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Olde Fashioned Christmas

Downtown Thornbury celebrated their 47th Olde Fashioned Christmas on December 9th featuring horse & carriage rides, tree lighting, live music and carollers, visits with Santa, Axed Throwing; Collingwood Circus Company; Fire Pits and a dance party with Tyler Boyle. *photos by Robert Burcher*









Best Wishes to Araby Lockhart who celebrated her 97th birthday at the Lunch and Learn at Marsh Street Centre on December 4th

Simcoe-Grey receiving over \$16M to support infrastructure

Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey announced today that the Ontario government is investing more than \$16,000,000 to help renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure in the region. The funding is being delivered through the <u>Ontario Community</u> <u>Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)</u> and is part of the government's plan to support economic growth and job creation.

"I am very pleased to announce the 2024 OCIF funding allocations and to share the amounts each municipality in Simcoe-Grey will receive," said Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe Grey.

"The 2024 OCIF funding allocations are as follows:

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• Township of Adjala-Tosorontio:	\$424,723
 Clearview Township: 	\$754,648
 Town of Collingwood: 	\$1,375,722
 Township of Essa: 	\$824,234
 Town of New Tecumseth: 	\$2,095,259
 Town of The Blue Mountains 	\$1,682,407
 Town of Wasaga Beach: 	\$1,520,237
• Grey County:	\$3,309,832

County of Simcoe:

The OCIF funding will assist municipalities in financing critical community infrastructure and capital needs including water, waste water, road and bridge projects."

\$4,439,360

In 2024, the government will allocate \$400 million in OCIF funding to help 425 small, rural and northern communities pay for critical infrastructure projects, including road, bridge, water, and wastewater projects. If necessary, a community may accumulate its funding for up to five years to address larger infrastructure projects.

"Small, rural and northern communities need stable funding for their unique infrastructure needs and to provide safe and reliable services," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "That's why our government continues to provide funding, especially during these challenging economic times. Our investments in community

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infrastructure are helping to create jobs, build stronger local economies, and lay the foundation for a stronger, more resilient Ontario for generations to come."

OCIF provides funding for local infrastructure projects in communities with populations under 100,000, as well as all rural and northern communities. Funding allocations are based on a <u>formula</u> that takes into account the different needs and economic conditions of each community.

- In 2023, the Ontario government provided \$400 million in funding through OCIF to 425 communities.
- The government doubled its annual investment for OCIF to <u>nearly \$2 billion over five years in 2022</u> to support more local infrastructure projects in small, rural and northern communities.
- As announced in <u>Ontario's 2023 Fall Economic Statement</u>, the government is also protecting communities and unlocking new housing opportunities by investing \$200 million over three years to help municipalities repair, rehabilitate and expand critical water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. Eligible municipalities will be able to nominate housing-enabling water and wastewater projects in early 2024 through the new Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund.
- The <u>2023 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Building a</u> <u>Strong Ontario Together</u> continues the government's responsible, targeted approach, providing the flexibility needed to help address ongoing economic uncertainty and build critical infrastructure in growing communities, while laying a strong fiscal foundation for future generations.

Ash Tree Removal on the Georgian Trail

Maintenance / Service Disruptions

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that Parks & Trails staff will be conducting the removal of dead ash trees along sections of the Georgian Trail throughout the winter season, weather permitting. The trail will remain open while this work is being performed. Users of the trail are reminded to be aware of the crew working and obey all posted signs.

The trees being removed are dead ash trees that have been impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer.

For more information regarding trail maintenance and ash tree removal, please contact:

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Grey Bruce Farmers' Week returns for its 58th Consecutive Year in 2024!

This annual conference and tradeshow will be held in-person at the Elmwood Community Centre, 38 Concession Rd 10, Elmwood or can be livestreamed from your home, between January 3rd and 9th 2024.

The conference starts with Beef Day, followed by Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Horse, Ecological and Crops Day. It is a 7-day Agricultural Conference packed with a most impressive and informative line-up of speakers! The coordinators for this event, Grey Ag Services, in conjunction with agricultural commodity leaders from Grey and Bruce Counties, look forward to seeing producers, agribusiness professionals, and industry experts gather together.

They anticipate a stellar event with strong support from sponsors and exhibitors, as well as lots of enthusiasm from the audience. Not to be forgotten, the in-person event also includes an excellent hot roast beef meal! Goat and lamb will be served on their respective days, and pies will line dessert tables once more. Networking is always better when done over dinner!

Back for 2024: Whether audience members purchase tickets for livestreaming or in-person attendance, all will be given access to conference recordings for a thirty-day period post-event. Producers can make use of this 'Encore Access' in order to catch up on pieces that they may have missed, or to recap information that they found especially useful.

In addition to the Encore Access of the live presentations, audience members will also find available thirty 'On Demand' presentations. These are pre-recorded and available for watching on the attendee's own time, from home. Topics covered are broad, and access to all thirty presentations are included with tickets purchases for any day of the week. This hugely increases the content available to the GBFW audience.

Keynote speakers include:

Jan 3rd - Beef Day, Mark Gerber, Technical Sales Specialist from Zinpro Performance Minerals, Minnesota, will deliver Year Round Cow Supplementation Increases Calf Weaning Weights

Jan 4th - Dairy Day, Mark Gerber, Technical Sales Specialist from Zinpro Performance Minerals, Minnesota, will present Dairy Lameness

Jan 5th - Goat Day, Dr. Rosie Busch, Sheep and Goat Extension Veterinarian from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, will share two presentations - Pragmatic Approaches to Disease Control on your Farm; and Healthy Udders & Milk Quality

Jan 6th - Sheep Day, Dr. Mark Young, Innovation Specialist with the Centre for Innovation Excellence in Livestock (CIEL) from the UK, will share two topics - Innovations and Technologies to Support Future Breeding Objectives; and Where do Sheep Fit into Sustainable Food Systems of the Future?

Jan 7th - Horse Day, Lindsey Partridge, Founder of Harmony Horsemanship, will delve into Liberty with Horses

Jan 8th - Ecological Day, Amy Stein will explore Land Access and Linking

Jan 9th - Crops Day, Justin Shepherd, Senior Economist with Farm Credit Canada, will dig into Macroeconomic Uncertainty - What is the Impact on Ontario Agriculture

Many, many more excellent speakers fill out the schedules for each day, as well as panel discussions covering (by order of the day they appear) Keeping Cows on the Ontario Landscape, Hoof Health, Ask a Vet, Accelerated vs. Annual Lambing Systems, Equine Metabolic Syndrome, Land Access and Linking, Living Labs Research and Improving Phosphorus Use with Non-Traditional Fertilizer Sources



Registration:

Livestreaming tickets must be pre-purchased online. It is recommended that attendees purchase in-person tickets online as well. For those unable to do so, cash, cheque and debit will be accepted at the door.

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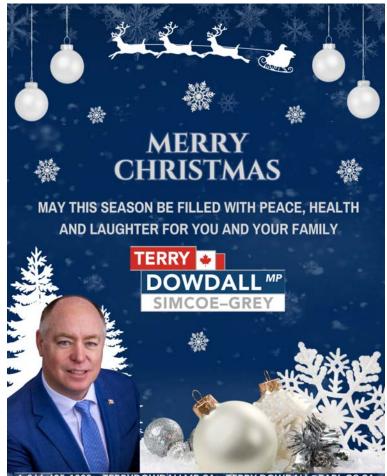
* Livestreamers can purchase tickets for the whole week for \$180.

Registration includes the 30 day Encore Access, and the thirty On-Demand bonus presentations. In person attendance includes hot roast beef dinner. Goat and Lamb are also served on those respective days.

Would you like more information about Grey Bruce Farmers' Week's program or tickets?

Go to their website: <u>www.gbfw.ca</u>, or contact the organizers directly by emailing <u>info@greyagservices.ca</u> or calling 519-986-3756.

Don't forget to follow the event on social media too! Twitter and Facebook: @GBFarmersWeek, Instagram: @GB_FarmersWeek, #GBFW24.



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Grey Bruce Youth Gather to Tackle Climate Action at Second Annual Youth Conference

On November 21, more than 60 elementary students from schools across Grey and Bruce gathered at the Sydenham Campus in Owen Sound for the second annual Youth Climate Action Conference (YCAC). This one-day conference, organized by The Sustainability Project in partnership with Grey County, set out to engage youth with climate action in our community. Students from grades 6, 7, and 8 represented schools from Lion's Head, Hepworth, Meaford, Walkerton, Holland Chatsworth, Tara, and Owen Sound.

The theme of this year's conference was "multi-solving": working together across sectors to address multiple problems with one initiative. More than 50 volunteers, including local high school and Georgian College students, came out to support the event. Special guests included Saugeen First Nation Knowledge Keeper James Kewaquom, Grey County Warden Brian Milne, Owen Sound Deputy Mayor Scott Greig, as well as several Bluewater School Board superintendents and municipal councillors from Owen Sound and Georgian Bluffs.

The program included a session from two Bagida'waad Alliance Aki Guardians from Fanshawe College who spoke on the impacts of climate change on local biodiversity. Two more Aki Guardians joined a youth panel with two Owen Sound District Secondary School students to empower the youth attendees for personal action. A second youth panel featured six elementary students from the Keppel Sarawak Eco-Team., joined by Georgian Bluffs CAO Niall Lobley and Councillor Tobin Day. This panel was moderated by Owen Sound City Councillor Jon Farmer.

Inspired by last year's conference, the Keppel Sarawak Eco-Team has started a school composting program, roadside cleanup in Kemble, and advocated for a sidewalk extension in the Keppel area to create a safer way to walk or bike to school. As one student noted, "We are now a group of 14 students who are very excited to make a difference."

TREE of LIFE



Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about local climate action work by visiting ten booths staffed by local businesses and environmental organizations. For the second half of the day, students split up into groups and dug into developing their own actionable climate projects.

"[Each student] left with a group or individual climate action plan they will hopefully implement in their community," said Hilary Colburn, a local elementary teacher and one of the lead conference organizers with The Sustainability Project. "[In] the workshop, we asked students to identify their passions and environmental problems in their community, and then, asked them how they can use their passion to create a solution to the problem."

Local community volunteers have been matched with each participating school and will help mentor and support the youth in bringing their action projects to fruition. A crowdfunding campaign hosted by the Small Change Fund raised nearly \$1,500 to support the conference and these projects. Students will also have an opportunity to present their work at Owen Sound's Earth Day event in April.

To learn more about Grey County's Climate Action Plan, Going Green in Grey, visit <u>grey.ca/climate-action</u>. For the full YCAC program, visit <u>www.thesustainabilityproject.ca</u>

To see a video of the day, visit Grey County's Youtube Page.

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Ontario Helping More Students Kick-Start Careers in the Trades

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing over \$62.9 million in two of the province's foundational skilled trades programs to help more than 18,000 young people explore and prepare for lifelong careers in a growing industry. The record increase in funding will help train the 100,000 skilled workers needed to build transit, hospitals and at least 1.5 million homes by 2031.

"We need more young people to know university isn't the only path to success in life," said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government will continue to invest in expanding opportunities for students and young people so everyone in Ontario has a fair shot at a life-changing career."

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) is a specialized high school program that gives students who have completed Grade 10 the chance to explore the trades through cooperative education courses. The government is expanding OYAP with a \$21.1 million investment to help more students across the province gain exposure to the skilled trades by accumulating hours toward an apprenticeship while completing their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The province is also sending 72 OYAP recruiters into more than 800 secondary schools to compete directly with colleges and universities.

"Ontario's plan to go back to basics includes a renewed focus on hands-on learning that integrates learning with working in the skilled trades," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. "This significant increase in pre-apprenticeships, the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and the deployment of recruiters into 800 high schools across Ontario will help students jump-start their careers in the skilled trades and access good-paying jobs in communities small and large."

The government is also investing \$41.8 million to launch roughly 100 pre-apprenticeship training projects around the province to help young people get first-hand experience working in trades that can pay six figures such as welding, electrical and arboriculture. Pre-apprenticeship training is free for participants while costs for textbooks, safety equipment and tools are all covered. Courses can last up to 52 weeks and include an 8–12-week paid work placement with a local employer.

This announcement was made at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 353 in Toronto. With a \$1.3 million investment from the Skills Development Fund Training Stream, IBEW has launched a free project to prepare 48 people from underrepresented groups as electricians in the Greater Toronto Area. The program includes a free 15-week bootcamp on essential electrical skills and health and safety, along with a 10-week paid job placement with a local employer and a pathway to an apprenticeship.





Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Big Brothers Big Sisters Bruce and Western Simcoe asks, "Would you consider supporting local youth through our holiday campaign?"

As a mentorship organization,

BBBSGBWS believes in investing in the power and potential of all youth and our mentorship programs do just that. With both in-school and community-based programs, we ensure children and youth are supported to overcome adversities and that both youth and families have a place to turn all year long.

This holiday season, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce and

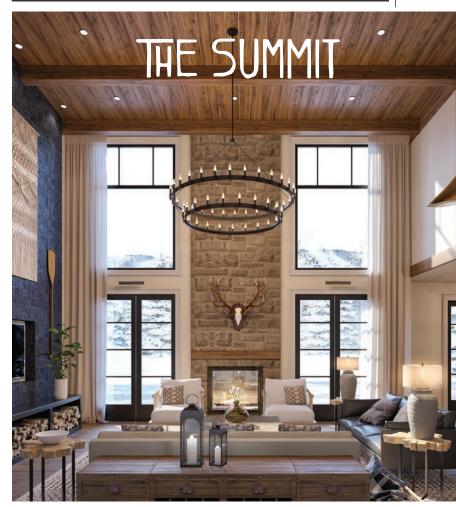


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Monetary Donations

Donations go towards supporting local youth and families all year long! And we have the stats to show how important our mentorship programs are. Youth in our programs are 17% more likely to be gainfully employed and earning 13% more on average. They are also 50% more likely to volunteer and 13% more likely to give to charity. Together we can create flourishing communities! Donations can be provided online or in person.

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Notice of Public Meeting

A Public Meeting to consider these matters has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 9:30 am.

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

Application for Zoning By-law Amendment

Property Location: Part Lot 25, Concession 4

What is being proposed?

The proposal is seeking an amendment to Zoning By-law 2018-65 to:

- Rezone the subject lands from the Development 'D' zone to the Residential One Exception 'R1-1-X' for the purpose of constructing a single detached dwelling;
- Redefine the existing Hazard 'H' and Wetland 'W' zones as Hazard 'H', Hazard Exception 'H-XX', and Wetland 'W' zones; and
- 3. Lift the Holding Provision 'h1' associated with the wetland feature from the subject lands.

The proposal recognizes two potential building lots in the southwest and northeast corners of the property. The subject lands are currently vacant.



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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

Future 2023 and 2024 Council and Committee Meetings:

- Council, December 18, 2023
- Council, Public Meeting, December 19, 2023
- Committee of the Whole, January 15, 2024
- Committee of the Whole, January 16, 2024
- Council, January 29, 2024
- Council, Public Meeting, January 30, 2024
 *Note: This meeting may be cancelled if not required.
- Committee of the Whole, February 5, 2024
- Committee of the Whole, February 6, 2024

All meetings are at the Town Hall, 32 Mill Street and Virtual.

Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings are live-streamed on the Town's website, and the meeting recording is posted to the Town website following the meeting.

For meeting times, please call 519-599-3131 Extension 232 or check the Town website at www.thebluemountains.ca

Town Hall Holiday Office Closure

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that Town Hall will be closed for the holiday season from Monday, December 25, 2023 until Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

All essential services will continue to operate throughout the holidays. Town Hall will re-open with regular hours on Tuesday January 2, 2024.

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DAY 10 - DECEMBER 21 Keep decorations 1 metre away from space heaters or other heating sources.

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