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Tree Trust TBM is a charitable organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing our tree canopy.

Email to tbm@treetrust.ca for more information or go to the Tree Trust website at www.treetrust.ca.

Beaver Valley Fall Fair

Friday September 8, 5-9pm, Saturday September 9, 9am-4pm

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Questions? Contact barry.tatchell@rogers.com or call/text 416-505-4517 sign up online on the volunteer page at tcrotary.ca

Grey County Council has approved an updated housing action plan

"Grey County is experiencing a housing supply and affordability crisis. The health and sustainability of our communities depends on having enough housing available that is affordable for individuals and families of all income levels. The updated housing action plan will guide our efforts to bring more attainable and affordable homes to Grey County," said Grey County Warden Brian Milne.

Local data shows there is a lack of available housing, particularly rental units, for households earning below the median income of \$78,000 per year. Locally, the rental vacancy rate is below 2% and average rental units are now being offered at upwards of \$1850 per month plus utilities. For ownership housing, prices have risen dramatically in recent years and interest rates and overall inflation have pushed homeownership out of reach for many households. Many existing homeowners are also experiencing affordability challenges because of these factors.

The housing supply and affordability crisis in Canada is complex. Many contributing factors, such as interest rates, construction labour availability, federal and provincial policy frameworks, supply chain issues and materials costs, are beyond municipal control. The Grey County Housing Action Plan focuses on areas where municipalities can have an impact.

Collaboration with local municipalities is central to the updated plan. By working together, Grey County municipalities can create complimentary policies and coordinate infrastructure planning with development. Municipalities can also examine local permissions and enforcement mechanisms which may be a barrier to new housing creation and can work to make approval processes more efficient.

English Country Dancing!

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Questions? Contact Lorraine Sutton at lorrainesutton7@gmail.com.

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Other tools municipalities can consider are local fees like development charges, tax rates, and the creation of incentives and deferrals to attract certain types of housing.

In total, the plan contains 19 actions. These actions are targeted at the County, municipalities, local non-profit housing organizations, developers, and community partners. Some of the new actions include:

- Creating a guidebook to make it easier for property owners and municipalities to develop additional residential units in homes.
- Exploring innovative funding models and tools to build affordable housing.
- Hosting a housing forum to educate on barriers to housing, housing need, pricing, sustainable growth, financing tools and more.
- Starting a Community of Practice with participation from each local municipality to discuss issues and share resources.
- Reviewing and improving local planning processes to streamline the development process.
- Advocating to upper levels of government for more tools, support and funding.
- Collecting and sharing data to track housing need and affordable unit creation.
- Working with school boards, Georgian College and local employers to enhance skilled trades programs.
- Creating green development standards to enhance the sustainability of new builds.

The updated action plan also notes five additional opportunities that could be explored in the future. These include advocating for changes to Ontario Build Code, preparing a comprehensive discussion paper about potential rural lot creation policy updates, celebrating and promoting the efforts developers undertake to build affordable or attainable housing and more.

Grey County first created a housing action plan in 2020 under the direction of the Affordable Housing Task Force. The plan was created in response to rising housing costs and limited availability of housing that is affordable.

The complete updated Grey County Housing Action Plan can be found on Grey.ca. If you have questions about the plan, please email communications@grey.ca.

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Grey County Council Committee of the Whole Highlights August 10th

Council heard a presentation from Ryan Mallough of the Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses (CFIB). Mr. Mallough spoke to the challenges businesses have faced during the pandemic and recent years. Thousands of businesses received loans through the Canada Emergency Business Account during the pandemic and these loans are due by the end of the year. Mr. Mallough asked Grey County to support CFIB in requesting the loan repayment deadline be extended, noting the significant impact it would have on small businesses across the country. Council voted to send a letter of support to local MPs and the federal ministry. Grey County will also help make local businesses aware of the CFIB petition.

Grey County recently participated in the Intelligent Communities Forum Intelligent Community of the Year program. Grey County finished in the Top21, becoming a member of a global network of intelligent communities. The Intelligent Communities Forum researches how communities use information and technology to build inclusive prosperity, solve social problems and enrich quality of life.

Council supported updates to the Grey County Housing Action Plan. Updates were developed with input from municipal staff at all Grey County local municipalities. Collaboration is an important pillar of success for the plan which includes 19 actions and five potential new opportunities. As part of the plan, Grey County has created the Affordable Housing Fund with annual contributions equal to 1% of the levy, reviewed potential surplus lands that could be used for housing projects, development charge deferrals and exemptions for qualifying affordable builds and more.

Council received the comprehensive deployment review of Grey County paramedic services. The review uses data and modeling to project future needs for paramedic services across the County. Call volumes have increased by over 33% in the past five years and are projected to increase 68% over the next 10 years. Staff will create a long-term capital and financial plan to support the recommendations of the review. These recommendations include adding additional staff hours and bases in the communities of Feversham, Ayton, Thornbury, Cobble Beach and Holstein, and reconstructing the base in Durham.

Council received the findings of the five-year council compensation review. This review is completed to ensure councillor compensation is set at a level that aligns with similar municipalities. Council voted to set compensation at the 50th percentile of comparators. This works out to \$24,250, or approximately \$2,700 more than current compensation. This places Council no further ahead or behind other comparable municipalities. Council will consider the impact of this adjustment with the 2024 budget.

www.grey.ca

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Emergency First Aid Training (EFAT) as a Red Cross affiliate, has provided training in CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator) to individuals and businesses throughout the area. EFAT knows that emergencies can happen at any time, and they are proud to teach the lifesaving skills necessary to respond quickly and with confidence.

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2023 Grants and Donations Program Now Accepting Applications

The Town of The Blue Mountains Council is pleased to announce that the 2023 Grants and Donations Program is now accepting applications. The deadline for applications is Friday, September 8, 2023.

The Town offers an annual Grants and Donations Program that allows Community Groups and Organizations to apply for funding or subsidizations for any Town-owned facilities.

The Grants and Donations Committee will make recommendations to Council during the week of October 16, 2023, and Council will consider the recommendation of the Grants and Donations Committee on November 6, 2023. All applicants will be updated via email throughout the consideration process.

Community Grants at www.thebluemoorntains.ca or contact:
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Community Foundation Grey Bruce invite you to visit their website to learn more about the projects and organizations that are eligible to request up to \$3,000 in grant support. Applications are now open and being accepted through the online granting portal. **The deadline is September 15, 2023.** cfgb.ca

Contact Grants & Donor Relations Coordinator Jennifer Isber-Legge at 519-371-7203 to ensure your project is eligible for funding before filling out an application form or email jen.legge@cfgb.ca

Applicants are required to read the criteria before filling out an application form. Criteria may vary from year to year.

Has your organization applied for a grant in the past? - when you reach the granting portal, please sign in with your password. If you have forgotten the password, please set a new one. If you need to add a new contact for your organization, please email or call the Grants and Donor Relations Coordinator 519-371-7203 jen.legge@cfgb.ca

Has your organization not applied to this portal before? - when you reach the granting portal, follow the easy-to-understand instructions to set up an account.

Community Foundation Grey Bruce is mandated by the Canada Revenue Agency and is allowed to only grant to registered charities or qualified donees.

Community Grant applications may be submitted by charities registered with CRA or by non profit organizations with a qualified donee sponsor.

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Notice of Public Meeting

A **Public Meeting** to consider these matters has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 9:30 am.

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0
OR Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Application for Consent to Sever

Property Location: 415115 10th Line (CON 10 N PT LOT 2)

What is being proposed?

The purpose of this application is to consider a request for consent for a lot creation. The effect of the application is to sever approximately 23,674 sq.m from the subject lands and to create a new lot for the purpose of conservation. The retained lot would be 7,082 sq.m in size and would maintain 71 m of frontage on 10th Line. The new lot would be 23,674 sq.m and have approximately 3 m of frontage on 10th Line. Visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/10thLine

Application for Consent to Sever

Property Location: 795534 The Blue Mountains – Clearview Townline (COLLINGWOOD CON 1 PT LOTS 7 TO 9 PT RD ALLOW)

What is being proposed?

The purpose of this application is to consider a request for consent for a new trail easement. The effect of the application is to convey approximately 795 sq.m from the subject lands to allow the Bruce Trail Conservancy to secure a link for the Bruce Trail Optimum Route and protect the land for conservation purposes. The Osler Bluff Ski Club will retain approximately 163.70 hectares. No development of a structure is being proposed. Visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/10thLine

Application for Amendments to By-laws Impacted by Bill 23 and Bill 109

What is being proposed?

Bill 23: More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and Bill 109: More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 have resulted in major changes in the practice of land-use planning across Ontario. The focus of the proposed public meeting will be to consider possible amendments to various by-laws that are either directly impacted by the two new Acts or indirectly based on tightening statutory timelines and increased risks faced by municipality in light of the emphasis on creating a more efficient approval process.

- Amendments are to be considered for the following by-laws:
- By-law 2021-61 Being a By-law detailing certain Delegation of Powers and Duties by the Municipality
- By-law 2010-57 Being a By-law to establish a Site Plan Control Area
- By-law 2009-55 Being a By-law to Require Applicants to Consult with the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains Prior to Submission of a Development Application
- By-law 2003-31 Being a By-law to require the conveyance of land for park or other public recreational purposes to the municipality as a condition of development or redevelopment.

Where do I find more information?

For more information about these matters, including information about appeal rights, a detailed notice, key maps, draft amendments (if proposed), and other relevant information, visit the associated project page on the Town website www.thebluemountains.ca.

THE BLUE PRINT OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

Phase 2 of the Official Plan Review project is now underway!

Public Survey Now Open

The Official Plan Review and Community Design Survey seeks input regarding community design elements, including character and design, community services, housing, climate change, parks, trails and open space.


The survey will be open until August 13, 2023. Paper copies are available at Town Hall and The Blue Mountains Public Library or by request by calling (519) 599-3131 ext. 263.

Take the survey by scanning the QR code or by visiting:
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Town of The Blue Mountains Public Appointments to Town Fence Viewer Committee, 2022 – 2026

The Town of The Blue Mountains is seeking applications, in the form of letters of interest, from members of the public for 5 public appointments to the Fence Viewer Committee. The committee appointment runs concurrent with the term of Council, being 2022 – 2026.

Applicants are encouraged to include background information and any special qualifications regarding fence viewing. Fence Viewers are paid \$20 per hour, plus mileage, to participate in a Fence Viewing in accordance with the Town of The Blue Mountains Fees and Charges By-law 2023-14. More information regarding the Line Fences Act and the responsibilities of Fence Viewers, is available via the Town of The Blue Mountains website www.thebluemountains.ca/town-hall/council-committees/committees-council/fence-viewers-committee and the Province of Ontario website www.ontario.ca/page/line-fences-act

Applications should be submitted no later than **Wednesday, August 23, 1:00 p.m.** to:

Town of The Blue Mountains
Attention: Town Clerk
32 Mill Street
Thornbury, Ontario N0H 2P0
townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Questions regarding the Committee can be directed to Corrina Giles, Town Clerk at 519-599-3131 ext. 232.

Personal information provided by the applicant is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for the purpose of candidate selection. The Town of The Blue Mountains is an equal opportunity organization. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

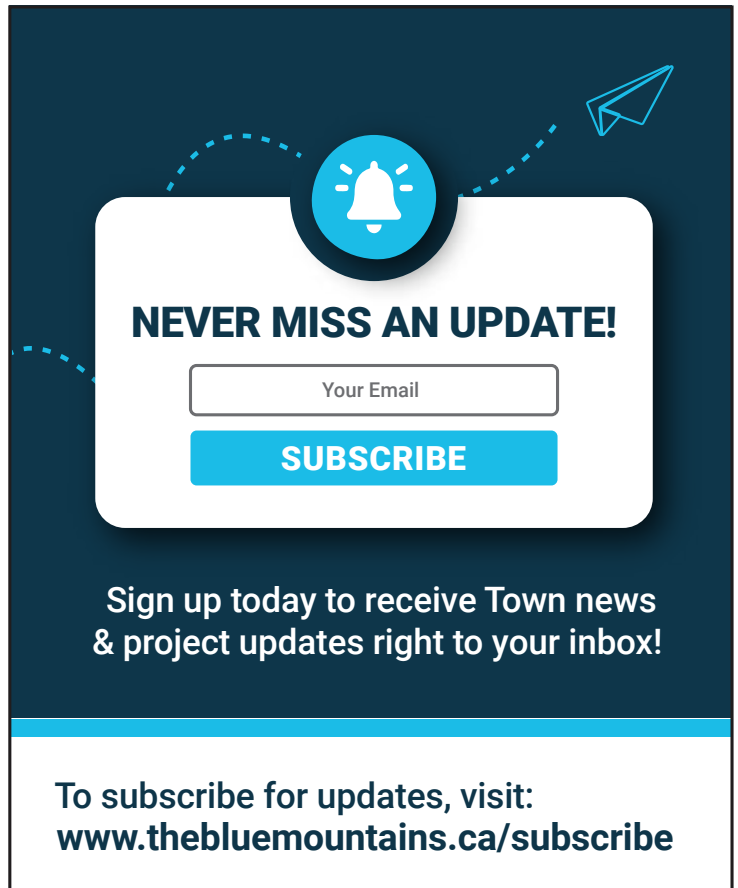
This document can be made available in other accessible formats upon request and as soon as practicable.

Future 2023 Council and Committee Meetings:

- Council, August 28, 2023
- Council, Public Meeting, August 29, 2023
*Note: This meeting may be cancelled if not required.
- Committee of the Whole, September 5, 2023
- Committee of the Whole, September 11, 2023

All meetings are at the Town Hall, 32 Mill Street and Virtual at this time. Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings are live-streamed on the Town's website.

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BVO Kids Club Returns

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BVO Kids Club provides daily activities and relationships that offer opportunities for the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development and growth of each child in a safe and nurturing environment. The program will run Monday to Friday from 3:15 pm to 6 pm (8 am to 5:30 pm on PD days).

Interested parents need to register for same days each week and have completed paperwork in to Kids Club to ensure a confirmed spot.

For more information and registration, please visit bvo.ca/kids-club/ email kidsclub@bvo.ca or call 519-599-2190 (until Sept. 4), 226-668-2920 (Sept. 5).

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Feasibility Assessment – Regional Consideration

On August 14 at the Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council received Staff Report CSOPS.23.050, entitled “Feasibility Assessment – Regional Consideration”; which asked Council to direct staff to collaborate with staff from the Town of Collingwood regarding a blending of resources to accomplish a feasibility assessment that incorporates both municipalities’ needs.

Overview

This report is requesting direction from Council to collaborate with the Town of Collingwood on a multi-use recreation facility feasibility assessment that will provide recommendations to both communities regarding recreation facility needs.

In discussions between staff at the Town of The Blue Mountains and Collingwood, the complimentary timing and concurrent direction of each department’s Master Plan indicated that, at the very least, direction from each municipal Council would be desirable before launching independent Request for Proposal to consult on concurrent activities. Everything from a clearer regional assessment of needs to potential upper tier funding in the future, supports the concept of a collaborative approach.

However, feasible outcomes may yield a range of possibilities that include recommendations to distribute recreation activity between the two communities in reflection of localized municipal priorities, that each municipality pursue their own specific agenda regardless of the other, that there be further consultation with other adjoining municipalities, or a single combined facility.

It is recognized that some of these outcomes may present challenging prospects for Councils to work with as residents may desire all services within local boundaries.

Even recognizing potential efficiencies, and the elevated quality potentials with a distributed or shared approach, comes with important considerations around equitable investment in facility governance and operations and a longer-term collaborative partnership between communities.

In recognizing the close nature, geographically and culturally, between the Town of The Blue Mountains and Collingwood, and that overlap in services provided to each other’s constituency exists today, staff felt it was appropriate to offer the option of a regional approach. (full report on the Council agenda for August 14th CSOPS.23.050)



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121 Arthur Taylor Lane Working Group

from Staff Report FAF.23.117 Report

Council received a formal deputation from Tom Kritsch at the May 29, 2023, Council meeting that included the generous offer of portions of two (2) pieces of property owned by the Kritsch family. These two (2) pieces of property are identified as follows:

1. 417248 10th Line
2. 121 Arthur Taylor Lane

The Working Group for 121 Arthur Taylor Lane met on July 5, 2023 with the following participants in attendance: Tom Kritsch, Don Grant (Kritsch Family Representative), Councillor Ardiel (Chair), Councillor Maxwell, Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer (Staff Resource - Scribe)

As a result of this meeting, the following information was gathered along with the mutually agreed upon recommendation that the best future use of portions of 121 Arthur Taylor Lane would be an Attainable Housing Project.

The future use could be further considered and supported through fulsome collaboration with Grey County, the Province of Ontario, and a variety of interested and committed community and regional stakeholders to create a vision and implementation plan for the property.

This plan would consider how the land could be laid out to determine which specific portion of the land the Town would receive as a donation along with how an additional twenty-five (25) acres of land could be acquired to expand a potential development.

Opportunities and Potential Uses of 121 Arthur Taylor Lane

1. Mr. Kritsch noted that the Town has the opportunity to consider accepting the donation of twenty-five (25) acres and to further consider the purchase of an additional twenty-five acres of the total seventy-four (74) acres of the property. This option would result in the Town owning fifty (50) acres of the total seventy-four (74) acres with the Kritsch family retaining the remaining twenty-four (24) acres for their future use which at this time is undetermined. There is merit in considering this option as it would allow the Town to develop a more robust long-term vision for the property.
2. At this point, the exact location of the donated twenty-five (25) acres has not been determined. It was suggested that consulting with professionals could help determine how best to develop the property, including the additional twenty-five (25) acres, based on a variety of future critical design elements.
3. The property is currently unserviced and contains a variety of Land Use Zoning that include the following:
 - a. Special Agriculture
 - b. Agriculture
 - c. Development
 - d. Hazard
4. The opportunity exists to preserve and protect a very significant tree inventory contained within the property. A number of significant Oak trees are located on the property. One Oak tree, in particular, is located in the center of the property and is estimated to be 225 years old. A number of other Oak trees are located along the north boundary of the property and are estimated to be between 120 – 150 years old. Staff suggest that an opportunity exists to engage with the Tree Trust to preserve and protect, and potentially celebrate, these trees in the future.

The Working Group also benefitted from learning that the former apple orchard on the property was commonly known as “Oak Lane Orchards” reflecting on the oaks located on the property.

5. There is an existing connection to the Beaver River Trail that runs along the northern boundary of the property that abuts an existing unopened road allowance that is owned by the Town. This unopened road allowance could provide additional access to 121 Arthur Taylor Lane via Alice Street East and Wellington Street South.

The overall property (74 acres) consists of four (4) different zoning designations:

- a) Agriculture: 10.58 acres representing 14.28% of the total property
- b) Hazard: 9.28 acres representing 12.46% of the total property
- c) Development: 4.91 acres representing 6.63% of the total property
- d) Special Agriculture: 49.47 acres representing 66.73% of the total property

Recommendation:

That Council approve the recommendations contained within the report relating to the Town accepting the donation of twenty-five (25) acres of the 121 Arthur Taylor Lane property and actively collaborating with Grey County and the Province of Ontario with the intention of utilizing a significant portion of these lands for a future Attainable Housing Project;

and that Council endorse further negotiations with the Kritsch family to acquire an additional twenty-five (25) acres of the total seventy-four (74) acres of 121 Arthur Taylor Lane that further prioritizes the development of increasing the range and stock of housing within the Town;

and that Council approve an upset limit of \$75,000 to proceed with the initiation of future land transfers and acquisitions specific to the donation portion of the transactions along with retaining services of appropriate professionals to initiate a visioning process for the two (2) properties being 121 Arthur Taylor Lane and 417248 10th Line.

FAF.23.117
Attachment 1

121 Arthur Taylor Lane - 30 ha / 74 Ac



Zone

- Development (D)
- Hazard (H)
- Agricultural (A)
- Special Agricultural (SA)

Zone	Acres	Hectares	% Coverage
A	10.58	4.28	14.28%
SA	49.47	20.02	66.73%
H	9.23	3.74	12.46%
D	4.91	1.99	6.63%

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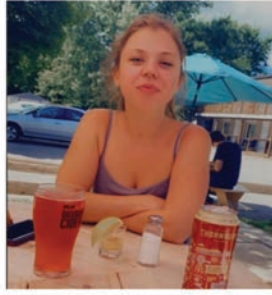
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ROAD 2 RECOVERY

On **Thurs. August 24th**, 'Ruck 2 Remember' participants will be at our branch, at the start of this year's event. Starting Friday morning, teams will hike 70km over 2 days, carrying 25 or 35lb rucksacks, and compete in a variety of team competitions, in Wiarton, on Sunday.

The 'Ruck' raises funds specifically for homeless veterans. Join us for a BBQ to send the teams on their way and perhaps donate to their worthy cause.

*Open at 3pm, **BBQ at 5pm.***

Donations can be made at the branch or by mail to the Royal Canadian Legion Br281, Box 268, Clarksburg, N0H 1J0 – payable to RCL Br281 or 'The Joe Sweeney Fund' and with "R2R'23" in the memo line.

Details at www.ruck2remember.com/road-2-recovery/



Final Concert
Sunday,
August 27
 6-8pm



Cash Bar & BBQ
 on the patio at the
Marsh Street Centre
Clarksburg
 Tickets \$20
 available at

Thornbury Pharmasave
 marshstreetcentre.com
 or call 519-599-3345
 (bring lawnchair)



MUSICINTHEPARK.CA 519-599-3345

Tree Trust Expert Tree Care Day

On Friday, September 1, from 9 to 11 am (weather permitting), you are invited to watch the Tree Trust TBM arborist team perform their way-up-high tree climbing dance as they care for a lovely old sugar maple tree at 19 Elgin St. S. on the east side of Thornbury.



Senior's Fair by the Bay

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 6
10 AM - 2 PM

BAYVIEW PARK
106 Bay St E, Thornbury

Enjoy refreshments and learn about local senior services, transportation, housing and recreation.

Funding Provided By:



The Voice of Older Adult Centres
 La voix des centres pour aînés



FREE TRANSPORTATION
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CONTACT: BVO
SENIORS@BVO.CA
519-599-2577, EXT 6

REGISTRATION FOR EXHIBITORS CLOSSES AUGUST 18
 Email: seniorsnetworkbluemountains@gmail.com

(Rain Location Beaver Valley Community Centre)

FREE COMMUNITY CORN ROAST

St. George's Anglican Church
166 Russell St. E.
Clarksburg



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2
4:30 UNTIL 7:00 PM

FREE HOT DOGS, CORN, ICE CREAM TREATS
 Cash Bar by the Beaver Valley Legion
Historical Church Tours · Kids can ring the bell!
 Bring a lawn chair and reusable water bottle

Donations accepted for The Blue Mountains Cenotaph Enhancement Project for new Memorial Markers to Honour the Canadian Forces, RCMP and First Responders



GREY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



"GROW WITH US"

PLANT SALE

**NATIVES, POLLINATORS,
HARD-TO-FINDS & MORE!**



Meaford Rotary Harbour Pavilion
SATURDAY, SEPT., 9 | 9am-1pm
 greycountymastergardeners.com

ASK A MASTER GARDENER | DEMONSTRATIONS | KIDS CORNER



Save the Date

Fri. Sept. 8th & Sat. Sept. 9th

There is so much to see and do at your local Fall Fair!

Now is the time to start planning your entries. If you can grow it or make it, you can enter it! The Fall Fair Book is available for pick up at The Blue Mountains Library, Hindle's Hardware and Thornbury Pharmasave.

Or visit our website at <http://www.beavervalleyfallfair.ca/classes-competitions.cfm>.

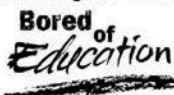
Events and exhibits include:

Friday evening starting at 6pm – Classic Championship Wrestling, beer garden, food trucks, live music

Saturday starting at 10am – Pet Show (thank you to EFL for judging this class), [Active K9 Agility](#) dog agility demonstrations, Tom Bishop's Wild West Show, [Soper Creek Wildlife](#), Excavator Challenge for the big and little people, Draft Horse Demonstrations, Antique Tractor Show, Horse Drawn Carriage rides, live music, beer garden and food trucks.

The Fair will end with a Roast Beef Dinner prepared by Chef Chris Boland. Tickets available at the door until sold out and live music supplied by Bored of Education so be prepared to spend the entire day at the Fair, we've got you covered!

fallfairbeavervalley@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook & Instagram – Beaver Valley Fall Fair



BEAVER VALLEY FALL FAIR TIMELINE

Friday September 8th

- 9:00 am - Noon Community Centre opens for exhibit entries
- 5:00 pm Admission gates, food trucks & beer garden open
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm Classic Championship Wrestling Shows
- 7:00 pm Senior & Junior Ambassador Competition results
- 8:00 - 11:00 pm Live Music

Saturday September 9th

- 10:00 am - 5:00 Face Painting; Food Trucks; Petting Zoo
- Rock climbing wall; Mechanical bull
- Chain saw carving; Antique tractor display
- Kids Micro Excavator & Mini Excavator challenge
- Pet Show
- 10:00 am Soper Creek Wildlife Exhibit (Small Hall)
- 10:30 am Dog Agility Show (Ball Diamond)
- 11:00 am Beer Garden opens
- 11:00 am Tom Bishop's Wild West Show (Ball Diamond)
- 12:00 noon Draft Horse Demonstration (Moreau Park)
- 12:00 noon Horse drawn carriage rides
- 12:00 noon Soper Creek Wildlife Exhibit (Small Hall)
- 1:00 - 4:00 pm Live Music
- 1:00 pm Dog Agility Show (Ball Diamond)
- 1:00 pm Light Horse Show (Ball Diamond)
- 1:00 pm Apple Peeling Contest (Inside)
- 1:30 pm Tom Bishop's Wild West Show (Ball Diamond)
- 3:00 pm Soper Creek Wildlife Exhibit (Small Hall)
- 3:00 pm Tom Bishop's Wild West Show (Ball Diamond)
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm Roast Beef Dinner with Chef Chris Boland
- 5:00 - 8:00 pm Live Music - Bored of Education



Tickets \$25

Events for Life High Tea & Hats

*Wednesday September 13th
10:30 am to 12 noon AND
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm*

Prizes for best hat

Silent Auction Items

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

Tickets will go on sale at www.eventsfor.life Monday August 21st



WSC Parkinson's Charity Golf Tournament

DUNTROON HIGHLANDS
GOLF | CAFE | TRAILS | RETREAT



Come out and have some fun while supporting a great cause!



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

- \$225 per player includes lunch, golf, cart, and practice range golf balls & snacks after golf (cash bar)
- Arrive 12noon
- 12:30pm SHOTGUN START
- Purchase tickets at www.livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca
- \$100 tax receipt issued online

Proceeds from this event will fund fitness & social programs; speaker series and advocacy for people with PD in South Georgian Bay.



2024 Town Budget Update

Staff have been working on compiling both financial and non-financial information that will have an impact on the 2024 budget. The analysis section looks at the various internal and external factors that will impact the tax levy as well as the consumption charges for water and wastewater.

Analysis Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

The Town's Compensation Administration Program Policy states that annual COLA be based on July's Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI). The July CPI will be released on August 15th therefore staff are basing estimates on the June CPI at 2.8%. CPI has seen a decline in the previous months, with May CPI being 3.4% and April at 4.4%. The policy outlines that COLA will be between 1.5% and 3% and a minimum and maximum, staff are forecasting the increase to fall within this range. For every 1% increase to COLA there is roughly a 0.5% impact on the tax levy and 0.5% impact on both water and wastewater consumption fees.

Solid Waste Collection Contract

Starting on October 1, 2023, the Province is taking over collecting recycling (blue and grey boxes) and the Town will still be required to collect garbage and organics. Staff initiated a tender in early 2023 which has resulted in a substantial increase to the solid waste contract costs. Operations staff are bringing forward a report to outline options to potentially decrease these costs. Currently the new solid waste collection contract will have a 3.79% increase to the 2024 tax levy.

Asset Management Reserve Fund Transfers

Staff have started to rely on the Non-Residential Building Construction Price Index to index annual transfers to asset management reserve funds; this is the same index used for annually indexing Development Charges. Staff are looking to use the 2023-Q2 index; however, that rate has not been published as of the writing of this report. As a starting point staff have indexed the transfers using the Q1 rate of 12.3%, staff are expecting this rate to decrease for Q2. For taxation this represents a \$270,000 increase or 1.38% increase on the tax levy. **For water users** the 2023 monthly fixed charges is currently \$20.15, a 12.3% increase will bring the charge up to \$22.63 which equates to an additional \$29.76 per year. On the **wastewater side users** are currently paying \$17.03 which will increase to \$19.12 which equals an additional \$25.08 per year.

Revenues

As per past practice staff are indexing fees and charges by the COLA increase, unless staff feel that the increase will have too large an effect on user-groups. Staff monitor surrounding municipalities' fees and charges and look to not over charge and push user-groups

to another Town. Through the 2024 budget staff are looking to bring forward the new Planning, Development Engineering, and Building fees and charges and the associated revenue streams. Staff monitor the main funding streams each year and as of Q2 2023, some of these streams are running over-budget such as BVCC hall and ice rentals and Tomahawk greens fees and memberships. Staff will continue to monitor and look to increase those line items to reflect revenue expectations.

The 2023 approved budget included \$850,000 in supplemental taxation. Staff are forecasting to end 2023 on budget and are forecasting to keep this budget flat for 2024. Staff continue to work with MPAC to get all assessment onto the roll as soon as possible. At this time MPAC is projecting a 2.01% growth for 2024 which will help offset any required tax rate increase.

Timeline

Staff were originally scheduling the budget meetings with Committee of the Whole in early December; however, this has been delayed until January 2024. The delay allows staff and consultants more time to wrap up the organization review and the Planning and Development Service fee review.

2023

AUTUMN LEAVES Studio Tour



Sept. 29th, 30th, Oct. 1st
10 - 5 pm each day
always the weekend before thanksgiving
www.alst.ca



Saturday, October 7th, 2023
Beaver Valley Community Centre

This Thanksgiving, feathers are going to fly again!



Early Turkey Pricing!
15% Family Discount!

Registration includes:
Custom toque, chip timing, medal, random prizes & LOTS of fun!

Welcome: 8:45am

Kids' 1 km Fun Run: 9:00am

Half Marathon, 10km & 5km Run/Walk 9:30am

Race Kit Pick Up
Friday, October 6th 3 to 8pm & Race Morning 7 to 8am



Scan for more race info or go to: trotary.ca

Turkey costumes encouraged!



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