vaccine clinic in the Town of the Blue Mountains took place on Sunday March 21. Organized by Dr. Tim Remillard's office, most of his 80-year-old patients got the shot. Using the parking lot at the Beaver Valley Community Center about 160 people did the drive thru over a three-hour period.

Volunteers manned the traffic flow and public health nurses from Grey-Bruce Health Unit did the technical work of getting vaccine into arms. It worked so well that other doctor offices used the same setup. *photo by Robert Burcher*





Preventing Abuse of Older Adults:

April-June Series at BVO Seniors' Centre Without Walls

Beginning Thursday April 8, a series about preventing abuse of older adults and resources for helping people involved in abuse situations will be offered through BVO's Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW) program.

The abuse of older adults is often not reported. And, since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Seniors Safety Line (Ontario) has reported "an unprecedented number" of desperate calls for information and help.

A live theatre production that came to town, titled "Ye Canna Throw Yer Granny Off A Bus", was developed by Sheatre: Community Arts for Social Change. Determined to continue its awareness program during Covid-19, Sheatre has produced a 5-episode podcast (like a radio play) of "The Granny Play". Like the original play, it was created by and for seniors. All cast members are seniors, and the content is based on real life situations.

The Granny Play uses theatre and music to raise awareness of types of abuse, including neglect. Each podcast episode highlights specific types of abuse, followed by a brief discussion by area experts after the performance.

Two weeks after the podcast, BVO will host a presentation and discussion by community resource people, with questions and answers, and information about local sources of help. The series will run alternating podcast and information every two weeks over a couple of months.

Seniors have the right to live free from abuse. Community residents who are informed will know about resources that might be helpful and ways in which they could help. BVO SCWW is debuting this series in Ontario as part of a provincial community movement to stop and prevent abuse. BVO has been developing the series with Sheatre and the Older Adult Centres Association of Ontario, for use in Active Lifestyle Seniors Centres and SCWWs across the province.

Everyone is invited to attend. Talk to your friends and neighbours. Freedom from abuse for everyone is a priority. We want to be part of the solution, helping eliminate abuse and neglect of older adults. Call to register for the first part (April 8 and April 22) of this innovative and important series.

For the Seniors Centre Without Walls, you need only a telephone - no computer or internet is required. Call 519-599-2577, ext 126 or email seniors@bvo.ca for information or to register.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROLAND "BYRON" LACEY

During this time of sorrow we learn how much our family and friends mean to us.

Thank you so much for your kindness and caring thoughts at a time when it was much needed and deeply appreciated.

Thank you also for donations to the Beaver River Watershed Initiative in Byron's memory.

Marty & Linda

AN INTIMATE MUSICAL EVENING WITH CRAIG ASHTON

Craig, a local celebrity with the most beautiful tenor voice, will be hosting a virtual concert in support of Events for Life.

Join us **April 30th** at 7pm for the live streaming event from the Simcoe Street Theatre in Collingwood. Tickets are \$30 and go on sale April 1st.

Go to www.eventsfor.life to purchase your tickets and get updates on local restaurants offering take out meals for you to enjoy during the show.

St. George's ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, June 12 starting at 7 am

The 141st St. George's ANNUAL FISH FRY a Drive-Thru Event on Saturday, June 19

Thank you, Paul Green, for a beautiful slide show.

The Sinclairs

From DONALD GREEN

March 14/21

To: ALAR SOEVER

Subject: Gateway

I understand a request has been made to waive development fees to the extent of 1.2 million dollars and further for a loan of 1200000\$. If this is true I strongly object to both.

If we assume 8500 households in the Blue Mtns, then that equates to about 1400.\$ per household. A loan of the same amount equals the same.

The intent of the project is worth while, but it should stand on its own and be self sustaining. If it can not do so then it should not proceed in its present form.

Please pass this note to the other members of Council and confirm you have done so. I doubt I am the only resident who feels this way. Thanks.

BVO BEAVER VALLEY OUTREACH

UPDATE

BVO TREASURE SHOP Open limited hours. Donations by appointment. Please check our website.

EMERGENCY SERVICES Need help with food & more? We're here for you! Call 519-599-2577

SENIORS CENTRE WITHOUT WALLS Interactive phone-in activity. Call 519-599-2577 ext 6.

BVO Preschool Operating with safety procedures in place. **WE ARE HIRING!**

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THE BLUE MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY APRIL PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Author Talk with Kate Hilton

April 6 | 7:00pm
BMPL Zoom | Registration
Kate Hilton will share insights and inspiration for her most recent novel "Better Luck Next Time". This funny, banter-filled novel is an excellent character-driven engaging novel that focuses on a family redefining happiness.

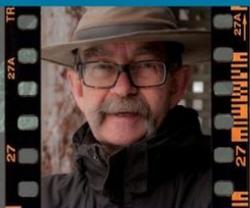
Free Tax Clinic

April 8 & 12 | All Day
BMPL Zoom | Registration
Get your taxes done by a registered CVITP volunteer. Must meet eligibility criteria and by appointment only.



Youth Mindfulness Series

April 9, 16, 23, 30 | 7:00pm
BMPL YouTube | Drop-in
Learn the tools and techniques that will help you find and connect with your inner self, self-esteem and your self-confidence. Different themes every week.



Author Talk with Robert Burcher

April 13 | 7:00pm
BMPL Zoom | Registration
Local photographer and historian, Robert Burcher, will be discussing John Muir and his most recent book, My Summer of Glorious Freedom: John Muir's Saunters Around Southern Ontario in the Summer of 1864

Through The Telescope

April 15 | 8:00pm
BMPL Zoom | Registration
Springtime in The Blue Mountains is galaxy season, with galaxies galore in our skies! Join Ian Wheelband of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as we share the night sky through the telescope.



Pelvic Floor Health

April 29 | 7:00pm
BMPL Zoom | Registration
Learn about the importance of keeping your pelvic floor strong with Rose Wilson, Physiotherapist, as she shares her expertise. It's so much more than kegels!

Picture & Words: Haiku Poetry Contest

April 1-30 | All Day
BMPL Event Calendar | Email Submission
Submit your very own Haiku poem to us, with a photo, drawing, or painting that reflects your Haiku poem. Haikus are super fun and creative poems to write.



REGULAR PROGRAMS

Seniors Exercise

Mondays | 10:00am
BMPL Facebook & YouTube | Drop-in



Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays | 7:00pm
BMPL Facebook & YouTube | Drop-in

Virtual Story Time

Fridays | 11:00am
BMPL Facebook | Drop-in

Museum From Home

Mondays | 12:30pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter | Drop-in

Local Fact or Fiction

Thursdays | 12:00pm
CHD Facebook & BMPL Instagram | Drop-in



Favourite Fossils

Fridays | 5:00pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter | Drop-in



Cluesday Tuesday

Tuesdays | 12:30pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter | Drop-in

Digital Book Club

Thursdays | 1:00pm
BMPL Facebook | Drop-in

Trivia Game Night

Fridays | 7:00pm
BMPL Facebook & Event Calendar | Drop-in

Kids Clubhouse

Tuesdays | 4:30pm
BMPL YouTube | Registration



Teen Group

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



Photo Feature

Saturdays | 11:30am
BMPL Instagram | Drop-in



Wired Wednesday

Wednesdays | 1:00pm
BMPL Facebook & YouTube | Drop-in

TWAG

4th Thursday Monthly | 7:00pm
BMPL Zoom | Registration

Monthly Scavenger Hunts

L.E. Shore Branch & Craigleith Heritage Depot | Drop-in

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599 Garden Club ZOOMs into Spring

The 599 Garden Club, serving green thumbs in the Blue Mountains, plans ZOOM presentations by experts, in March (Native Plants), April (Hostas) and May (Pot Scaping) Then it's outdoor Garden Tours with plant presentations and a plant Exchange in September. Meet us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/599gardenclub New members welcome, just \$25 for the year, April to March 2022. CONTACT Mary Raymond maryray@rogers.com



Wishing you and your loved ones a

Happy Easter



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New walk-in “virtual” medical clinic with huge emphasis on technology

www.eDoctorcare.com

A brand new walk-in medical clinic has launched – but with an exciting twist. A clinic that focuses on enabling patients to see a doctor from the comfort of their own home. It’s called **eDoctorcare** and it’s the brainchild of **Dr Tawfik**, a female family doctor who is a newcomer to the area having recently moved from the GTA.

“The pandemic has taught us that technology allows us to do most things online,” she said, “seeing a doctor falls firmly in that category now. It really is the future of healthcare.” The adoption of virtual health is becoming more widespread across Canada with a growing realization that most prescriptions, labs, referrals and medical notes can all be arranged for without patients needing to physically go to a clinic. Experts believe this trend will continue. “Very rarely is there something that I cannot deal with by phone or video, we’ve really come a long way,” explained Dr Tawfik, who also confirmed that the service is completely free for patients who have OHIP coverage.

eDoctorcare prides itself on its modern, forward-thinking approach - with a keen adoption of technology. “I wanted the patient experience to be as simple as possible, no waiting on hold or trying to reach busy receptionists – I wanted us to do things differently - patients can book an appointment in about two minutes through our website (edoctorcare.com) and I just call them at the scheduled time which they select.” Patients can choose for the doctor appointment to be either by phone call or video call. For video calls, patients will generally not be required to download any new software onto their devices. Dr Tawfik is proud of the patient feedback she has received to date which she says has been “overwhelmingly positive”. The clinic has only been open for a few weeks and a huge surge in demand is expected once the word spreads in the community. “Fortunately we have plenty of availability right now and due to way we work, we are actually able to offer availability for almost every day of the week.”

eDoctorcare is a walk-in clinic working on a virtual basis only, physical appointments are not at present available. Patients are encouraged to book with the doctor via the website (edoctorcare.com) with same day, weekend and after hours appointments all being offered. All appointments are free of charge for patients who have OHIP coverage. Contact: Dr Tawfik, eDoctorcare.com

1 First St. Unit 220, Admiral Building, Collingwood, 647-556-2435
Email: hello@edoctorcare.com

From a Caregiver -

Words elude me to describe the ultimate survival program which occurred in the CoVid lockdown looking after a senior lady who has lived in Thornbury for many years. Because of her circumstances and the genuine caring of her family, long term care was not necessary as I was given an opportunity to assist her in her own home instead. A win/win situation. I got a roof over my head and she could remain in her familiar surroundings with her family and friends not restricted to visit her. The standard protocols were in place but she didn’t have to experience the isolation, loneliness, unknown territory that CoVid seem to embrace and intrude upon. Consider yourself if it fits with someone who needs companionship, assistance with domestic tasks, chauffeur duties and or personal care. You could possibly win like I did and not only enhance someone’s life but maybe your own. You can reach me by calling the Review at 519-599-3345

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WAR by Robert Burcher

I haven’t been too active this winter in writing for this paper. The reason is that I have been writing up my research into the Newfoundland Viking discovery story. It has gone well until in the last few weeks I have become aware of a HUGE story in Greenland at the exact place where Leif Erickson the Viking left from to sail west to discover Newfoundland in 1000AD. In discussion with a Museum curator in Narsaq Greenland, he told me that his small village of 1,000 is the site of a potential Rare Earth Minerals mine. The big issue is that China owns the site. Already they control 90% of the world’s rare earth minerals and by claiming this site China will basically have a strangle hold on the World Supply. So what? Not such a big deal until you realize that every computer, cell phone, electric car and satellite needs these materials to operate.

Now for us in Canada there is an accompanying issue to deal with. The only processing facility for Rare Earths is in China. The shortest route from Greenland to get that ore to China just happens to be through our North-West Passage! China which does not have any Arctic lands, launched the world’s largest icebreaker last year. Can you connect the dots? Do we understand all the issues that are developing with a powerful China now exerting its muscles? Is the North West Passage International Waters?

With this threatening situation developing, it was with great interest that I joined a local peace group Pivot2Peace on the streets of Collingwood. They have regularly been protesting Canada’s decision to buy 88 F-35 fighter jets at the projected cost of 19 billion and then 77 billion spent in upkeep over the 30 year life of the planes. Two local residents Frank and Gillian McEnaney filled me in on this controversial issue. Fighter jets are what we needed for World War 2.



Technology has changed so fast that there is an analogy here to the event in the First World War when the Polish Calvary went charging into battle on horseback with sabres raised to be met with a wall of machine gun fire. End of story for the calvary! This is beyond me in this world of Geo-Political and Geo-Economic struggles. But very brave for these people to be challenging the status quo and looking far into the future. Just a “heads up” that there are huge issues in the world that dwarf some of our local development concerns. Who knows what “behind the scenes” diplomacy with China is happening right now?

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In Appreciation

Mr. Jazz Turns 95

Long time member of T-C Rotary, "Mr. Liquorice Stick", AKA "The Walking Jazz Rolodex", **Tony Bauer** celebrated his 95th birthday on Friday March 5.

A fixture of the jazz scene in the Blue Mountains for many years, he was a member of the Georgian Sound Big Band and also an integral member of the Retreads, T-C Rotary's own jazz ensemble, for decades. Members were routinely treated to a medley of old favorites prior to each meeting.

More importantly, Tony became the impresario behind the annual Big Band Festival and Jazzmania for over 20 years, a three day celebration of jazz of all types. From there he was the force behind Thornbury JazzWorks hosting monthly concerts at the Library, bringing big name jazz musicians to play with the best in our area in a great intimate setting. Tony seemed to know every musician of merit in the country and if he didn't, he knew someone who did.

Tony was instrumental in raising money for music student development in our community via the money raised through Thornbury Jazz Works. Tony was the driving force that created and made TJW such a success. Over the five years of its operation, (before CoVid) TJW put over \$21,000 into student music programs, much of that money going to support the students in the BVCS music department. We wish Tony well and many more birthdays.

"In Appreciation" column is supported by The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund and a donation has been made in honour of Tony.

www.bluemountainlegacyfund.ca



Excited New Owners at Grey Heron Garden Centre

For Chris Sweatman and his wife Katie, the next step of 10 years in the landscaping trades was their purchase last fall of the Ormsby Garden Centre, just east of Meaford. It will now be known as the Grey Heron Garden Centre for a reason. Having finished high school in Owen Sound in 2001, Chris first started landscaping in Muskoka for his aunt Bette's, Blue Heron Landscaping. He now has his own establishment in Grey County, so Grey Heron Garden Centre it is.

Chris admits that his first foray into the "Green Trade" was a means of financing many years of snowboarding in the winter. He then attended both Fanshaw College in London and later, Humber College in Rexdale taking courses in Urban and Regional Planning and Sustainable Energy, interesting, but not very horticultural.

In 2015 he went out on his own, starting Ecocultures- Simple Functional Landscaping from his home South of Meaford. He delighted his customers with creative ideas and careful craftsmanship. But it was not enough.

"I always wanted to offer people a more complete range of landscaping products and services, and now, as the only Garden Centre serving both Meaford and the Blue Mountains, I can" said Chris. "We are renovating the facilities at Grey Heron to make them more inviting for our customers. We are installing new computer systems to better control the wide range of plant material and garden related products that we will have for our customers. And we will continue to offer landscape design and installation services through our Ecocultures division."

Katie Sweatman is a High School teacher and she takes care of sourcing all the lovely things you will see inside the newly renovated store that go in and around your home, plus all the technology that makes the business work.

"It's all very exciting. Finally, we are open for business" said the Sweatman's. "Starting April 1st, it will be 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week until Christmas."



It's Hip to Snip

From 1979 to 2007, at the end of each episode of the Price is Right, Bob Barker notoriously encouraged his viewers to "help control the pet population" by having pets spayed or neutered. His successor, Drew Carey, is carrying on Bob's legacy by asking the same of his audience. Isn't it refreshing when celebrities use their influence for the greater good?

Not only does it prevent unwanted pregnancies, but it also has many health and behaviour benefits for your pet:

No one likes a bully

Neutering decreases aggressive behaviours in males. Male dogs are less likely to bite, attack or get into dog fights, while male cats are less likely to mark or "spray" and get into tussles with other kitties. Aggression can also be displayed by female dogs in heat.

Sneaking out of the house

When females are spayed, their heat cycles end for good. Female cats can go into heat every 3 weeks – the natural instincts of unaltered cats could mean that they may attempt to escape to mate, or they may urinate inappropriately.

For the health of it

Studies show that spayed/neutered pets live longer. One such study conducted by Banfield Pet Hospitals found that neutered male dogs lived 18% longer and spayed female dogs lived 23% longer. Cats benefit to an even greater degree, with spayed female cats in the study living 39% longer and neutered male cats living 62% longer. In addition to increasing life expectancy, spaying/neutering helps prevent a number of illnesses like uterine cancer, ovarian cancer and pyometra (a life-threatening infection of the uterus) and reduces the risk of mammary cancer. Neutering eliminates the risk of testicular cancer and reduces the risk of prostate problems in male dogs.

Anna Schuett is the Communications & Marketing Coordinator for the Georgian Triangle Humane Society.



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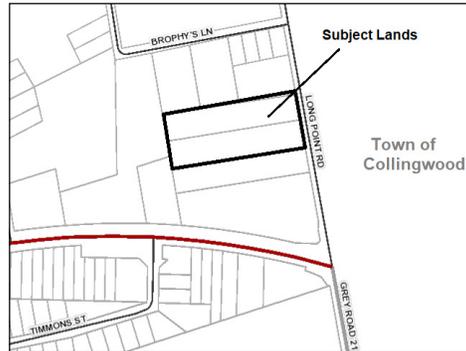
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED SUBDIVISION AND ZONING AMENDMENT

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021 at 5:00 PM (Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams)

Property Location: (Vacant lands on Long Point Road) Parts 4 & 5, Lot 85, Plan 529, RP16R-2186, Town of The Blue Mountains, geographic Township of Collingwood

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The County and Town received an application for a Plan of Subdivision known as the Long Point Road Subdivision (County file number 42T-2018-14). The application proposes to create a total of 22 single detached residential units. Access to the lots would be from a new road connecting to Long Point Road. Servicing to the proposed subdivision will be via municipal water and sewer services. The proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment application requests to rezone the lands from the Development (D) zone to the Residential One (R1-3-xx) Exception zone facilitate the development of 22 single detached residential units. An exception to the R1-3 zone to allow for a height of up to 2.5 storeys, has been requested.



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 and Planning Staff. Comments received by Friday, April 14, 2021 at 12:00 PM will be acknowledged 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 Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 12:00 PM. For those without a computer, a dial-in number is available. Contact the Town Clerk to pre-register at townclerk@thebluemountains.ca or by calling the Town at 519-599-3131 x 232.

WHERE DO I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact Planning Services at the Town of The Blue Mountains at 519-599-3131 extension 262 or planning@thebluemountains.ca. The Town Planner assigned to this file is Denise Whaley, Planner II. You may also view the Town's Development Projects page on the Town Website at www.thebluemountains.ca to view application materials, or visit in person at Planning Services in the Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may also request a copy of the full public notice.

Nominate a Resident for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award

To be considered by Council, all nominations must be submitted to the Town Clerk by **Thursday, April 15, 2021 at noon**. Please contact the Town Clerk at the information below for nomination instructions and details.

Town Clerk: Corrina Giles,
townclerk@thebluemountains.ca
Phone: 519-599-3131 ext. 232

Established in 1994, the Senior of the Year Award honours one outstanding local senior in each municipality in Ontario. The nominee must be over the age of 65 and have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of his or her community. Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed to any number of fields such as the arts, literature, community service, volunteering, education, environment, fitness and humanitarian activities.

Council will consider the nominations at the April 19, 2021 Council Meeting (closed session) and will submit the nomination to the Province of Ontario.

To learn more about the Ontario Senior of the Year Award, please visit: www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community#section-3

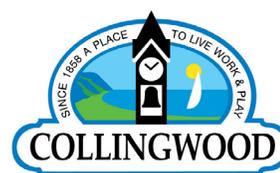
Family Physician Survey

What is your current experience with accessing primary healthcare in our region?

The Town of The Blue Mountains, Township of Clearview, Town of Collingwood, Municipality of Grey Highlands and the Municipality of Meaford are collaborating on a family physician recruitment and retention strategy and we want to hear from you!

Complete the short, two-minute survey by April 30, 2021:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/Family-Physician-Survey



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING (ONLINE)

Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.



REGULATE BUSINESS LICENSES FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS & ADMINISTRATION OF MONETARY PENALTIES

(Virtual – Online format using Microsoft Teams)

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The overall objective of the proposed By-laws is to replace the existing Short-Term Accommodation Licensing regime and introduce a business licensing framework which will include Short Term Accommodations. Through the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law, the Town will benefit from an additional enforcement mechanism to promote compliance with the Licensing By-law, and perhaps in the future, other designated By-laws.

[FAF.21.020 Licensing & Short-Term Accommodation and Administrative Monetary Penalties By-Law](#)

WANT TO BE NOTIFIED OF A DECISION?

You must make a request in writing if you wish a notice of any decision of Council on this proposal.

VIRTUAL 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) day in advance of the Public Meeting (by April 16, 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) days in advance of the Meeting (by April 14, 2021 at 10am). For those without a computer, a dial-in number is available.

Contact the Town Clerk to pre-register or submit comments to townclerk@thebluemountains.ca or by calling the Town at 519-599-3131 extension 232 or Fax: (519) 599-7723

Comments by mail to: Town Clerk, Town Hall, 32 Mill St. Box 310, Thornbury ON, N0H 2P0

WHAT HAPPENS AT A PUBLIC MEETING?

The public meeting is your chance to hear more about the proposal and make your views about it known. You may also speak at the meeting or submit written comments. Information from the public will help Council in their decision-making process, so make sure to have your say! Any person or agency may attend the Virtual Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments either in support or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

WHERE DO I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL?

Visit us in Legal Services, Town Hall, during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or contact the Director of Legal Services for this file.

WHEN WILL A DECISION BE MADE?

A decision on this proposal has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at the Public Meeting. After reviewing the amendments and any comments received, Town staff will bring a recommendation on this project to a future council meeting.

Questions? Want more information?

Director of Legal Services

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 258

Email: directorlegal@thebluemountains.ca

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Wednesday April 21, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PRICE'S DEVELOPMENT WASTEWATER SERVICING EXTENSION AND STORM WATER DIVERSION

The Town will be hosting a Virtual Public Information Centre regarding the Price's Development Wastewater Servicing Extension and Storm Water Diversion project. The Public Information Centre will provide an update regarding the tender results and direction from Council to proceed with the project.

This project is being completed as a local improvement for the wastewater extension and a municipal/county partnership for the storm water diversion drainage improvements.

If Council direction is to proceed with the project, construction is expected to be completed in the 2021 construction season.

The Town received bids for the project on March 11, 2021. The results of the tender process will be discussed at the PIC.

For more information, please visit the Town's website at:

<https://thebluemountains.ca/prices-subdivision.cfm?is=27>

VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

A Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to gather input from stakeholders. All those interested in the project are invited to attend the Virtual Public Open House on **Wed. April 21, 2021 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

To Register e-mail: cc@thebluemountains.ca

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

Brad Parker, P.Eng.
Project Engineer
Greenland Consulting Engineers
Phone: (705) 444-8805 Ext. 301
bparker@gmrland.com

Michael Campbell, C.E.T.
Operations Department
Town of The Blue Mountains
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In Memoriam



ROLAND "BYRON" GILBERT LACEY

Roland Lacey passed away peacefully at Grey Bruce Health Services in Meaford on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the age of 86. He was born in Cranbrook, BC on October 18, 1934.

Roland will live forever in the heart of his loving wife, Marty Lacey of Clarksburg.

He was the caring stepfather of Linda Juniper, and the best Godfather to Jana Kridlova (John Lavars) and Papa to Emily and Alex. He will be missed dearly by his nieces, nephews and their families. Roland was predeceased by his much loved sister Clarice.

He was a very kind hearted man and will be remembered fondly by his family and friends and will be missed by his buddies who met every morning at Tim Horton's.

One of the proudest times of Roland's life would be his time spent serving with the U.S. Air force where he received an award for his service.

There will be a private celebration of Roland's life at a later date.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (Cheques Only Please /Memo - Beaver River Watershed Initiative) would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca



STEPHEN GEORGE MCKEOWN

October 19, 1952 -
March 14, 2021

Stephen McKeown of Ruthven, Ontario passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on March 14, 2021. Stephen

was born in Windsor Ontario in 1952 and moved to Duncan, Ontario in The Town of Blue Mountains with his parents in 1990. Predeceased by his parents Jack, and Shirley McKeown who devoted their life to him. Left behind his beloved sister Martha Jenner (McKeown) and dedicated brother-in-law Todd Jenner whom he resided with over the past 10 years in Ruthven, Ontario. Uncle of Kathleen Jenner (Windsor), Stephen Jenner (Toronto) who he thought the world of.

Steve was a happy Guy! He loved to be with his family, many friends and neighbors. Steve touched so many people with his kindness and he will never be forgotten.



GRACE ALMA MCKINLAY

Grace Alma McKinlay (nee Fraser) passed away peacefully at the age of 90 at Meaford Hospital with family by her side, on March 3, 2021. Born in Coboconk, Ontario on February 18, 1931, Alma was the seventh

of eight children, daughter of the late Reverend James M. and M. Rebecca (Hogg) Fraser.

Alma was predeceased by Harvie, her cherished husband of 55 years, in 2010.

She was the loving mother of Duncan (Susan) McKinlay of Ravenna, Emily (Bruce) Sinclair of Goderich, Jonathan (Ada) McKinlay of Ravenna and Anna (Bruce) Paterson of Ravenna. Alma was predeceased by baby Edward M. McKinlay on December 3, 1968. She was the beloved Grandma of Jenny Cornell (Kevin), Mary Hindle (Jason), Robert McKinlay (Rachel), Brian Sinclair (Jenna), Laurie Hakkers (Jeff), Scott Sinclair (Danielle), Shawn McKinlay, Holly McKinlay, Ryan McKinlay (Kate), Matthew Paterson, and Sarah Paterson. She was the wonderful 'Grandma-Great' of Paige, Addie, Eva, Mae, Jack, Grace, Isabel, Leda, Jordan, Ellie, Adalyn, Ellie, Cora, and Fraser. Alma is fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

Alma had fond memories of growing up in Trout Creek and made lifelong friends in Walters Falls, communities where her father served as the United Church minister. She attended Toronto Normal School and trained at Shaw Business School, after which she taught for a short time. She moved to the United Church Parsonage in Ravenna in 1948 with her family as her father was the new Minister. She met Harvie and they settled at Farview Farms to raise their family.

Alma was a poet and a dreamer, a historian and a storyteller who published several books of her own work and contributed to documenting local history. She was a teacher, nurturer, and caregiver, tending to all from small creatures dragged in by a child or farmer to friends and strangers in need. She was a singer who shared her voice with all from private quiet moments with babies, grandbabies, and great grandbabies to a longstanding place in the Grace United Church choir. She was a leader in her community through her long and active role in Ravenna and district Women's Institute. Alma was the secretary at Grace United Church in Thornbury for many years, a role she embraced and thoroughly enjoyed. She had immense pride and love for her family and her community. She was a huge supporter of the Beaver Valley Fall Fair, each year entering baking, canning and photographs. She took as much pleasure in seeing the entries of neighbours and friends as she did ribbons on her own.

Alma was a person who could find the joy and the gift in any circumstance. She had a unique ability to be in the present moment and engage into it in the fullest. We have all been richly blessed for having had Alma in our lives and we carry our memories close.

McKinlay, G. Alma, "Brightness in the Dark" Farview Fancies 1977, Ron Cundy Printing, 1977, p. 4.

Brightness in the Dark

Nature likes to compensate
for days that are dark...
Robin's bright red breast
as he sings like a lark
Golden dandelions
filling up a field
A bright sunny carpet
through the skies
no sunbeams yield.
Winter-white carpets
of snow on the ground
Reflect bits of moonlight
all around
Providing brightness
with mirror lights
To make up for darkness
of long winter nights.

A private family graveside service will be conducted at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery. Alma's life will be celebrated at a later date when friends and family are able to gather safely.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the United Church Mission and Service Fund would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca





BMRA Town Talks: "Council's Next Chapter"

As part of our mission to proactively keep BMRA members and community residents informed and engaged on important issues, we held a virtual Town Talks event on March 16th. "Council's Next Chapter" was focused on expectations of our Town Council over the remainder of their term.

At the session, BMRA Board and Sub Committee members responded to questions posed by members on a variety of topics:

Land Purchases:

- The town has purchased land in the west near Goldsmiths on Highway 26. What are their plans for building a multi-purpose Community Hub on the property, and what issues will need to be addressed before the project could proceed?
- What are the other plans for the additional acreage the town purchased in Thornbury?

Development and Infrastructure:

- What is the Town doing to control the pace of development?
- Can our infrastructure and services keep up with our growth?
- Is an alternate route going to be developed to take volume off Highway 26 from Collingwood to Thornbury?

County Relationship:

- While it's nice to make deputations the fact that no one will hear them speaks volumes – these inequities have existed for a long time – the real question is what other options are available to the ratepayers that may be more impactful and urgent?
- The understanding is that Grey Council was asked to establish a fiscal and budget review committee. Did Grey Council ever move this forward as an item and where do we stand today?
- Do we know whether we get fair value for the tax dollars we send to the County, and will that improve in the future?
- Will the Provincial government be engaged to try to address this inequity?
- Do we have a voice at Grey County when it comes to gaining access to health care services?

Town Diversity:

- How can Council, during its remaining term, encourage diversity, ageing in place, affordable rents, invite youth to remain and contribute to TBM?

Budget:

- Is the town managing its finances responsibly and is there evidence to support or refute that?
- Where has the town increased spending and why?

Attainable Housing / Gateway Project:

- Do we have clarity yet on the capital budget and financial projections for the Gateway project?

High Speed Internet:

- Is there an update on high-speed Internet in the area?
- What exactly is RABIT and how does this tie into the high-speed Internet issues?

Water Use & Treatment:

- What progress and further steps are being taken to track the use of all water being treated by Blue Mountains?
- How much water usage continues to be unaccounted for?

A recording of the discussion held to address these questions can be found on BMRA.ca.

Look for another BMRA Town Talks session in late April. We will be exploring key planning issues in the Town of Blue Mountains.

Please send any development related questions you may want to raise to info@bmrateratepayers.com.

Renew your membership today at www.bmra.ca/join-renew

The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month, taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario.

For more information, call 519-599-5846.



Things to do in your garden in April

- Cut down perennials and grasses. Put cuttings on your compost.
- Remove any weeds and add them to this year's compost pile.
- Prepare garden beds for planting by digging-in compost, well-rotted manure (if you can get it) and other organic material around your plants.
- Remove rose protection, prune and apply dormant spray before the buds break.
- Treat birch trees against leaf miner.
- Start planting trees, shrubs, perennials and biennials as soon as the soil warms up.
- Plant seeds of cool weather vegetables such as peas, spinach, lettuce, onions, beets and frost resistance annuals like larkspur, sweet peas and calendulas outside.
- Once the lawn has dried and no longer shows your footprint, rake to remove winter thatch, repair any damage and sow grass seed on bare spots.
- Consider aerating your lawn if it is old and compacted.
- Fertilize your lawn with slow-release fertilizer. It's more expensive, but worth it for a greener lawn all summer long.
- Apply pre-emergence crabgrass herbicide, if required, to stop last year's seeds from sprouting.
- Check your lawn mower and other power tools to make sure they start and the mower is sharp.
- Start lawn mowing only when needed.
- Organize your compost pile. Move uncomposted material from last year to start a new pile. Use last year's compost on all your beds.

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Although trees go into dormancy in winter, Tree Trust TBM has been very active! We have four announcements:

First, we are excited to announce our first tree for the 2021 season. Many residents got in touch with Tree Trust to nominate a very special sugar maple in the Thornbury Union Cemetery and, as a result, we have chosen this tree as our first this year for conservation care. On Friday morning, April 30th, weather permitting, we will have a celebration at the Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery on Russel Street in Thornbury. Please join us to watch Tree Trust certified arborists perform their aerial tree climbing and expert care. Mark the date in your calendars! Final details will be shared in the Review and the TreeTrust.ca FB <https://www.facebook.com/treetrusttrees/>.

Second, Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club is supporting Tree Trust TBM by contributing \$3,000 towards the cost of four trees this year; an aspiring but do-able goal provided we can successfully raise matching funds. It's a big step for Tree Trust TBM to have stable sponsorship from TC Rotary and we are grateful for their support. Colin Clarke, President of T-C Rotary notes, "supporting Tree Trust's activities helps meet an official cause of Rotary; Protecting the Environment, by supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources and advance ecological sustainability. Tree Trust will continue fundraising from residents to match this important sponsorship and we welcome your contributions. You can donate via our website: www.treetrust.ca

Third, if you haven't heard already, the TBM Sustainability Fund accepted our application for a local native tree seedling nursery! This project will get launched during the summer (selecting and preparing the nursery site) and fall (collecting seeds for germination). There is a lot of resident excitement and offers of support for this project. Stay tuned!

Finally – the idea of Tree Trust as a community-driven project to conserve older, legacy trees is growing rapidly, resulting in an expanding list of nominated trees, new ideas like the local seedling nursery and new communities: Tree Trust Meaford will be launching with their first tree in early summer, a 180-year-old sugar maple located in Meaford's Lakeview cemetery.

For more information, contact: Betty Muise, Tree Trust TBM Program Manager, Bettymuise1@gmail.com



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Local Organization Celebrates

by Vicki Kellar, a Past President of The Beaver Valley Probud Club

For some people 20 years is a short period and for others a long time. But for the Beaver Valley Probud Club, based in Thornbury, it is an important anniversary.

PROBUS clubs are organizations for men and women who are retired or semi-retired and want to maintain a social network with others who have similar interests. Each PROBUS club is sponsored by a Rotary club or another PROBUS Club and meets usually once a month for fellowship and to hear guest speakers. While many members are also involved with numerous charitable groups, this club retains its non-fundraising focus. Retirement is the beginning of a rewarding period for those who wish to remain active and today there are over 400,000 members in approximately 4,000 PROBUS clubs worldwide. Probud first started in Canada in 1987 and currently there are 256 established Clubs with 40,060 members.

Twenty years ago Jim Hamilton, a Past President of the Blue Mountain Probud Club, asked the Thornbury/Clarksburg Rotary Club to sponsor a Probud Club in Thornbury. A notice was placed in the local newspaper explaining what Probud was all about and inviting people to come to a meeting at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. The goal was to confirm the interest in establishing a new club and if it should just be for men or women or both.

75 chairs were set out, but 180 people showed up. Jim Hamilton, with his strong high school principal's voice, chaired the meeting. At the end, by a solid show of hands, it was decided to have a combined men and women's Probud Club. From that auspicious start The Beaver Valley Probud Club has grown into the largest individual Club in both Canada and the World, with a cap of 600 participants.

Members come from all over including The Blue Mountains, Meaford and west, to the Beaver Valley and Collingwood areas. With approximately 30 different Interest Groups the members can participate in everything from Hiking to various Book Clubs, Paddle Boarding, Scrabble, Computer activities and many others. Although the current pandemic has put restrictions on meetings and interest activities, some groups, like Euchre, is continuing online. Snowshoeing and Winter Walkers are currently operating with group size limits (and masks of course). Ski Legends, the inter-Club group, has been popular for local, Canadian and international ski trips.

20th Anniversary celebrations are also continuing throughout the year on a lower key until we can all receive our vaccines and return to socializing. For further information the public is welcome to check out our web site at www.beavervalleyprobud.com



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Town Seeks Feedback on Municipal Tree By-Law Updates

For more information, please contact: [Travis Sandberg](mailto:Travis.Sandberg@thebluemountains.ca)
treebylaw@thebluemountains.ca 519-599-3131 ext. 283

The Town of The Blue Mountains has launched a public survey to gain feedback from residents regarding updates to the current Municipal Tree Preservation By-Law 2010-68. The purpose of the survey is to gain feedback regarding the Town's role in tree protection and preservation in the community.

The survey can be accessed by visiting the project webpage:
www.yourview.thebluemountains.ca/municipal-tree-by-law-update

The proposed tree by-law will be presented at a future Public Meeting and will give another opportunity for the public and stakeholders to provide comments. No decision will be made until both the Town Council and the County of Grey Council have considered all comments received.

In May 2017, Bill 68, entitled Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, was enacted by the provincial government and requires all municipalities to adopt and maintain policies to protect and enhance the municipal tree canopy by March 1, 2019. While the existing policies and by-laws currently in place meet the legislative requirements of Bill 68, Council is seeking to establish additional policies to further increase tree preservation and canopy enhancement in the Town.

In July of 2019, the Town hosted a Public Meeting to obtain public feedback on proposed revisions to the Municipal Tree Preservation By-law 2010-68, as is currently in force and effect.

In order to extend interim protections on tree cutting on select private properties within the community. Comments received at the Public Meeting were generally supportive of the proposed revisions. However, as a result of additional comments received prior to the proposed revised by-law being considered by the Committee of the Whole, a Public Open House was scheduled to take place in the spring of 2020 to receive further feedback from the public. This Public Open House was cancelled due to COVID-19 in March 2020.

The project's community engagement will focus on whether or not the Town should take a more active role in the protection of a wider range of trees within the municipality, potentially including those located on privately owned properties. Input and comments received from the public will help to guide the scope and direction of any future policies and/or by-law up-dates regarding tree preservation in the Town.



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