



Open Houses Scheduled for Natural Asset Inventory and Natural Heritage Study Projects

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise that two Open Houses have been scheduled to receive public input for the Natural Asset Inventory and Natural Heritage Study projects.

The natural environment is closely tied to the identity of the Town. As such, the Town is taking action to identify, protect, and manage its natural environment to ensure the services and functions it provides remain healthy and sustainable long-term.

The Natural Asset Inventory and Natural Heritage Study project involves two separate but interrelated parts. The first is identifying and creating an inventory of natural assets across the community and the second is developing recommendations for identifying, managing and protecting those features of importance.

The Town and the project consulting team will seek public input through two open houses. Registration is required.

Open House #1 - Natural Environment Data & Preliminary Directions

January 25, 2024, 5-7pm | Town Hall & Virtual via Microsoft Teams
This session will illustrate the natural environment data being used and discuss preliminary directions, approaches and next steps.

Open House #2 - Draft Outcomes & Recommendations

April 11, 2024, 5-7pm | Town Hall & Virtual via Microsoft Teams
This session will present and seek feedback on draft project outcomes. Results of the natural asset inventory and draft targets, criteria and recommendations for natural heritage management will be presented.

For more information, please contact:

Town of The Blue Mountains
Planning & Development Services Department
(519) 599-3131 ext. 263



The Town would like to inform those interested in the Official Plan Review that a new Staff Report has been posted:

January 15, 2024 - PDS.24.014 - Official Plan Review Update - Summary of Public Engagement Sessions and Project Next Steps

For more information: 519-599-3131 x248

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What is Alzheimer's Awareness Month?

Each January, the Alzheimer Society supports and leads Canada's Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

During this month, we at the Society encourage organizations across Canada, and individuals like you, to learn more about dementia and its stark impact on Canadians. And while Alzheimer's Awareness Month may stop at the end of January, the experiences of people who live with dementia do not. As such, we ask you to take what you've learned during the month and continue to share it throughout the year.

By understanding what people living with dementia experience in their day-to-day-lives – their struggles, their successes and their hopes – together we can raise awareness of dementia throughout Canada. Awareness is the first step to fighting stigma, reinforcing human rights and pushing for policy change, as well as other actions that can lift up Canadians living with dementia. Please support Alzheimer's Awareness Month. It's an easy start to helping your fellow Canadians who are living with this serious disease.

For this year's theme, we are letting people across Canada know that the Alzheimer Society is the First Link® to Support, Community, Knowledge and Expertise.

What is First Link®?

When a person is diagnosed with dementia, the Alzheimer Society is the first place to turn – and First Link® is the connection to support, care, knowledge, expertise, and referrals.

First Link® is the Alzheimer Society program offering approved services and information to those living with Alzheimer's or other dementias, and caregivers. It encompasses the areas of Risk Reduction, Education, Living Well with the Disease, Community, Research, and Advocacy; an umbrella that brings together all aspects of the care and management of dementia in Canada.

With more than half a million Canadians living with dementia today, a number expected to reach almost one million in 10 years, the Alzheimer Society is continuing to enhance its support amongst people living with dementia to meet their needs early in, and throughout, their journey.

The goal of First Link® is to ensure a user of the services has the right support and information, from the time of an initial diagnosis and throughout the progression of the disease. By connecting with First Link®, a user will have access to all the services available in their local area. There are a variety of different programs and services administered at the local level of societies across the country.

Such services include counselling support and a better understanding of the different healthcare options in a specific

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province and Society, Staff will provide the appropriate access to the right services during the different stages of the disease.

Learn more about how First Link® can help people living with dementia.

Five ways you can support Alzheimer's Awareness in 2024

1. Support this year's campaign

Help us spread the word! You can download our Community Toolkit for this year's Alzheimer Awareness Month, highlighting First Link®. It has all the information you need to support Alzheimer's Awareness Month, including suggested text for posting about the campaign on social media and accompanying images.

Interested in helping us as a dementia ambassador and spreading awareness of First Link on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter? Please contact us at pr@alzheimer.ca to get involved!

2. Connect with your local Society

One of the central themes to this year's campaign is Community. We encourage you to find out what's going on at your local Alzheimer Society, including how your Society is helping your community and how you can get involved.

3. Learn more about dementia

Another theme this year is Knowledge. Learning more about dementia through the Alzheimer Society's many resources can, as one example, help someone identify the warning signs of dementia and get them an early diagnosis, leading to that person getting the help and support they need earlier. A little learning can make all the difference in helping someone live as well with dementia as possible.

4. Listen to the stories of people with lived experience

The best way to understand the impact of dementia, and the need for further help and support, is to hear directly from people with lived experience of it.

5. Support our other initiatives to raise awareness

Besides Alzheimer's Awareness Month, the Alzheimer Society also supports people living with dementia assert their rights and fight stigma through the Canadian Charter of Rights for People with Dementia.

The Alzheimer Society of Canada believes people with dementia should have a voice in the work that impacts them. We want to bring people from all over the country together to be part of the conversation by becoming a member of our Advisory Group of people living with dementia.

We also support the implementation of Canada's first-ever national dementia strategy that can systemically reduce stigma against dementia in Canada.

We're committed to taking a person-first approach to the Dementia-Friendly Canada project to ensure all Canadians living with dementia feel valued and empowered, that organizations be inclusive and accessible and that everyone uses their awareness of dementia to make changes, individually and as a society.

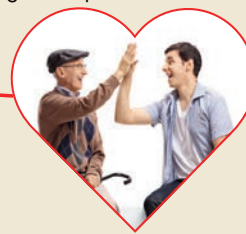
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Town Owned Lands and MacPherson – Home Farm Lands

On October 30, 2023 Council considered Staff Report FAF.23.147 that provided an overview of a proposed land exchange with MacPherson – Home Farm, a local developer who owns a 140 acre development site with draft plan approvals for a new 215 unit residential project located on Grey Road 19 in Craigleith. Adjacent to the MacPherson – Home Farm lands is a 9.2 acre parcel of Town owned lands. The land exchange would realign the property lines between the two properties of similar size and value to better utilize the lands for development, as well as provide for a proposed sixty-unit purpose built rental housing project with twenty of those units being marketed below market rental housing rates for a minimum of 25 years.

Resulting from that report, Council passed the following motion: that Council receive Staff Report FAF.23.147, entitled **“Follow Up to Home Farm Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Opportunity”**;

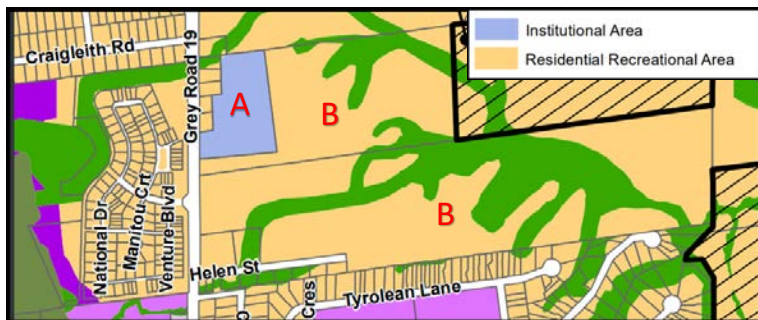
AND THAT Council direct staff to finalize an MOU with MacPherson Homes in a form that is consistent with what has been presented through this report to include twenty (20) residential units being offered as Below Market Rental Housing Units for a period of twenty-five (25) years;

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an MOU meeting the satisfaction of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Town’s Senior Management Team, and Legal Counsel;

AND THAT Council direct staff to expedite the project process through Planning and Development, as appropriate

The purpose of this report is to begin addressing the necessary planning approvals required to expedite the project process through Planning and Development.

The Figure below highlights the Official Plan designations in place on both the Town Owned Lands (shown as Parcel ‘A’) and the MacPherson – Home Farm lands (shown as Parcels ‘B’).



The 2016 Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan designates the Town Owned Lands as Institutional Area. The lands have always been vacant with the land use designation in place for 20+ years. To date various concepts for developments have been considered, however other than a previous Memorandum of Understanding between MacPherson – Home Farm and the Town for a previous land exchange, there have not been any formal applications to develop this site for institutional or other uses.

The Official Plan Institutional designation permits a range of institutional uses which generally serves the needs of the community and include: schools, hospitals, cemeteries, government buildings, special needs housing (being long-term care facilities, retirement homes, residential care facilities, and emergency housing), day nurseries, community facilities and centres, museums, libraries, art galleries, recreational or cultural facilities, and places of worship.

Although the residential component of this project proposes to fulfill a significant community need, an Official Plan Amendment is required to permit the rental housing and attainable housing component of the project. Planning Staff recommend that

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those lands required for the residential component be considered for redesignation to the Residential Recreational Area, and the lands required for the Fire Hall and potential other future municipal uses be either left in the Institutional designation, or be added as permitted uses to the Residential Recreational Area designation.

The Town Owned Lands and MacPherson – Home Farm lands associated with the purpose built rental housing and Fire Hall will also require a rezoning from the Development 'D' zone to the appropriate Residential and Institutional Zones.

The last component to be completed at this stage of the project includes a land exchange between the Town and MacPherson – Home Farm. The land exchange proposes a similar size and value of lands between each owner. The exchange will allow for the more efficient development of both sites as shown.

Generally when the Town considers the sale or disposition of lands, the procedures under Town Policy POL.COR.07.02 must be followed. In this case, there is no proposed sale or disposition. Instead, a land exchange is proposed and the procedures as set out in Policy POL.COR.07.02 do not apply.

Staff recommend at a minimum that Notice be provided for the proposed land exchange as part of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment public process so that comments regarding the land exchange may also be received prior to a Council decision.

Should Council support the recommendations of this Staff Report, Planning Staff will prepare a Draft Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment and process the change in accordance



with the Planning Act which includes providing notice to area residents and the greater community, holding a public meeting to receive comments, provide a recommendation report for consideration by Committee of the Whole and then by Council.

The topic of this Staff Report will be the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre in accordance with the following schedule:

- January 16, 2024 - Committee of the Whole Consideration of PDS.24.012;
- January 29, 2024 - Council Consideration of PDS.24.012; if approved:
- March 12, 2024 - Public Meeting Date;
- April 9, 2024 - Committee of the Whole – Recommendation Report;
- April 15, 2024 – Council Consideration of Recommendation Report;
- April 19, 2024 – Issue Notice of Decision Appeal Period begins on ZBA, Local Official Plan Amendment Circulated to County Council for Decision
- June 2024 – County Council Decision on Local Official Plan Amendment. Notice of Decision and Appeal Period to follow.

Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Shawn Postma, planning@thebluemountains.ca

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Town of The Blue Mountains Public Appointments to Accountability and Transparency Committee 2022-2026

The Town of The Blue Mountains is seeking applications from members of the public for appointment to the NEW Accountability and Transparency Committee.

The Committee appointment runs concurrent with the term of Council, being 2022-2026.

The Accountability and Transparency Committee consists of 5 members, 3 Council members, who have been appointed and 2 members of the public, which are currently being sought.

Applicants are encouraged to complete the Application Form and include a resume, cover letter or any other background information and any special qualifications or interest related to this Committee.

NOTE: Applicants shall be qualified electors within the Town of The Blue Mountains

All Applications should be submitted no later than **Friday January 19, 2024, at 1:00 pm** to:

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

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.

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Notice of Complete Applications and Public Meeting

Applications for Zoning By-law Amendment (P3359) and Draft Plan of Vacant Land Condominium (P3358)

Property Location: 516681 7th Line

Public Meeting: January 30, 2024 at 9:30AM
Hybrid Format (In-person AND Virtual via Microsoft Teams)
Town Hall, Council Chambers
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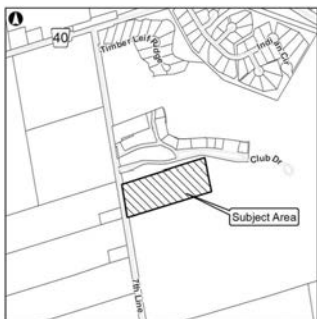
What is being proposed?

Complete applications for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Vacant Land Condominium have been received by the Town and the County respectively. The purpose of the applications is to:

- re-zone the subject lands from the Development (D) Zone to Residential Type One (R1-1) and Open Space (OS) Zones of the Town of The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65 ; and
- create a 22 residential unit draft plan of vacant land condominium.

The effect of the applications is to permit the development of the lands for 22 single detached residential dwelling units (3.71 HA), private street (0.6 HA) and open space (0.51 HA) where currently the subject site is a forested significant woodland occupied by a residential dwelling and accessory structures.

Key Map



Questions? Want more information? Ask the Planner!

Adam Farr, Senior Planner

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 283 or Toll Free (888) 258-6867 Email: planning@thebluemountains.ca

How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk.

Written comments received by January 24, 2024 will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can be faxed to 519-599-7723, or emailed townclerk@thebluemountains.ca.

Your written comments may be sent to the County:
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Email: planning@grey.ca

Any submitted comments become part of the public record, including names and addresses.

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by 12 noon January 26, 2024.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber. Those providing their comments in person, are required to follow the Public Health Guidelines of the Town, as recommended by the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

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

What happens at the 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 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?

Our website contains background studies, reports, plans and drawings. They are available for viewing or download at www.thebluemountains.ca or www.grey.ca

Or come visit us in Planning Services, Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or contact the planner 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 application and any comments received, Town staff will bring a recommendation on this project to a future Council meeting.

Sale of Town Owned Land

During the 2023 Budget deliberations, Council provided direction to staff to bring forward a list of Town owned properties that staff considered opportunities for potential sale through a formal process that would deem the listed properties as surplus to the Town's needs and proceed with selling these properties in 2023 to provide revenue for the Town.

In July 2022, Council approved Staff Report FAF.22.109 and set a formal moratorium on any new requests to consider the sale of Town owned land. Town staff suggest that the process being proposed in this report does not go against the existing moratorium on the sale of Town owned land as these properties are being recommended by Town staff and not being driven by requests being received. Staff have been mindful to not include any Town owned waterfront properties for potential disposition.

Consideration has also been given to whether any of the specific properties could be considered as potential telecommunications tower locations as was previously noted at the April 18, 2023, Public Meeting relating to a proposed telecommunications tower project in the Craighleith area. From a process point, staff suggest that where a property is an unopened road allowance, staff will undertake the due diligence to determine whether the road allowance needs to be stopped up and closed before being disposed of. The stopping up and closing of an unopened or open road allowance requires a formal public consultation and notification process.

Staff recommend that land that could be used as building lots should be valued on the basis of it being a building lot. This would be considered the best use of the property and would provide the best value from the property sale. If adjacent landowners wish

to purchase jointly or individually that option could be made available, however, the value of the land should be valued as a building lot. Property No. 1 in Table 1 is a good example of how the value of the land could be different from the perspective of the adjacent landowner compared to an appraised value based on the best use of the property. However, staff suggest that, in rare instances, there may be rationale to consider an alternative value and disposition to provide some flexibility while maintaining overall consistency to ensure transparency, and due diligence to the community. Staff will also be requesting that Council consider placing a two (2) year moratorium on the Policy that funds the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for Attainable Housing via funds from the sale of lands ending December 31, 2026. This will allow the funds from the sale of Town owned land to be allocated to offset taxation to achieve the 2023 direction of Council. The following Table outlines the suggested process to complete the sale of Town owned land by early 2024.

1. Cedar Street Road Allowance Plan 395 Thornbury Between Huron Street East and Bay Street East; Unused
2. Leming Street Road Allowance Plan 104 Thornbury Between 103 and 107 Leming Street; Unused
3. Clark Street Plan 562 Clarksburg; Unused
4. 424200000706401 CON 8 W PT LOT 9 South of Ravenna; Unused
5. Cameron Street Thornbury Between 214 and 216 Cameron Street; Unused
6. Margaret Drive Road Allowance Craigleith South of 135 Margaret Drive; Unused
7. 424200001711105 Thornbury Block just southeast of Town owned parking Lot; Unused
8. Bruce Street/Alice Street West Lots 9, 74, 78 and 80 Thornbury; Unused
9. Corner of Huron Street and Elma Street Thornbury; Unused
10. Gordon Street Plan 547 Craigleith West of Lot 1 Trail on a portion of the property
11. Plan 1119 Block 25 Craigleith West of 110 Salzburg Place; Unused

TIMELINE

March 2024 Public Meeting to consider lands to be declared surplus to the needs of the Town

April 2024 Follow up staff report summarizing the Public Meeting comments with recommendations for specific lands to be declared surplus and options and opportunities to initiate the sale of each specific property

April 2024 Council direction received re: Follow up staff report to COW

May 2024 Staff provide by-laws for Council consideration that would declare each specific property as surplus for the purposes of selling the land June/July 2024

Each piece of surplus land would be sold as directed by Council to achieve the 2023 Budget Goal of achieving \$400,000 through the sale of Town owned land

Property 1: Cedar Street Road Allowance (Plan 395)



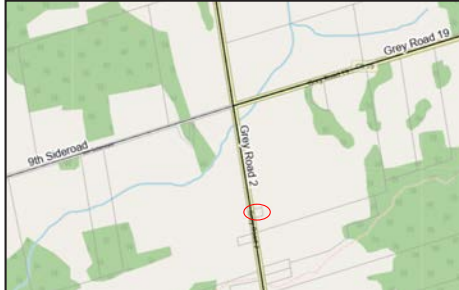
Property 2: Leming Street Road Allowance (Plan 104)



Property 3: Clark Street in Clarksburg



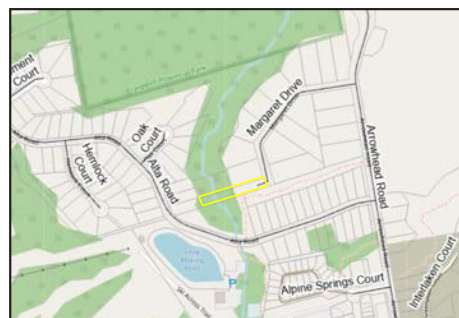
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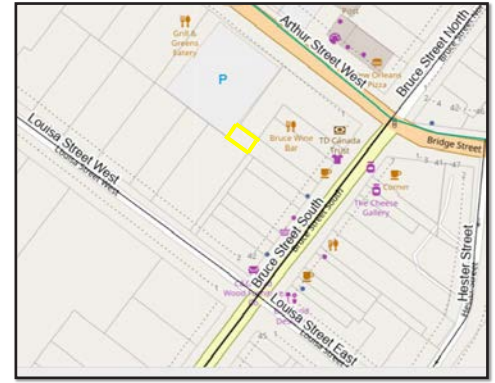
Property 5: Cameron Street



Property 6: Margaret Drive Road Allowance



Property 7: 424200001711105 Block on the Southeast Corner of Town Parking Lot



Property 8: Bruce/Alice Street West of Bruce Street Lots 72, 74, 78 and 80



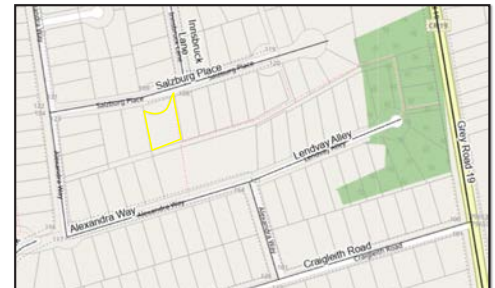
Property 9: Corner of Huron Street and Elma Street



Property 10: Gordon Street West of Lot 1 (Plan 547)



Property 11: Plan 1119 Block 25



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Georgian Triangle Humane Society Announces Appointment of New Executive Director

The Board of Directors (BOD) of the Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Karen Marsh as the organization's new Executive Director, effective January 3, 2024. The decision follows a robust and thorough search, affirming the BOD's commitment to finding a leader who is well-prepared to oversee the current day-to-day operations and drive the future growth of the organization, including spearheading the Capital Campaign for the new Regional Centre for Pets and People.

Karen brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to providing compassionate care to pets and people. Karen joined the GTHS in 2017 leading Humane Education and building the foundation for the current GTHS Lifelong Learning programs with the objective to help improve compassion and empathy amongst youth through the human-animal bond.

Since 2021, Karen has fulfilled several leadership roles which has led to the creation and growth of a variety of programs, including: Access to Care, Customer Service, Animal Care, Lifelong Learning, Dog School, and the GTHS Retail Store. Before her most recent role as Interim Executive Director, Karen held the title of Animal Centre Manager, overseeing shelter operations and leading a diverse team of staff and volunteers.

"We are delighted to introduce Karen as the new Executive Director of the GTHS," says David Garner, GTHS board chair. "Karen is exceptionally well-suited to lead the organization into its next chapter of growth. She will ensure a continuity of culture and strategy needed to successfully execute the innovative programs and services that support 4,000 pets annually, while strategically guiding our ongoing Capital Campaign for the construction of our new Regional Centre for Pets and People."

Karen will work closely with the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and community partners to advance the organization's mission, oversee the ongoing Capital Campaign, and ensure the well-being of animals in our community.

The GTHS is a non-profit charity that operates an Animal Centre serving the south Georgian Bay region by providing shelter for homeless animals and adopting them to caring families. They offer innovative programs that enhance and support the human-animal bond. These programs include Lifelong Learning, Access to Care and Animal Transport for pets in underserved communities.

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If you are looking for something to do on **Saturday, January 13th** and are in the Thornbury area, stop into the BVCC and support our Hwy 26'ers old timers 5th annual CLOWE CLASSIC 4 on 4 hockey tournament in memory of team mate and great friend Chris Lowe.

Games run from 10:00am through to our 26'ers head to head finale at 7:00pm. Bar opens in the lobby at 10:00am to enjoy a drink and probably see people you haven't in quite a while.

We are sponsoring a family skate to split things up from 2:30 - 3:00 and everyone is welcome to come out for a spin.

There are great prizes at our silent auction and raffle table, also a 50-50 draw and chuck at puck at 3:00pm following the skate. Auction table will close at 5pm and prizes will be drawn.

Help us support local community projects, local hospitals and local people in need going through unfortunate situations.

Also, support "Events for Life" at the concession.

On behalf of our HWY 26'ers hockey club we hope to see you there!

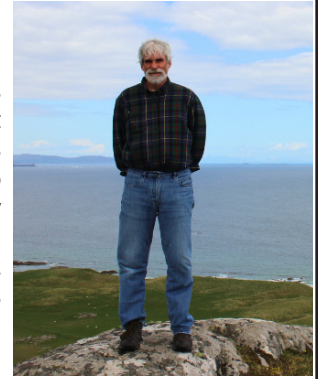
Get tech help on Wired Wednesdays

At 1pm every Wednesday, Ashley posts an instructional video to YouTube and Facebook. Here are the topics for January:
 January 17: Android app updates and installation
 January 24: Apple app updates and installation
 January 31: Phone contacts: adding, editing
From 2-4pm on Wednesdays, drop-in tech help is available at L.E. Shore Library. There will be no tech help drop-in on Jan. 24.

ACC Presents: Scottish Sojourn with Ken Haigh Tuesday, January 23, 7-8pm, L. E. Shore Library

Join Ken for a Scottish adventure on the island of Iona! Ken volunteered for three months at the restored medieval abbey on Iona, which is now an ecumenical Christian retreat centre. The Iona Community hosts visitors from around the world who wish to experience life in community and to work together for social and environmental justice and world peace. This is a free event, but registration is required.

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Admission: By Donation
Soup Tasting Tickets
\$20 for 6 samples
(Cash or Credit Card Only)



Pottery tasting bowls made by local potters will be available for \$20. (limited quantity available)

This event will focus on bringing the community together and showcasing local eateries under one roof.

For more information contact:
alzheimer.ca/greybruce/en
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A soup competition featuring local eateries, silent auction, entertainment and children's area in support of:

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The Owen Sound Memoir Series is thrilled to announce its first monthly event weekend at the Owen Sound public library featuring Ali Hassan, the multi-talented stand-up comic, actor, CBC Radio & Television host, and memoir author.

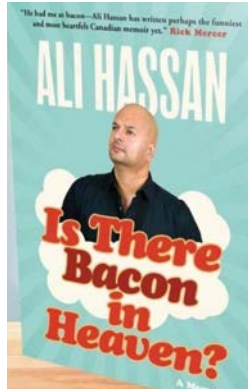
On **Friday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m.** Mr. Hassan will read from his memoir *Is There Bacon in Heaven?* and discuss how he wrote his hilarious and poignant book. Attendees can look forward to an evening filled with humour, insight, and personal anecdotes. At the end of the evening, Mr. Hassan will participate in a Q&A with the audience.

On **Saturday, February 3, at 1:00 p.m.** Mr. Hassan will lead a memoir-writing workshop for local writers who are working on their own memoirs and anyone who is interested in the memoir-writing process.

Ali Hassan is a familiar voice on CBC Radio as the host of "Laugh Out Loud" and "Canada Reads." As a seasoned comedian, Hassan's work reflects a keen understanding of the human experience, delivered with his signature wit and charm.

Tickets are on sale at www.owensoundmemoirseries.com.

Both events will be held at the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, 824 1st Ave W., Owen Sound.



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