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Bay Street East Reconstruction

A neighbourhood meeting will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, from 10 am to 12 pm at the Bayview Park Pavilion to gather input from stakeholders and residents. All those interested in the project are invited to attend.

This meeting is being held to review the scope of work and gather initial community input. The intention of this meeting is to provide more insight into what is going to be happening with the underground works, and how that will impact conditions above ground. No final decisions will be made at the meeting, but the project team will be able to provide more information about the potential pros and cons of any alternative design elements.

The 2021 Town Budget included funding for a capital project intended to make upgrades to the Craigleith Main Sewage Lift Station. In May of 2022, Town Council approved a motion to increase the scope of the project to include upgrades to the Mill Street Sewage Lift Station and installation of an additional sanitary forcemain along Bay Street from Mill Street to Grey Street.

The Town's Asset Management Plan indicates that the underground infrastructure on Bay Street in this location is in poor to very poor condition and is approaching the end of its useful life. The existing sanitary sewer and watermain are both made of asbestos cement, and both experience significant leakage issues. The installation of the secondary forcemain will involve road excavation that is likely to result in many more leaks as the ground shifts and settles. Considering that Bay Street from Mill Street to Grey Street will need to be significantly disturbed for the installation of the forcemain, this provides a great opportunity to reconstruct the entire road. This will ensure that the watermain, sewers and stormwater systems are adequate for the next 50-75 years. Addressing leaking watermains and sewers reduces the burden on both the water and wastewater systems, freeing up needed capacity and allowing more connections to current infrastructure.

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Lost Llamas Near Victoria Corners

Two volunteers Annette Sandberg (left) and her friend Christine manning the barricade at the trail into the Loree Forest which is now closed to facilitate the search. Three pet llamas,



Lluka, Llewis, and Todd, managed to escape their enclosure November 10th. The trio, who reside near the Blue Mountain Veterinary Clinic in Ontario, are the cherished pets of Samantha McKay. see page 3











Consideration to Save Trees on Louisa Street West, Thornbury at Council Meeting on November 20

photos by Robert Burcher

Councillor Maxwell provided the following Notice of Motion at the November 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

In accordance with Procedural By-law 2023-62 the Notice of Motion requires a mover and seconder to be put before Council.

WHEREAS the residents of the Town of the Blue Mountains have expressed substantial concerns regarding the proposed reconstruction of Louisa Street, specifically between Elma Street and Bruce Street, and these concerns notably include the potential removal of historic and significant trees, some of which may be remnants of the Tree Planting Act of 1883—a legislative effort under the Department of Agriculture to promote tree planting along roadways and street boulevards;

AND WHEREAS historical context reveals a rich heritage since the initial contact with local First Nations, the arrival of surveyor Charles Rankin, and settlers like Solman Olmstead of Burritt Rapids. The separation of Thornbury from Collingwood has led to substantial urban development, including the introduction of municipal utilities, paved roads and social and business enterprises. Louisa Street and its neighbourhood history also ranged from merchants making their way to Bruce Street, students off to school, troops making their way to foreign wars, visiting foreign dignitaries and people with grocery bags from the store on Elma Street. All speaking to the building of neighbourhood character;

AND WHEREAS the community, along with municipal staff, recognizes the necessity for improvements on Louisa Street, particularly in areas such as tree preservation, sewer and water upgrades, traffic flow, underutilized parking, walkable community development, and financial impacts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains directs municipal staff to:

1. Explore alternative servicing methods, such as utilizing Lorne Street continued on page 2

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to provide access for residents off Elma Street, considering a singlelane, one-way residential traffic corridor with built-in traffic calming measures and a sidewalk.

- 2. Collaboratively engage with the Thornbury BIA to develop strategies that enhance foot traffic from municipal parking lots to Louisa Street, and to assess AND THAT this motion is proposed in the interest of balancing historical preservation, community concerns, and sustainable urban development, ensuring that any actions taken are in alignment with the shared values and goals of the Town of The Blue Mountains. the BIA's willingness to share certain costs that would be mutually beneficial.
- 3. Ensure that, as of this motion, no contract has been finalized nor have final engineering designs been approved. Any potential savings identified should be reallocated towards enhancing municipal parking facilities and promoting walkable communities.
- 4. That the residents and others are concerned with the overall plan to remove all trees and change the grade of the embankment, which will affect the town's image as being a steward of the environment.
- 5. That the Town investigate alternative servicing methods, exemplified by Lorne Street, to serve residents off Elma Street, explore single lane narrow street with built-in calming measures and sidewalks:
- 6. Review reports CSOPS.20.040 and CSOPS.20.049 concerning design 3A AND THAT this motion is proposed in the interest of balancing historical preservation, community concerns, and sustainable urban development, ensuring that any actions taken are in alignment with the shared values and goals of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

Town Notice - Trees to be Marked for Removal

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to inform the public that trees slated for removal within the boundaries of the Thornbury West Phase 1B Reconstruction project are scheduled to be marked.

The Town's project team will be posting notices on all trees that will be removed. (approx 60) The marked trees will be removed through the winter to avoid conflicts with nesting birds. A contractor will be secured through the Phase 1B construction tender which is expected to be awarded in late 2023 or early 2024. An inventory and health assessment of all trees within the project boundaries was completed by an arborist in February of 2021, and health and conditions have been monitored since that time. Deterioration has been noted amongst multiple trees located in close proximity to properties that have seen significant renovations, new builds or service pipes replaced.

Over the past year, the Town has committed additional time to thoroughly evaluate the design of Phase 1B with Tatham Engineering. Through these efforts, opportunities to retain existing mature trees within the project boundaries have been identified. However, significant tree removals will still be required throughout this area due to tree health, grading, road cross sections and conflicts with drinking water, storm sewer and sanitary sewer services. Updates regarding the removals will be posted to the project page on the Town's website and sent to project email subscribers.

For information or to subscribe to the project email list, visit thebluemountains.ca Operations Dept/. (519) 599-3131 ext. 276

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The incident swiftly transformed from a private concern to a community affair when Samantha turned to Facebook to raise awareness. The response was overwhelming, with numerous locals volunteering to search for the llamas.

Given their herd instinct and preference for grass, there is hope that the llamas have stayed together, which could increase their chances of being safe,

although concerns about potential threats like coyotes remain.

Anyone who spots the llamas please contact contact Samantha, 519-495-4895. These animals are known to be skittish.

She provided an update on Facebook on Wednesday November 15 saying the "Llamas are still not home."

"With the help of the search and rescue team assisting me, a plan is being put in place to get these boys home. Updates will be provided as I know more. The outpouring of support means so much. Thank

Staff Housing Project

Blue Mountain Resort will be asking Council's support of Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator Order (CIHA) to facilitate expedited approvals required for the Blue Mountain Resorts Employee



Housing project by directing Staff to prepare a Draft CIHA Order to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The CIHA Order would enable the provision of a maximum 301 room, five storey Staff Housing project on Blue Mountain Resort property.

Key differences between a CIHA Order and a zoning by-law amendment include:

- A CIHA Order can include conditions imposed by the Minister, including the requirement to register an agreement on title to the land. This may allow CIHA Orders to secure community benefits or other matters important for the orderly development of lands that may not otherwise be possible to secure under the existing legislative framework;
- The process for Council to request a CIHA Order does not have the same consultation requirements as Zoning By-Law Amendments;
 - A CIHA Order does not need to conform with the Official Plan; and
 - A CIHA Order cannot be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Mayor Matrosovs Invited to Attend the COP28 Local Climate Summit

On Friday November 3, 2023 Mayor Matrosovs was invited to attend and participate in the COP28 Local Climate Action Summit by Mr. Michael R. Bloomberg, United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solution and H.E. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber. This Summit is scheduled to take place from December 1 & 2, in Expo City, Dubai. This invitation was extended to Mayor Matrosovs based on a nomination supported by the ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, a global network of local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development.

The thematic days following the Summit will include multi-level government action: COP28 will feature a historic presence of local leaders, including mayors, governors, parliamentarians, business and civil society leaders, united to accelerate climate action across all levels of government and society. The summit will also highlight solutions to transition to low carbon and resilient built environments and infrastructure, sustainable and circular waste systems, and sustainable mobility and freight. The cost of travel, lodging, and most meals will be covered by the Bloomberg Foundation.





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Grey Bruce Public Health Launches Campaign To "Attack" Medication Misuse

Grey Bruce Public Health is teaming up with the Owen Sound Attack and Rexall Pharma Plus in Owen Sound on a campaign aimed at promoting the proper disposal of expired and unused medication.

Starting Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, Grey-Bruce residents who clean out their medicine cabinets and bring their old and no longer needed prescription and over-the-counter medication to Rexall Pharma Plus at 963 2nd Ave. E. will receive a voucher for two free tickets to any regular season Owen Sound Attack Wednesday night home game.

The "Attacking Medication Misuse" campaign will continue until Nov. 25, 2023, or until all free-ticket vouchers are claimed, whichever is sooner.



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"This campaign is intended to inform and remind residents that the safest way to dispose of prescription pills and other pharmaceuticals – and ensure they do not end up in the wrong hands or impact the environment – is by bringing them to a local pharmacy. All pharmacies accept old or unused medications year-round and ensure they are disposed of properly," says Monica Blair, Manager of Grey Bruce Public Health's Harm Reduction Program.

Leaving old medications in medicine cabinets or cupboards can have unintended and potentially serious consequences. Trends suggest rising rates of recreational misuse of prescription drugs by youth, who often obtain these drugs from family medicine cabinets and friends.

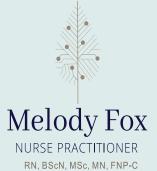
The most recent Ontario Student Drug Use and Mental Health Survey, conducted in 2021, found that:

- The percentage of students who used a prescription opioid without a prescription in the past year jumped from 11% in 2019 to 12.7% in 2021;
- One in eight students reported using any prescription drug without a prescription within the past year;
- Nearly 4% of students reported using over-the-counter cold or cough medicine in the past year "to get high."
- In addition, adults and seniors may inadvertently take expired prescription medications if these drugs are not promptly removed from medicine cabinets and cupboards. This can cause dangerous interactions with other medications.
- Improperly discarded pharmaceuticals can also end up in landfills and waterways, which can be harmful to the environment and, potentially, impact human and animal health.

"While the 'Attacking Medication Misuse' campaign will run for only a limited time, we hope the message resonates in the community – that properly disposing of unused and expired medication benefits both human and environmental health and has the potential to save lives," Blair says.

People who participate in the campaign will be asked to fill out a form at Rexall Pharma Plus to indicate what medication they are returning. This data will be collected by Public Health for reporting purposes.

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Remembrance Day

Legion Cenotaph Services were held Saturday November 11th, at the Thornbury Cenotaph 10:50am and the Ravenna Cenotaph at 1:00pm. Stones were laid, for the second year, by children of "Sarah's Daycare" led by Stephanie Young. photos by Robert Burcher









BLUEPRINT OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW



Large-Format Sessions - registration required

Sessions will take place at Town Hall and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

#1 - Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture & Parks Saturday, November 4, 9:30am - 12:00pm

#2 - Infrastructure, Transportation, Commercial & Indigenous Engagement Thursday, November 16, 2:00 - 4:30pm

#3 - Growth, Density, Housing, Height, Character and Community Design Thursday, November 30, 2:00 - 5:00pm

Drop-in Sessions - registration not required

Ravenna Hall - Wednesday, November 8, 12:00 - 4:00pm Marsh Street Centre - Saturday, November 18, 12:00 - 4:00pm Craigleith Community Centre - Saturday, December 2, 9:30am - 12:30pm

For more information, and to register, visit tbmblueprint.ca





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Ontario Training Veterans for In-Demand Careers

The Ontario government is investing \$4.3 million in four innovative training projects to help 356 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members prepare for in-demand jobs and transition to civilian life.

"Men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces give their all for this country. When the time comes to hang up their uniform, they deserve to know help will be there," said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is proud to invest in programs that help our veterans to find well-paying and rewarding careers and build better lives."

The free programs announced today will prepare veterans for well-paying careers in in-demand sectors like healthcare, skilled trades, software development, cyber security, and others. The first project, led by **True Patriot Love Foundation**, will help 130 jobseekers land meaningful jobs in healthcare. They will also be partnering with 40 Ontario employers from a variety of sectors to educate and inform them on the benefits of hiring veterans and best practices for reducing barriers to employment.

"Many of our Veterans can find the transition to a new career post service challenging; bringing with it changes in community, potential loss of purpose and a need to align skills learned in the military with opportunities in the civilian sector," said Nick Booth, Chief Executive Officer of True Patriot Love Foundation. "As Canada's Foundation for the military community, True Patriot Love welcomes this investment in supporting Veterans in post-service employment, and we applaud the Ontario government's commitment to supporting those who served."

The other three projects are led by **Coding for Veterans, Helmets to Hardhats and the Roland Gossage Foundation**, benefitting 226 jobseekers. They will offer a variety of tailored supports, technical training, bootcamps, mentorship, apprenticeship referrals and counselling. These projects will focus on preparing veterans for lucrative careers in industries like software development, IT and construction.

"Our Veterans have made tremendous sacrifices for our freedoms, and as always, we have their backs," said Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. "That's why we proudly support Veterans and their families through funding of the Soldiers' Aid Commission to help them access mental health services and supports, transition to civilian life, and find new careers."

These projects are funded through Ontario's Skills Development Fund (SDF) Training Stream, which supports ground-breaking programs that connect jobseekers with the skills and training they need to find well-paying careers close to home. To date, the Ontario government has invested over \$860 million in the Skills Development Fund Training Stream, helping half a million people take the next step in their careers.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development will be conducting consultations with military spouses and veterans to understand employment-barriers faced by military spouses moving to Ontario and veterans transitioning to civilian life. Check out Military Spousal and Veteran Employment Challenges in Ontario to find out more.

In addition to the training projects announced today, True Patriot Love Foundation is receiving \$1.04 million from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to support community-based projects that improve Veterans' access to mental health and support services. These projects include job training courses, trauma and resilience programs, and mental health support through the creative arts.

The Soldiers' Aid Commission helps Ontario's Veterans and their families in financial need cover essential costs related to housing, specialized equipment, mental health support, employment, and more.

The Skills Development Fund Training Stream is supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

Public Health Encourages Grey-Bruce Residents To Test Their Homes For Radon

Radon is an invisible, odourless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that can build up in any home – regardless of its size or when it was built. Exposure to elevated levels of radon in the home can, over time, cause lung cancer. During Radon Action Month in November, Grey Bruce Public Health is encouraging residents to test their home for radon and learn about the potential health effects of radon exposure and ways to prevent or reduce exposure.

"For non-smokers, radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer, which is the leading cause of cancer death in Canada. For smokers, exposure to high levels of radon increases their risk of developing lung cancer to 33%," says Andrew Barton, Senior Public Health Manager at GBPH.

"Protecting yourself and your family from radon exposure starts with testing your in-home radon levels. Because you can't see, smell, or taste radon, testing is the only way to know if this gas is in your home."

Radon is released into the environment when uranium found in soil, rock, or water breaks down. When radon escapes into the outdoor air, it is diluted and not a cause for concern. However, radon can seep into homes through cracks in the foundation, gaps around pipes or drains or any other opening where the house contacts the ground. Radon can easily build up in Canadian homes that are well-sealed for the winter weather.

November is the perfect time to test for radon, as Health Canada recommends measuring radon for at least three months, ideally during heating season. Grey-Bruce residents can either purchase a radon test kit and perform the test themselves or hire a professional to test their home.

More information on radon testing is available at www.takeactiononradon.ca/test-for-radon
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Please be advised of the Annual General Meeting of the Beaver River Watershed Initiative (BRWI) which will be held November 25th at 10am - Noon at the L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce St. S, Thornbury.

We welcome BRWI members and non members to attend our AGM to learn about the current BRWI activities and elect our management team members. Your attendance will help support the Beaver River Watershed Initiative and our mission:

"To work with the community, agencies and organizations that share our vision to develop, promote and facilitate projects which will conserve, protect and enhance the ecological and social health of the Beaver River Watershed."

Brad Mulligan, Project Coordinator BRWI, will present a review of BRWI projects, both current and future.

Stacie Howe, owner operator of the Kimberley General Store, and champion of the Beaver Valley Destination Stewardship (BVDS) approach, will present the concept of this initiative which is "all encompassing and broad: everyone in the community is a steward of the valley, protecting the very qualities that make us a unique destination;

Also presenting (remotely), Jonathon Tourtellot, a journalist and Fellow with National Geographic. Jonathon runs the nonprofit Destination Stewardship Center, successor to National Geographic's Center for Sustainable Destinations.

https://explorer-directory.nationalgeographic.org/jonathan-bernon-tourtellot

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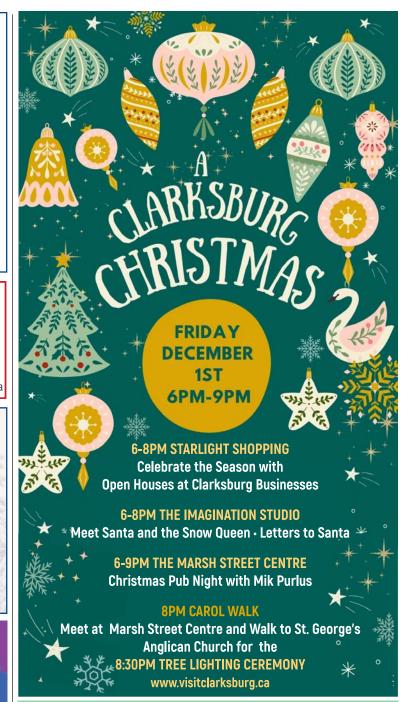


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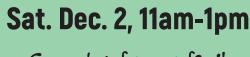


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Art Exhibit Reception: Duotone



The Gallery at L.E. Shore is pleased to launch "Duotone", featuring Kim Collins and Eric Tremblay until November 29th.

At the intersection of illustration and design, this exhibition features a variety of works from the creative careers of a character illustrator and a graphic designer. Pieces range from

full-colour spectrum landscapes, inspired still life, detailed character illustrations, abstracted fabric art and recycled content sculptures - truly a mixed-media symbiosis.

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