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Lions Club 21st Annual Duck Race

The race was held June 24th with the ducks racing in the Beaver River, Clarksburg from the bridge on Clark Street to the bridge on Marsh Street.

Winners included:
1st prize - L. McGrath, \$1000
2nd - K. McGuire, \$500
3rd - D. Bristow, \$250
4th - D. Lye, \$100
last duck - R. Fulton, \$50
Special draw - B. Van Den Bosch, painting donated by Artist Judy Shield.

Thanks to all our sponsors, volunteers, supporters and promoters. We sold out at 1000 ducks!

Best regards,
Lion Tom Kennedy



Living Better with Parkinson's

LBWP is a grassroots organization that started two years ago in south Georgian Bay initiated by a small group of local members of the community. LBWP currently supports over 100 person's living with Parkinson's Disease, family members, caregivers, medical professionals, and that number is growing. On June 24th they hosted the South Georgian Bay Parkinsons Festival at Bayview Park. livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca



THE BLUE PRINT OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW



Phase 2 of the Official Plan Review Launched with Background Papers, Public Survey and Public Workshops

The Town would like to advise residents that Phase 2 of the Official Plan Review project is underway. Phase 2 includes the release of background papers, a public survey and four public workshops, all of which are detailed below. More information regarding the project can be found on the project webpage.

Phase 1, completed in 2022, considered high-level action items, including the vision, guiding principles, goals and objectives. Phase 2 allows a closer look at critical topics that emerged through this process to develop policies to guide future land-use decisions in the Town. Comments and feedback throughout the project can be shared directly with the Official Plan project staff through the contact form on the project webpage. www.tbm

Background Papers

The first four Background Papers are now available on the project webpage, with the remaining seven papers to follow in July. The Background Papers provide research and supporting data, consider previous comments received and provide options and recommendations for updating the Town's existing policies.

Topics of the Background Papers include: Environment and Climate Change, Infrastructure and Servicing, Agricultural and Rural Lands, Commercial and Employment Lands, Buildings Heights Study, Transit and Transportation, Parks and Open Space, Source Water Protection, Cannabis Facilities Policies, Indigenous Engagement, and the Community Planning Permit System.

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Clarksburg Kid's Fest

Hosted by Clarksburg Village Assoc. it was a very busy June 24th featuring arts, games, vendors market, silent auction, activities, face painting, pony rides

photos by Robert Burcher

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Important Information From Smart Serve Ontario

The AGCO is introducing a five-year term for all new and existing liquor training certifications. This means that anyone involved in the sale, service, delivery, or sampling of liquor, or who takes liquor orders from customers **must complete the Smart Serve training program every five years.**

The Smart Serve program has continually evolved, including by introducing content on the new LLCA, cannabis consumption, grocery sales, tailgating, alcohol delivery and sexual violence and harassment in licensed establishments. As the liquor sector continues to evolve, recertification will help ensure that servers, delivery and sales staff remain well-informed and up-to-date on current liquor laws and that they maintain the necessary skills and behaviors to sell, serve and deliver alcohol responsibly.

Recertification will begin starting on July 1, 2022, but no certificates will expire until one year later, on June 30, 2023:

- Liquor training certificates issued before July 1, 2018, will expire on June 30, 2023, at 11:59pm. This includes Smart Serve certificates and certificates issued prior to 1995 from the Server Intervention Program (SIP).
- Smart Serve certificates issued on or after July 1, 2018, will expire 5 years from the date of issuance (e.g., if you were certified on July 2, 2018, your certificate will expire on July 1, 2023 at 11:59pm).
- Certificate holders must recertify before their certificate expires in order to maintain a valid certificate. As of July 1, 2022, all Smart Serve certificates (new and existing) will include expiry dates. Existing certificate holders can check their certificate expiry date by logging into their Smart Serve account.

Smart Serve will offer existing certificate holders a discounted price of \$29.95 to recertify if the program is completed before their existing certificate expires. Regular price \$49.95 www.smartserve.ca

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Public Survey

A survey to gain public feedback related to Phase 2 is now open and available on the project webpage. The 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. The results will be presented to Council in September. Paper copies are available at Town Hall and The Blue Mountains Public Library or by request by calling (519) 599-3131 ext. 263. www.tbmbblueprint.ca

Public Workshops

Four public workshops are scheduled throughout July and August on key topics related to the focus of Phase 2; registration is required. To register, please visit the project webpage.

July 13, 1:00 - 3:00pm: Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture & Parks Workshop.

This workshop will consider policy updates to Environment and Climate Change, Agriculture and Rural Lands, Source Water Protection and Cannabis Facilities.

August 1, 2:00 - 4:00pm: Community Growth & Design Workshop (Afternoon Session)

August 1, 6:00 - 8:00pm: Community Growth & Design Workshop (Evening Session)

These workshops will consider the update to the Community Design Guidelines, which seeks to understand the desired design elements in the public and private spaces and the features that make each community and area unique, while incorporating community design best practices. They will also include consideration of policy updates to Building Height, Commercial and Employment Lands, Transportation, Infrastructure and Servicing.

August 10, 1:00 - 3:00pm: Affordable Housing Workshop

This workshop will consider the Housing Needs Assessment, which will analyze historic, current and future overall housing needs and inventory, affordable housing needs, and consider policy enhancements that will increase the supply of affordable/attainable units in the Town. It will also include consideration of policy updates regarding the Community Planning Permit System.

For more information or to subscribe for project updates, please visit the project webpage or contact:

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TRIVIA (answers on page 6)

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 - b) March 30, 1963
 - c) February 15, 1965
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 - a) yes
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New Georgian Trail Trees Get a Boost!



On Thursday, June 23, more than 20 volunteers from The Blue Mountains and Meaford lent a hand to apply mulch and compost to 70 newly planted trees along the Georgian Trail near Christie Beach.

Their efforts will help these trees get off to a good start, adding to our tree canopy and to the beauty of one of our most well-used and well-loved recreational assets.

The trees included American Elm (Valley Forge), Swamp White Oak, Bitternut Hickory, and Eastern White Cedar – all native species carefully selected for local conditions. They were planted earlier this year as part of a multi-year tree planting partnership involving Tree Trust TBM, Tree Trust Meaford and the Georgian Cycle and Ski Trail Association.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who pitched in with shovels and wheelbarrows on a warm afternoon, contributing to our ongoing tree planting and tree care efforts. For more information, send an email to tbm@treetrust.ca or meaford@treetrust.ca. Tree Trust is a charitable organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing tree canopies in communities across Ontario. Tree Trust Chapters in The Blue Mountains and Meaford are part of this rapidly growing movement.

The Meaford Tree Trust Silent Art Auction at Meaford Hall Arts and Culture Centre in July and August has morphed into a unique opportunity for area artists to pay homage to one of Canada's most-renowned artists. The artwork of upwards of 30 area artists depicting the century-old white oak in the Leith Historical Church Cemetery will be on sale during the Meaford Tree Trust's first-ever art auction and a curated exhibit of Tom Thomson's photographs.

The Meaford Chapter of Tree Trust is one of eight chapters working to preserve these carbon sequestering giants that are so critical in battling climate change. To date, the Meaford Chapter of Tree Trust has funded, through private and group donations, the arboreal care of eight legacy trees, including the white oak in the Leith Historical Church Cemetery.

Last fall, Meaford Tree Trust Coordinator Peter Russell proposed the idea of an art auction featuring artwork depicting the white oak in the medium of the artists choice. Unbeknownst to Pete, the Tom Thomson Art Gallery in Owen Sound was, at that time, in discussion with the Meaford Hall Art and Culture Centre regarding a Tom Thomson: In Photographs exhibition in the summer of 2023. All parties agreed that the exhibit and art auction were a fit.

The Tree Trust Art Auction and the **Tom Thomson: In Photographs** exhibit opens July 8 at the Meaford Hall Art and Cultural Centre. The photographs will be on display till August 25. The artwork includes paintings, photographs, mixed media, one stained glass and one metal sculpture, all centred around the century-old white oak. Meaford Tree Trust will accept silent bids on the artwork till August 23 unless the artwork is purchased at full value. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the artist and 50% to Meaford Tree Trust to finance the care of other legacy trees.

Tom Thomson: In Photographs is a curated exhibition by the Tom Thomson Art Gallery of Owen Sound.

The exhibit includes black and white photography prints depicting

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the artist's life at Canoe Lake in Algonquin Park, the Mississagi Provincial Forest Reserve, and in Owen Sound. The prints range in size from 16"x 20" to 36" x 60". The majority of the photographs were taken by Tom Thomson, and a few by people close to him in the six years prior to his death in 1917 at Canoe Lake.

The Meaford Hall Art and Culture Centre galleries are open during the hall's box office hours, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and during performances unless the galleries are booked for private functions.

For more information, contact Pete Russell at meafordtreetrust.ca



Mid-winter Sentinel, pen and ink by Mary Anne Young

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In Memoriam

MARVIN THOMAS LUTHER 'MARV' McCULLOCH

Marv passed away far too soon, after fighting a long battle with cancer, on Saturday, July 1st, 2023 at the age of 62.

Born in Meaford on August 23, 1960, he was son of the late Allen and Donelda (nee Rear) McCulloch.

Marv will be greatly missed a dear brother of Sharon Lobsinger (Jim), Dorothy LeClair, Karl McCulloch (Wendy), and was predeceased by his brothers Myles Rear (Hazel) and Douglas McCulloch.

He was the wonderful uncle of Duane (Jennifer), Kevin (Brienne), Michelle, Bobbi-Jo (Mark), Shaun (Jennifer), Dustin (Arianna), Brandon (Hannah) and great uncle to many nieces and nephews and a great, great nephew. He was predeceased by nephews Danny and Jason. He will also be sadly missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and neighbours.

Marv spent most of his young life fishing the Beaver River, playing broomball, hockey and baseball for the Sluggers.

He always liked to keep busy. Marv worked for Craigleith Ski Club for 25 years, for Dale Harbottle 12 years at Greenthumb and for Travis Mackey in the winters plowing snow. Most recently he worked for the Parks and Trails Department for the Town of the Blue Mountains for the past 10 years. His passion was for carpentry and just an all-around good handyman and carpenter with great mechanic skills and very proud and well deserved of his workmanship.

Family always came first and meant so much to him. Marv was always there to help anyone who needed his help but rarely would ever ask for help himself. He was a mentor to many younger people. He was always there to listen and talk to people about their troubles over a nice cold beer when they stopped by Marv's place.

He enjoyed watching the Owen Sound Attack and Toronto Maple Leaf hockey games every weekend with his neighbours Stan, Colin and Bill. Marv worked hard all his life but if you were looking for him during his leisure time you could likely find him at the Corner Café enjoying a few nice cold ones with his friends after a hard day's work. Marvin will be missed by many of the different people who came into his life who called him "Uncle Marv".

All are welcome to come and celebrate Marv's life on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 1 until 4 p.m. at 124 Matilda Street in Clarksburg.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation 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



GARY ANDREW PALLISTER

It is with great sadness that the family of Gary Andrew Pallister announce his passing on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at the age of 68. Gary chose to spend his last days at his home in Meaford surrounded by family and friends. He passed quietly while holding the hand of a friend.

The diagnosis of cancer came near the end, he faced what lay before him with courage and acceptance and gave hope to others, even as he knew that the end for him was near.

Gary believed strongly in the healing power of cannabis and devoted the last years of his life trying and often succeeding in making a difference in the lives of those who suffered. He participated in the creation of the documentary "Mend with Dignity". He dedicated many selfless hours to helping others in every way from giving rides to friends, offering safe lodging, and many other demonstrations of caring for others.

Gary was passionate about music. He loved classic rock and roll bands such as The Rolling Stones, David Bowie, and Led Zeppelin. He was also well versed in older country that he grew up listening to.

Some may be surprised to hear that Gary was a professional ballroom dancer, and he and his partner took part in many competitions. Gary's first experience playing drums was in a country band with Kerry Wonch and Gary's uncle, Ron Cole on Steel Guitar. Over the years, he sat in with many other local groups. Most recently, Gary was part of the Thursday night Maple Meadows Clubhouse Band.

Gary was predeceased by his dearly loved wife Nadine in 2020, his parents, Harry and Eleanor Pallister, and his older brother Wayne Pallister.

He is survived by his son Wayne Pallister and grandson Dallas; his daughter Tammy Pallister and her children: Dominic, Noah, and Autumn; and step-daughter Nicole Gibes-Butler, her husband Chuck, and their son Anthony, and was predeceased by their son Damien Butler.

Gary will be sadly missed by his brother Paul Pallister and sister-in-law Bonnie Sadler. He was a special uncle to his brother Paul's children: Earl Ritchie and Misty Hickey, and was predeceased by his niece Linda Groth. He is fondly remembered by his aunt Marlene Alcock and many cousins in Canada and the USA. He was particularly close to his cousin, Bob Winters.

Gary deeply valued the long friendships he shared with close friends; particularly Ted Lye, Rob Mahy, and Tim Culbert. Gary loved working at Ted's Range Road Diner doing any job that needed doing. From serving Yorkshire pudding to hungry guests to providing taxi service when needed, Gary was the first one to step up because his greatest pleasure was helping others.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Gary's Life will be announced at a later date.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to 'Mend with Dignity' or a charity near and dear to your heart 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

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JOSEPH-EDOUARD 'ROLAND' GOSSELIN

April 10, 1931 - June 30, 2023

Roland was born to pure laine parents in the New England diaspora community of Manchester, New Hampshire.

His mother was Antonia Boisvert and his father Joseph Leonidas (Leo) Gosselin. His only sibling, Simone, died in 2000.

After service in a U.S. Army medical ambulance company in South Korea (1952-54), he graduated from St. Anselm College, and did graduate studies in Chapel Hill (University of North Carolina), City University of New York, and New York University.

During his graduate studies in New York he began his teaching career, first in secondary schools and then in the City University of New York.

Roland was dedicated to a life of love and service. He was bilingual, and a favourite expression was *On ne voit pas qu'avec le coeur*. In 1951, while working at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York in the Medical Reference Library, he began volunteering at the Catholic Worker, a pacifist/anarchist organization founded by Dorothy Day to serve the poor on the Bowery. He continued this work for many years.

His first marriage to Eleanor Corrigan produced two children, Gabrielle Antonia and Pierre-Joseph. A widower in 1991, he was by chance introduced to Rosemary Glynne Rochester, and they married in 1992 in St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia University.

At his retirement in 2002 they celebrated their Canadian roots by moving to Thornbury with their Siberian Huskies, Natasha and Nikolai. Roland soon began ESL teaching at the Beaver Valley Community School, and later with each of the three refugee families welcomed to Thornbury.

Roland was active in Amnesty International, Answers for Seniors (Beaver Valley Outreach), and the Climate Action Now Network, where he was a member of the Natural Burial Team.

Roland is survived by Rosemary, his children, and grandchildren Kachina Claire and Oshadagea Emrys (Gosselin), and his beloved step-family, Margot, Charlie, Turner, Reid, Daphne, Brooke, Christophe-Alain, Ashley, Or, and great-grandchildren Lily, Eden and Elai.

"And gladly wolde he lerne and gladly teche." – Geoffrey Chaucer

A community gathering to remember Roland is planned for Sunday, July 9th, 2023 from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Blue Mountains Library in Thornbury.

As your expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity or NGO 'Non-Government Organization' that is dear to your heart. Donations may be made directly or through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca



LYLE W.J. BOYLE

Lyle Boyle of Meaford passed away with family by his side on Friday, June 9, 2023 at the Chapman House Hospice in Owen Sound at the age of 75.

Lyle was born in Collingwood on July 8, 1947, a son of the late Helen (nee White) and Carmen Boyle. Lyle was predeceased by his sisters Marilyn and Brenda as well as his brother Kevin.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Dawn Boyle (nee O'Neil), sisters Renai (Brian) Perks, Indra (Ron) Raynor, Sherry Lynn (Gary) Clarke, his children Kellie Kirkwood, Scott Boyle, Teresa Wilson and stepchildren Laurie (Carlos) Smits, Terrie Hamilton & Robin Hamilton (Lana).

Lyle was the much loved and proud Grampa of Meg (Brad) Holstock, Noah Wilson, Bonnie Kirkwood, Keenan Smits, Cole (Sky) Smits, Grady Hamilton & Michael Desimone, and great Grampa of Max & Patrick Holstock. He will be remembered fondly by his sisters-in-law Peg Yanyk, Kay O'Neil (Len Ardiel) and Kerry O'Neil and by all of his family and friends. Lyle will never be forgotten.

Lyle loved boating, golfing & spending quiet time listening to his music. He and his wife loved to travel and also spend time with family.

Lyle's life will be celebrated at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 1 until 4 p.m., with tributes at 2 o'clock.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to Residential Hospice Grey Bruce 'Chapman House' 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



ERIC LEONARD MARRIOTT

Eric passed away peacefully at Errinung Nursing Home in Thornbury on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the age of 93.

Born on May 10, 1930, in Eltham, England, a son of the late John and Beatrice (nee Briggs) Marriott.

Eric was the beloved husband of June Rose Marriott for over 65 years and will be remembered as a wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather.

He is predeceased by his wife Rose and survived by his 5 children and their partners: Shirley (Larry), June, Elaine (Bob), Roy (Madeleine), Bruce (Linda) and dear daughter-in-law Sandy. Eric will be fondly remembered by his 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Eric served in the army in England for 2 years and donated over 100 pints of blood to the Canadian Red Cross. He also owned, with his wife Rose, the Ravenna General Store from 1985 to 1995 and then retired to Thornbury.

Cremation has taken place and there will be private family funeral arrangements.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation 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



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 Such tempestuous template portrays our Canada, our home, our July The First,
 For today embers of discontent kindle too many hearts parched of hope,
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 This Canada Day, our undergrowth of compassion and truth bursts anew,
 We refresh care to our climate, snuff the dioxides of contempt and disrespect.
 As rains do temper the fire of forest, so may smiling tears wash away the haze,



And may embers now be those that ignite the Maple Leaf in our hearts.

Canada Day of Twenty Three is a forest fire, this of pride and freshened faith!

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley
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TRIVIA ANSWERS

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 During the War of 1812, the British were urged to attack the former colonies after American troops attacked Canada and burned government buildings. Washington was picked as the target because of its symbolic importance, its easy access from the sea, and the inability of inexperienced American troops to defend it.



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Canada Day Parade 2023

A highlight for Canada Day in The Blue Mountains was the 12th Annual Parade. Thanks to all the organizations and individuals who participated beginning with the Pancake Breakfast at the Legion.



Canada Day Photos by DillonDunlop705@gmail.com



Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame

Grey County recognized two area famers, Brian Gilroy and Ray Robertson, for their recent election to the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Brian Gilroy is an apple grower from Meaford who has been dedicated to agricultural education and research for more than 30 years. Brian has been president of the Georgian Bay Fruit Growers' Association, vice chairman of the Ontario Apple Marketing Commission, chairman of the Ontario Apple Growers' Steering Committee, chairman of the Ontario Apple Growers, president of the Canadian Horticultural Council (now Fruit & Vegetable Growers of Canada), chairman of its Apple Working Group, and chairman of Farm & Food Care Ontario. He's also a long-time director with the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.



When the Ontario Apple Marketing Commission dissolved in 2001, Brian worked tirelessly to ensure Ontario apple growers had an organization to represent their needs, which ultimately led to the formation of the Ontario Apple Growers as a marketing board with mandatory fees to ensure its financial viability. His efforts at the national level through the Apple Working Group and knack for behind-the-scenes consensus building have helped open international market opportunities for Canadian apples and ensure stable pricing by securing orderly domestic marketing.

The OFVGA is the voice of Ontario's 3,500 fruit and vegetable farmers on issues affecting the horticulture sector.

Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame

Seven of Canada's accomplished agricultural champions will take the stage on November 4 in Charlottetown, PEI as the 2023 inductees into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame – Garnet Altwasser, John Bragg, Rory Francis, Marcel Groleau, Ron Helwer, Robert Irving and Ray Robertson.

Ray Robertson is a recognized and highly regarded champion of forage production in Canada. A former dairy farmer and extension specialist, Robertson developed Grey Agricultural Services Centre to provide fee-for-service extension programs. His leadership saw the development of the Canadian Forage and Grasslands Association, building a national vision, international markets, and research and development for Canadian hay. Ray Robertson lives in Markdale and was nominated by Joan McKinlay.



The Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame Association (CAHFA) honours and celebrates Canadians for outstanding contributions to the agriculture and food industry. Portraits are on display in the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame Gallery located at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. The CAHFA also publicizes the importance of inductee achievements to Canada. The Association was organized in 1960 and is administered by a 12-person volunteer Board of Directors residing in regions across Canada.

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Town Tree Inventory Project

The Town has recently partnered with the University of Toronto's Faculty of Forestry to develop an inventory and condition assessment of trees located on Town property, within the urban settlement area, with the ultimate goal of drafting a Tree Preservation and Replacement Policy and Program.

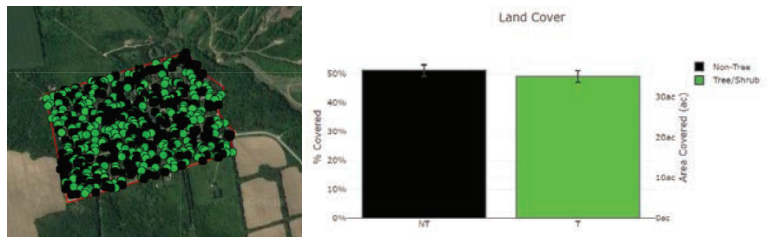
The Town does not currently have a program to preserve, manage and replace Town-owned trees within our urban setting. Staff are looking to develop a Tree Preservation and Replacement Program to meet this need, which will outline an approach to tree replacement based on climate change trends, stressors in the urban environment and integration with the Town's tree nursery. The first step in this process is to conduct an inventory of Town-owned trees including a tree health assessment methodology. The process of building this inventory began in May 2023 with the hiring of an Urban Forest Researcher into an existing summer student position. Options on how best to fund a Tree Preservation and Replacement Program utilizing current trends on natural asset management will be needed, and staff will explore how the Town's tree inventory factors into the development of a Biodiversity Strategy. Staff Report FAF.23.060 introduced the concept of natural asset management including a roadmap that identifies near-term actions.

Town staff, along with community partners, are seeking to align this work with natural asset management. In the coming weeks, Town staff will be working with our community partners and scheduling volunteer crews to assist with conducting the tree inventory work to be completed by end of August 2023. The Town's communications team has created a dedicated project page which can be found at www.thebluemountains.ca/tree-inventory.

Interested residents or members of the public are encouraged to visit this page and subscribe to the project email list to receive updates on the projects and more information about they can get involved. Communications staff will also be promoting the project and raising awareness through the Town's social media channels on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Following completion of the Town's tree inventory work, the Urban Forest Researcher will begin to develop a Tree Preservation and Replacement Program as part of their master's work. Staff expect this work will be completed in the fall/winter of 2023/2024.

TBM Tree Inventory Case Study - Swiss Meadows

The following results were estimated using i-Tree Canopy using random sampling of land cover comparing Tree/Shrub and Non-Tree land cover types to assess canopy cover and the associated monetary values.



Results

Random sample assessment of canopy approximately 48% with a standard error of 2.00 for a 28.96 ha area (Swiss Meadows)

Benefits:

- * Almost 1089.66 tones of CO₂ are currently being stored within trees.
Total value of \$273,539 CAD
- * 31 additional tones are sequestered annually.
Total value of \$7,831 CAD
- * Approximately 1200 kg of air pollution removed annually including Carbon Monoxide, Nitrogen Dioxide, Ozone, Sulfur Dioxide, particulate (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀).
Total value of \$140 CAD
- * Approximately 95.80 kl of avoided runoff annually
Total value \$302 CAD

Develop the means to manage trees throughout their lifecycle (logistics of operations) Site placement, rooting environment considerations, soil amendments, pruning, pest and pathogen treatments.

Rock Union Church 125th Anniversary

Local neighbours and descendants of the founding families of Rock Union Church will gather Sunday, July 9th to celebrate the 125 years of this unique stone church located at the crossroads of the Sixth Concession and Sideroad 12/13 in The Blue Mountains.



The current building, opened in 1898, replaced a small log church, originally owned by the Primitive Methodist Church. The vision from the inception of "Rock Church" (as it was originally named) was that it be a union or community church, and not connected with any specific denomination. The vision was embodied in the founding Trustees who were a Quaker (Jesse James), a Methodist (William H. Johnson), and a Presbyterian (Thomas McKinlay). Soon the church came to be known as "Rock Union Church".

In 1998, Bessie J. McKinlay, a granddaughter of two of the original trustees (J. James and T. McKinlay) wrote a 58-page history of the church's life and work. She recounted how the Sunday School was the central church activity on Sunday afternoons throughout the year. In 1902, for example, there were 40 children enrolled in three classes. (Families attended their own denominational church services in the morning.)

The Sunday School attendees known as "scholars" had access to an active borrowing library that included both fiction and non-fiction. Each year at Christmas, a community Fowl Supper was held in a local home, followed by a program (including readings, recitations, songs, and speeches). At the end of the evening, each scholar received the gift of a book in which their name was inscribed. Occasionally an extra special treat included an orange, brought from Toronto by one of the local men who worked in Toronto.

Church services were held in the summer months only. The ministers were mostly student pastors from Maple Grove Baptist Church (at the very south end of the Sixth Concession at the Osprey Township Townline). Few had their own car, so would come by bicycle, or be brought by horse and buggy, and in later years by car, thanks to various Maple Grove neighbours. The service would follow the hour-long Sabbath School, making for a long day for those who had done morning farm chores, attended a morning denominational service, and a full afternoon at Rock Union!

By the 1960's, attendance had significantly dwindled, and some of the life-long members had died. The last weekly service was held June 24, 1962. For the next decade, the church sat empty and unused. In 1971, the Trustees, supported by local families, decided to hold a yearly service followed by a community pot-luck picnic. This practice continued yearly (except for 2009, and 2020/2021).

As pandemic restrictions gradually lifted, a community gathering resumed in 2022 which included a local hike and nature walk and farm walking tour, ending with a potluck supper. Given the positive response to such, the same format is planned for this year's gathering.

The emphasis is on community connection and opportunity for conversation. The church will be open (as it is year-round) and you are welcome to drop by to share memories, stories, maybe your favourite Scripture or song or to learn more about the church's intriguing history. Scheduled hikes and the farm tour begin from the home of James and Joan McKinlay at 1:45 p.m. An anniversary recognition will be held at the McKinlay farm at 4:00 p.m. followed by a 4:30 p.m. potluck picnic. (Please bring your lawn chair dishes/cutlery and something to share). Beverages will be provided. For further information, call 519-599-6236. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Submitted by M. Elizabeth McKinlay

Craigleith Station

The Board of the Blue Mountains Public Library is interested in changing the name of the community museum from "The Craigleith Heritage Depot" to "The Craigleith Station".

In accordance with TBM Policy DOR-09-04 Policy for Naming and Renaming Parks, Trails and Facilities, the Blue Mountains Public Library submitted a request to SMT on April 24, 2023. The Craigleith Heritage Depot was named following the Craigleith Heritage Committees' work on the former Depot Fine Dining Restaurants conversions into a community museum, hence the name Craigleith Heritage Depot.

Over the past year nearly a half million dollars have been invested in the community museum, primarily through Infrastructure grants. These funds were secured to renovate and restore the 1886's rail station to reflect the historic exterior, as well as shore up the building itself. During this period we reverted to a colour combination to which this building was originally known to be (green/cream - official colours of the Grand Trunk Railway that built the station) as well as re-shingled the roof with a composite shake, again; harkening back to the original appearance of this building.

During this period we looked at revamping all the promotional plaquing outside on the museum property and the more we worked on the documents, the more the use of "The Depot" became a misnomer which was believed to be in need correcting.

A "Depot" is considered a train yard where trains are parked, may be stored, and are often worked on mechanically. A "Station" is a stop along a route. The Craigleith Station was first built by the Fleming Family. In the 1870's the Craigleith Station was a platform only and in 1886 the building construction was completed and opened its turret as the public ticket area and remainder of the original building as the home for the Station Master. This remained a Station until the early 1960's when it became a private cottage and then was abandoned until its refurbishment as a restaurant in 1965. It was at this time that the name was changed to "The Depot" as marketing of the restaurant. Returning the name to the Craigleith Station would be the last step of a renovation and reinvigoration of the community museum.



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Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting Application for Consent to Sever

Property Location: 29 Huron Street West and Vacant Lot to the East (TOWN PLOT PT LTS 28 & 29 SW HURON RP 16R1549 PART 1 & TOWN PLOT PT LOT 28 HURON WS RP 16R1549 PART 2)

Date of this Notice: June 22, 2023

File No: P3299

Pontone, Fullerton and Stewart

Roll: 424200001720900 & 424200001720801

The application was deemed **Complete** as of June 12, 2023.

A Public Meeting to consider this application has been scheduled for July 11, 2023 at 9:30 am, Hybrid Format (In-person AND Virtual/Online)

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

OR Virtual - Online format using Microsoft Teams

What is being proposed?

The purpose of this application is to consider a request for consent for a lot addition. The effect of the application is to sever approximately 128.34 sq.m from the subject lands and to convey it to the neighbouring residential lot, municipally known as Town Plot Pt Lot 28 Huron WS. The resultant lot would be 908.31 sq.m in size and would maintain 21 m of frontage on Huron Street West. The retained lot would be 1,090.77 sq.m and have approximately 25 m of frontage on Huron Street West.

The legal description of the properties are; TOWN PLOT PT LTS 28 & 29 SWHURON RP 16R1549 PART 1 & TOWN PLOT PT LOT 28 HURON WS RP 16R1549 PART 2



Key Map

Where do I find more information?

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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 amendments.

Where do I submit my comments?

Your written comments may be sent to the Town Clerk, Corrina

Giles: **By Mail or in Person:**

32 Mill St. Box 310, Thornbury ON, N0H 2P0

Fax: (519) 599-7723

Email: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

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 recommendations on this project to a future council meeting.

Want to be notified of a decision?

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

Questions? Want more information? Ask the Planner!

Nicole Schroder, Planner

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 288 or Toll Free (888) 258-6867

Email: nschroder@thebluemountains.ca


Your rights to appeal a decision:

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Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting Application for Consent and Zoning By-law Amendment

Property Location: 209009 Highway 26 (Plan 778 Part of Block A)

Date of this Notice: June 22, 2023

File No: P3300 and P3301

Sydney Ardiel

Roll: 42420000646900

The application was deemed Complete as of June 14, 2023.

A Public Meeting to consider this application has been scheduled for July 11, 2023 at 9:30 am, Hybrid Format (In-person AND Virtual/Online)

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0
OR Virtual - Online format using Microsoft Teams

What is being proposed?

The proposal is to sever an approximately 1.23 acre parcel from an existing 1.86 acre lot. The retained parcel would be approximately 0.63 acres in size. The proposal also seeks to rezone the property from the Development 'D' zone to the Residential 'R1-1' zone. No amendments to the R1-1 zone are proposed.

The effect of the application is the creation of a new lot and to permit a residential dwelling on the new lot.

The legal description of the property is Plan 778 Part of Block A. WS RP 16R1549 PART 2

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Carter Triana, Planner

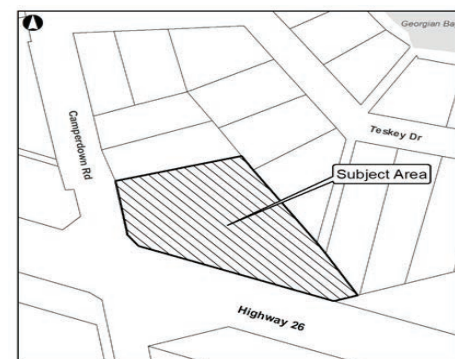
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2023 Community Improvement Plan Update

In 2021, Council approved two CIPs, the **Housing Within Reach Community Improvement Plan** and the **Town-wide Revitalization Community Improvement Plan**. A CIP is a planning and economic development tool that municipalities use to facilitate broad community revitalization goals through grants or loans to private property owners and tenants. Together, the Town's two CIPs feature a range of programs that provide grants and incentives to businesses and agencies to support a wide variety of economic development objectives in the community. Combined, the two CIPs feature 18 programs. (eg. Building Façade & Signage Program, Building Improvement & Renovation Program, Property Enhancement and Improvement Program etc.)

In response to FAF.23.018 - 2023 Community Improvement Plan Implementation and Budget Approval that was presented to Council on February 2, 2023, Council approved a \$250,000 budget for this year's CIP program. The funding comprises of \$150,000.00 from the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Reserve Fund and \$100,000.00 in grants received from the County. This report provides Council, as the final approval authority, with funding allocation recommendations from the Community Improvement Plan Review Committee.

The first intake in 2023 received fourteen applications, with ten of the applications deemed complete. The funding requests totaled \$150,243.34. The total construction cost of the projects is estimated at \$2,348,952.29. A measure of success for the program is the private investment leveraged. Once approved, the Town would have leveraged \$2,198,708.95 in investment from the private sector through the CIP in 2023.

The application period was open from April 3, 2023 to May 12, 2023. Each application required the submission of a detailed application form, photos of the current building, drawings of the desired upgrades and two quotes for the proposed work. The amount of funding recommended by Town Staff is based on the lower of the two quotes submitted by the applicant.

The Community Improvement Plan Review Committee, comprised of staff from various departments, met on May 23, 2023 and May 26, 2023 to review complete applications to confirm eligibility and determine a funding recommendation for Council.

Application 2023-01 – 33 Bruce Street, Thornbury

The building has two commercial spaces (Marion's Hair Studio & Mantra Yoga Studio) and two residential spaces above. The applicant is seeking to repair the commercial front façade, including refinishing the front doors and repairing the front steps, and upgrade one apartment (currently vacant) to meet the Ontario Building Code, including installing new windows and fire doors and moving the washer/dryer to an exterior wall.

- Total Funding Recommended: \$14,865.34
- Total Estimated Cost of Project: \$29,730.68

Application 2023-02 – 190 Russell Street, Clarksburg

Lemonade Collective is a fitness centre seeking to install stairs for their pool, which is currently accessible only by ladder. This will improve accessibility for those with mobility issues, including seniors, those with disabilities and those who are injured/recovering from an injury, to allow them to exercise safely and effectively. The applicant proposes to install fiberglass stairs with a stainless-steel railing, which also entails moving the pool lines.

- Total Funding Recommended: \$9,322.50
- Total Estimated Cost of Project: \$18,645.00

Application 2023-03 – 6 Bruce Street North, Thornbury

Pom Pom is a seasonally operated ice cream scoop shop looking to freshen up and update the signage and storefront to suit new branding and keep current with growth and improvements within the community. The applicant seeks funding for a weatherproof flavour board with interchangeable flavour magnets, new front, side and back windows for the safety and security of guests and staff, and exterior paint.

- Total Funding Recommended: \$1,951.03
- Total Estimated Cost of Project: \$3,902.06

Application 2023-04 – 54 King Street East, Thornbury and 23 Napier Street East, Thornbury

The Beaver Valley Outreach is a not-for-profit organization with offices providing social and essential services in town at 54 King Street East. The second location at 23 Napier Street is a licensed daycare. The applicant is seeking to repaint the parking lot lines, including safe walkways and accessible parking, at both locations and to rebuild the "Bottles for BVO" Dropoff Kiosk at 54 King Street East to enhance the efficiency and safety of their recycling program.

- Total Funding Recommended: \$1,396.36
- Total Estimated Cost of Project: \$2,792.72

Application 2023-05 – 69 King Street, Thornbury

The applicant seeks to replace the windows in the attic of The Lillypad Day Spa, as well as resurface the ceiling and reshingle the mudroom roof. This will improve the façade and energy efficiency of the building and allow year-round use of the mudroom for the BVO Pop-up Shop.

- Total Funding Recommended: \$11,337.51
- Total Estimated Cost of Project: \$22,675.02

Application 2023-06 – 37 Bruce Street South, Thornbury

The building has commercial space on the ground floor and an apartment above. The applicant proposes to replace the front door and the windows on the front and side façades.

- Total Funding Recommended: \$10,000.00
- Total Estimated Cost of Project: \$21,113.55

Application 2023-07 – 28 Bruce Street South, Thornbury

The building houses Bonkers Thornbury, a new retail store. The applicant seeks to renovate the storefront to give the store its own entrance, as access is currently shared with two other businesses, which includes the supply and installation of new storefront windows and a door. The applicant also proposes to install a new sign and awning.

- Total Funding Recommended: \$9,846.50
- Total Estimated Cost of Project: \$19,692.99

Application 2023-08 – 41a Bruce Street S, Thornbury

The building has a law office on the ground floor and an apartment on the second floor. The applicant seeks to add a vinyl membrane for weatherproofing to the roof of an addition on the rear façade of the building, which houses the files for the law office.

- Total Funding Recommended: \$10,000.00
- Total Estimated Cost of Project: \$21,333.27

Application 2023-09 – 13/15 Bruce Street South, Thornbury

The building has a commercial space (Birch & Benjamin) on the ground floor, with an apartment above. The applicant proposes replacing the apartment's metal door on the front façade facing Bruce Street. The applicant also seeks to install wood trim around the front doors and window to cover crumbling concrete curbs and seal crumbling brick along the side façade (facing the Parkette) by cladding it with metal trimmed with wood to match the window.

- Total Funding Recommended: \$4,533.50
- Total Estimated Cost of Project: \$9,067.00

Application 2023-10 – 178 Marsh Street, Clarksburg

The applicant proposes to develop a building with ten residential units and two commercial units; two of the residential units will be attainable. The programs the applicant has selected cover feasibility studies, Town and County Development Charges for the two attainable units, municipal fees for the site plan review and building permit and landscaping of the site.

- Total Funding Recommended: \$76,990.60
- Total Estimated Cost of Project: Estimated at \$2,200,000.00

Province Starts Pre-Development Work for New Nuclear Generation to Power Ontario's Growth

BRUCE COUNTY – The Ontario government is starting pre-development work to site the first large-scale nuclear build in over three decades to prepare for rising electricity demand, power electrification and fuel the province's strong economic growth. Bruce Power will start community consultations and conduct the environmental assessment for federal approval to determine the feasibility of siting up to 4,800 megawatts (MW) of new nuclear generation on its current site, enough to power 4.8 million homes.

They currently have the world's largest operating nuclear facility with about 6,550 megawatts, providing clean, reliable, emissions-free power to the grid, baseload power. On a daily basis about 30 per cent of Ontario's electricity comes from this site right now. There's room alongside (units) Bruce A and Bruce B, potentially, for a Bruce C and that's what this pre-development work is intended to begin."

For the first time since 2005, Ontario's electricity demand is rising. While the government has implemented its plan to meet rising demand this decade, experts at Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) have recommended the province begin planning, siting and environmental assessment work for long-lead assets, including nuclear power, to meet increasing electricity demand in the 2030s and beyond driven by strong economic growth, electrification and population growth.

Federal approval is the first step in a comprehensive process for approving and building new nuclear power generation projects, which could take a decade or longer. Recognizing new nuclear generation will be critical to making the province's electricity grid even cleaner, Ontario will continue to work with the federal government to identify and highlight opportunities to reduce inefficiencies and minimize duplication when it comes to federal major project reviews

to reduce emissions by getting clean energy projects built quicker.

Initiating this early planning will ensure the province has a reliable, low-cost and clean option available to power the next major international investment, the new homes being built in the province, and industries and sectors across the province as they grow and electrify.

A new nuclear station would also create thousands of new jobs and generate billions of dollars in economic activity across the province for decades to come, while helping to reduce emissions and further Ontario's clean electricity advantage, which will better position Ontario to compete for international investments, which are increasingly prioritizing access to a clean energy supply.

"Nuclear power has been the stable backbone of Ontario's clean electricity system for decades and Bruce Power is ready to play an integral role in addressing the province's future needs, while supporting good jobs and economic prosperity for the future," said Mike Rencheck, President and CEO of Bruce Power. "We are starting the federal Impact Assessment process to look at new nuclear generation on our site now, to maximize the future optionality for clean electricity in the province."

This pre-development work will help evaluate the suitability of the site by examining the impacts of a new facility on the environment, the public and Indigenous communities. It will take several years to complete, involving significant public input and consultations with Indigenous communities, and is a pre-requisite for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's multi-stage licensing process for new large-scale nuclear stations.

This pre-development work is part of Ontario's plan to prepare for electricity demand in the 2030s and 2040s that will build on Ontario's clean electricity advantage and ensure the province has the power to maintain its position as a leader in job creation and a magnet for the industries of the future.

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OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW



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

Public Survey

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. Closes August 13, 2023. Paper copies are available at Town Hall and the Library.

Public Workshops

July 13, 1 - 3pm - Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture & Parks
August 1, 2 - 4pm - Community Growth & Design (Day Session)
August 1, 6 - 8pm - Community Growth & Design (Evening Session)
August 10, 1 - 3pm - Affordable Housing

Please keep involved in this important community project.

Take the Survey & Register for a Workshop at www.tbmbblueprint.ca



For The Love Of Gardening *by Alice Otrysko*



I've always loved the outdoors, the trees, the sky, the clouds and all things that grow. There is a certain amount of power associated with making things grow especially from seed; it's a creation of a life, a natural life which grows and displays its beauty and in many cases is consumed by people and animals.

My mother grew flowers in England and in Canada but mostly she grew food. Our vegetable garden in England was as big as we were allotted in the Camp but it served us well. There were potatoes, carrots, onions which she dried for the winter and all kinds of legumes which she preserved in jars. We didn't have a fridge or a freezer so vegetables were either dried or canned.

I started gardening with the first house we had in Toronto. There the garden was fairly large accommodating flowers but more importantly, a luscious vegetable garden.

Our next house in Toronto had a small garden but I grew tomatoes in containers and climbing beans up the fence. Flowers were mostly grown in the front rock garden which was lovely where I also put in a couple of dwarf trees: weeping birches.

We ate fresh lettuce and tomatoes and cucumbers as soon as they were ready. Beans were frozen for the winter months. I didn't pickle ever but my mother was still alive and she provided the pickles.

When we had 130 acre horse farm near Walters Falls, obviously my veg garden was big, growing all basics including zucchini which I gladly shared with friends because they grew quickly and large. Overnight they grew enormous.

Horse manure was my fertilizer and it was free and abundant. Other people would come and ask if they could take a couple of containers home to their gardens and I loved that they did.

Now in Thornbury I have a front perennial garden and along the fence at the back but with sparse land I had to rely on growing veggies in honey boxes and box frames. Even so, the harvest is abundant and we enjoy the delicacies as we eat them freshly picked. There is a huge difference in taste and nutrition from vegetables that have sat under lights in a grocery store.

I love going first thing in the morning and watering and pruning and picking. Today we are having a large salad of Romaine lettuce, herbs and scallions freshly picked.

It's important to check your garden daily and water it when rain is scarce. I like to water first thing in the morning. It livens up the plants and prepares them for the day. Every couple of weeks I boost the growth by giving the plants extra nutrients in the form of plant food.



A garden is work but if you do a bit each day, it's not strenuous. I can't do any digging because of my age and arthritis but there isn't much digging any more once the garden is established. There is raking in the Spring to get rid of the winter dead material and there is weeding. Weeding can hard on the hands and the back but there are tools that help. If you mulch your garden you will have less weeding.

I hope most people will try gardening even on a balcony in a container. You can grow tomatoes and cucumbers and of course, herbs. Fresh herbs added to your dinner menu provide not just taste but vitamins. We all need vitamins and we all need to return to nature and do some gardening.



Circular Economy in Landscaping

I am excited to be able to put our circular economy principles into practice locally surrounding the Blue Mountains. I would love to work closely with our community and individuals to create a plan to reuse materials and minimize waste with all positive intent. There is an opportunity to have a circular economy by redesigning and reinventing products with a combination of both new and old products when it comes to landscaping. We have already done a few jobs where we have recycled plants, interlocking stone and lumber.

We strongly believe we could make a positive impact with reinventing the product. I propose using existing materials from one jobsite to another to create a certain type of amphitheater. As a mother of two young children, who has personally had 8 years of landscape/gardening experience, I am very connected to nature and my goal in life is to continue to practice being good to our planet so we have a safe space to live, breathe and raise our young.

Temagami Landscapes is proud to be able to apply our circular economy principles in such a meaningful way. We can demonstrate that it is possible to create beautiful and sustainable spaces using the materials that already exist in our environment. If you have any material, you believe can be reused and recycled, please contact Temagami Landscapes so we can start to be the change in our community.

*Anna Pynkoski, Project and Marketing Coordinator
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Cursive is Making a Comeback

Relegated in 2006 to an optional piece of learning in Ontario elementary schools, cursive writing is set to return as a mandatory part of the curriculum starting in September.

Education Minister Stephen Lecce said it is about more than just teaching students how to sign their own name.

"The research has been very clear that cursive writing is a critical life skill in helping young people to express more substantively, to think more critically, and ultimately, to express more authentically," he said in an interview.

"That's what we're trying to do, to create a very talented generation of young people who have mastered the fundamental skills, like reading, writing, and math, that are the foundations of any successful productive life in the country."

Ontario's new language curriculum, set to be in place for the new school year, introduces a host of changes, including a renewed focus on phonics. Many of the curriculum additions can be traced back to a report last year from the Ontario Human Rights Commission, which said the province's public education system was failing students with reading disabilities and others by not using evidence-based approaches. "If we want to boost reading instruction, we have to embrace some of those time-tested strategies that have worked for generations," Lecce said.

The curriculum reintroduces cursive writing as an expectation starting in Grade 3.

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, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



July 2023:

- Watch for the Japanese beetle on your Asiatic Lilies, Roses, Rose of Sharon, Dahlias, Hollyhocks, and numerous other plants. Handpicking and squeezing, combined with a beetle trap, are the most efficient way to limit these ravaging critters. Luckily, the little red devils don't eat Day Lilies (Hemerocallis)
- Watch for earwigs and Gypsy moth caterpillars. Spray plants with a 40:1 mixture of water and dish soap.
- Ants are also a problem. The ant powder does not seem to work for me. Maybe the ants didn't read the instructions to take it back to their nest. Try boiling water.
- Trim evergreens, cedar hedges, etc., NOW as needed, not later in the summer.
- Stake straggly annuals and perennials, or pinch them back to promote new growth and make them bushy.
- Raise lawn mower blades for summer mowing. Grass should be at least 5 - 7.5 cm (2 to 3 inches) high to stay healthy and weed free.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs like Forsythia and Spirea after blooming, if you really want to be picky, remove individual spent lilac blooms.
- Water flower beds deeply and try a second round of weeding. Add mulch again to keep the weeds at bay.
- Mulch your tomato plants. When a ripe tomato drops, it won't split or get muddy. Mulch holds moisture too!
- Thin, hoe, weed and water vegetables as required. (This is why I stick to flowers)
- Water lawns and beds as deeply as you can. We have had a very dry spring, so keep pouring the water to the grass.
- Tackle weeds now before they go to seed. Save yourself from weeding their offspring next year.
- Stake tall perennials that may be weakened by too rapid growth.
- Turn compost regularly and check the moisture level - not too wet, not too dry,- like Goldilocks, just right.

A big thank you to everyone who turned out for our Giant Plant Sale at St. George's, the Anglican Parish for The Blue Mountains, in Clarksburg. You bought all 1,114 donated plants at an average cost of just \$7 for a prized perennial. Thanks to the many plant donors, TOO!



New Local Canadian Registered Charity

Local couple Nick and Adrienne Cipp of Bruce Street are excited to announce that their Charity "Alaboo" is now a registered Canadian Charity. It all started in 2019 with a visit to a small village in Kenya.

Over the past four years the couple has collected donations for a well and a school for Kindergarten to Grade 3 students. Currently there are 200 children attending Saint Elizabeth Mission School in Kahuho, Kapolet Kenya. In the past, poverty has prevented these kids from attending school due to the cost of uniforms which are required in Kenya.

At Saint Elizabeth Mission School no student is turned away. Each student receives a uniform, two meals, Education and clean drinking water to bring home to their families. Trained teachers provide a caring environment for learning as witnessed from the smiles and laughter from the students. They are hard working and smart children with caring parents and a supportive community.

The schools immediate needs are a computer and a printer to prepare and print the end of school year National exams. Without completing these mandatory exams they will not be allowed to move ahead to the next grade. "Alaboo Charity" has partnered with CanadaHelps.org to collect donations and issue tax receipts for income tax purposes.

Future plans are to purchase land to grow food and build a Grade 4-12 school. Please visit alaboo.com or "Alaboo Charity" on the CanadaHelps website to see how this small village with the help of your donations are building a bright future for these beautiful children of Kenya.

Adrienne Cipp, 226-989-9071



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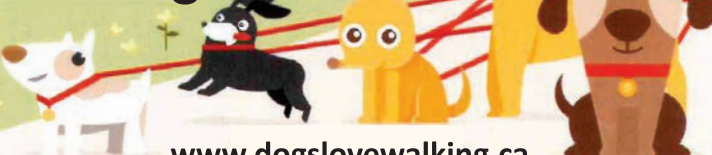
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Gerry McGregor – 40 Years of Rotary Service: 1983 – 2023



When Gerry and Diana McGregor moved to Thornbury in 1980, they were eager to begin a new chapter of their lives in the Beaver Valley, and hoped to make friends, build community, and share adventures with their daughter Katie. Gerry joined the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club in 1983, and with his passion, enthusiasm and dedication, Rotary truly became a cornerstone of their family life, with Gerry epitomizing the Rotary motto of “service above self.” It is incredible to reflect on Gerry’s contributions to Rotary over the past 40 years, and the countless ways in which he and Diana not only became

active, valued members of the club and community, but part of the fabric of Thornbury-Clarksburg, with their compassion, creativity and leadership.

As luck would have it, soon after Gerry joined Rotary, the club was looking for a new fundraiser event to replace the Beaver River Rat Race that had been discontinued. Gerry presented his fellow Rotarians with a zany idea... a Chili Cookoff featuring something called Texas-style chili – chili with no beans! This idea came to life with teams participating in multiple categories, evaluated by a panel of judges as well as “People’s Choice” awards, for everything from best chili to best costumes. With Gerry’s marketing and promotion skills

(including leading Rotarian kids around town to distribute flyers in the early days of the cookoff, and countless interviews promoting the events), the cookoff became one of the top 100 events in Ontario during its time, was accredited by CASI (Chili Appreciation Society International) and gained sponsorship from Tabasco and Pepto-Bismol, amongst others. Led by Gerry, over the course of 27 annual Chili Cookoff events,



thousands of locals and visitors, and hundreds of chili cooking teams participated in what Gerry describes as “good, serious fun,” and in the process, helped the club to raise somewhere in the neighborhood of \$350,000 to support projects in the local community, and initiatives helping people around the world.

As a lifelong problem-solver and enthusiastic leader, Gerry initiated many other projects, including creating the club’s first website in the 1990s (the first in the district), and served in many other roles including club president, club historian (recording Thornbury-Clarksburg club history, and organizing decades of photos for the club archive), Rotary Youth Exchange liaison, and served at the district level, as District Membership Chair as well as supporting the district and Rotary International in many other ways. Gerry has actively supported club programs for 40 years, including regularly setting up tents, tables and chairs for the Tent Rental Program, and has represented the club internationally, as a member of the Canadian Rotary Curling Team participating in the International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians.



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Looking ahead –

On 24th August, ‘Ruck to Remember’ participants will be at our branch, at the start of their hike.

The ‘Ruck’ raises funds specifically for homeless veterans. Look for future notices with more details and how you can help.

www.ruck2remember.com

Ruck 2 Remember!

Is a registered not for profit that was established to support veterans, police, firefighters and paramedics!

They organize two major events each year, the annual “Road 2 Recovery” which raises funds for “Operation: Leave the Streets Behind” and the “Canuck Ruck for the Homeless” which is an annual outreach event where the team collects clothing, gift cards, and care packages for the homeless and traverses the city handing them out to those that are most in need. Additionally they support other events whose causes overlap with our own by providing man power and leveraging our experience in fundraising and organization.



In the 1980’s and early 90’s, as the drummer for the club’s band known as the “Rotary Retreads,” Gerry kept the town grooving with his toe-tapping beats, playing at local events and even cruising the streets playing on parade floats. Gerry and his family have also been strong supporters of the Rotary Youth Exchange program, hosting numerous exchange students from around the world, opening their home and sharing their love of the southern Georgian Bay area and our community with international students and families, and eventually sending Katie on her own exchange year to Belgium in 1997.

Gerry came to Thornbury looking for community, and in turn, has helped to shape and strengthen our community through his passionate involvement. Gerry and Diana have lived and breathed Rotary values and led by example for over 40 years with their dedication to helping others and empowering people through Rotary’s programs and work. The Thornbury-Clarksburg community is grateful for your contributions, Gerry.

Congratulations and thank you for your 40 years of Rotary service!
-by Katie McGregor

Summer Music Workshop for Brass and Woodwinds Grade 7-12 Students

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August 14-17, 2023

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Please note all performances will run rain or shine unless it proves dangerous to do so. We suggest that you bring blankets, umbrellas, hats, sunscreen, jackets, cushions, chairs, or anything else you may need to make yourself comfortable and prepared for the weather. We encourage you to pack and enjoy your own refreshments.

July 27 & 28 - 6:00pm; July 29 - 2:00pm and 6:00pm; July 30 & 31, August 3 & 4 6:00pm; August 5 - 2:00pm and 6:00pm; August 6 & 7 6:00pm *Runtime is approximately 90 minutes with no intermission.

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Free to Youth 10-15 years

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Clinic July 17, 18, 19 and 24, 25, 26.

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Contact Harry Stevens, Rosemarie Wickens at 705 888 8089

Summer Invitational

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EXHIBIT: JULY 3-AUGUST 18
RECEPTION: JULY 8 | 2-4PM

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All Ages
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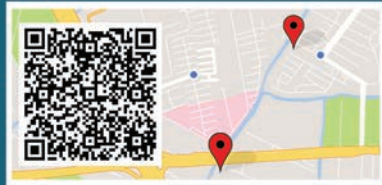
Saturday, July 8 | 10am - 4pm

Downtown Clarksburg - Downtown Thornbury

Join us for the 2.2 km Arts Walk along the Bruce Street and Marsh Street arts corridor. This one day event will include local artists, galleries, businesses, restaurants, churches and the front lawns of private residences.

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July 16 | 4-7pm

3 Frog Night
July 21 | 6-9pm

Karla Crawford
July 25 | 5-8pm

Toronto String Quartet
July 30 | 4-7pm

AUGUST

Dean James
August 4 | 6-9pm

Warren Hargraves
August 6 | 6-9pm

The Bentley Collective
August 11 | 6-9pm

Toronto Concert Orchestra
August 13 | 4-7pm

Richard Brady & Pat Robitaille
August 18 | 6-9pm

The Wendy Laurier Band
August 20 | 4-7pm

Rock the Dock: The Flashback Experiment
August 25 | 6-9pm

Toronto String Quartet
August 27 | 4-7pm

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Saturday, August 12, 2023

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Ontario Making Historic Investments in Wetlands Restoration

The Ontario government is investing up to \$6.9 million in approximately 100 local conservation projects to restore and enhance wetlands across the province. This funding will help 14 conservation partners restore more than 2,400 acres of wetlands in Ontario, which combined is larger than Presqu'île Provincial Park,

near Brighton. The projects will improve water quality, help prevent flooding and build climate change resiliency.

The Wetlands Conservation Partner Program represents one of the largest investments in wetland restoration in Ontario's history. The five-year, \$30-million program supports a wide range of projects, restoring and enhancing large-scale wetlands, smaller wetlands on marginal agricultural lands, and wetlands in more urban areas as part of municipal stormwater management.

In this third year of the program, the province is working in partnership with a number of Ontario-based conservation organizations and municipalities, including the program's first partner Ducks Unlimited Canada, which is celebrating 85 years of conservation leadership.

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