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## Circular Economy Month Launches New Website to Celebrate its National Growth

Circular Innovation Council is delighted to celebrate the growth of Circular Economy Month by launching a new website and new content. The improved website will help educate Canadians to grow their understanding of this new more sustainable model of consumption and provide information and resources to help them get engaged.

During the month of October, Canadians are invited to learn about the circular economy, celebrate individual and collective efforts, embrace circular solutions, and encourage others to take action.

The circular economy is a model of living that incorporates all of what Canadians value people, planet and prosperity. The circular economy breaks away from the current take-make-waste model of living and helps us produce and consume in a way that protects our natural resources, reduces waste and carbon emissions.

"The Circular Innovation Council is devoted to supporting Canada's transition to a circular economy. Through Circular Economy Month, we educate and engage all Canadians, whether through their work, at home or in their communities or to take action in their everyday choices," says Jo-Anne St. Godard, Executive Director of Circular Innovation Council. "Circular Economy Month is an opportunity to demonstrate our shared values and celebrate a new way of living that considers our planetary limits. Meeting Canada's climate change commitments and economic goals requires big system changes actioned by all parts of our society. This campaign helps us understand the opportunity to shift our economy through the everyday choices we make."

Each week in October centres around a different pillar of the circular economy in order to educate and encourage understanding and action across Canada, with Week Three celebrating daily themes:

- Week 1: Introduction to Circular Economy
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  - Week 3: Waste Reduction Week
  - Week 4: Social and Economic Benefits of the Circular Economy
- For more information, visit [circulareconomymonth.ca](http://circulareconomymonth.ca)



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## COW-Operations, Planning and Development Services Meeting - October 17

Report Number: PDS.23.104

Title: OP Update – Public Engagement, Survey Results, Background Papers update

Prepared by: Shawn Postma, Manager of Community Planning

### Recommendations:

THAT Council receive Staff Report PDS.23.104, entitled "OP Update – Public Engagement, Survey Results, Background Papers update for information purposes";

**Overview:** The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the status of the Official Plan 5-Year Review project.

**Background:** Planning Staff last updated Council on the status of the Official Plan project in May and August this year. Since that time, the Public Survey has been completed, Background Papers are posted to the project website and an enhanced Public Consultation Plan has been prepared.

Previous Phase 2 Staff Reports:

PDS.23.018 February Project Update

PDS.23.028, May Project Update

PDS.23.078 August Council Working Group Review

Previous Phase 1 Staff Reports and Presentations are available for viewing and download from the project website under the Phase 1 Staff Reports & Presentations section. [www.tbmbblueprint.ca](http://www.tbmbblueprint.ca)

### Public Survey:

Building on the findings of the Official Plan survey completed for Phase 1, a second survey was released over July and August. The survey primarily focused on Character and Community Design, as well as gaining some additional information related to the Phase 2 topics and seeking further direction into some of the findings from the Phase 1 survey. In response the Town received 603 completed surveys. A Survey Results Report has been prepared and is available for viewing and download on the project website. Highlights from the survey report include:

#### Neighbourhoods & Housing

Residents overwhelmingly favour low-density housing on smaller lots. The primary sentiments expressed by respondents regarding neighbourhoods and housing revolved around the preservation of local character and the advocacy for affordable and accessible housing choices.

#### Commercial & Mixed Use

Residents prefer a low-density mixed-use concept to serve as the central focal point of the town's downtown areas.

#### Parks & Open Spaces

Improved active transportation infrastructure for walking and cycling with seating and landscaping is the type of parks and open spaces preferred by the majority of residents. *continued on page 2*

The Landfill & Recycling Depot has created a pilot project "Dump Emporium" to support the reuse of some items headed for the landfill. This plan contributes to the circular economy and will generate revenue for the Town's grants and donation budget, which will in turn support community organizations. Items still go through the landfill pay system, but are available to be repurchased.



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Blue Mountains: Thornbury, Clarksburg, Craileith, Heathcote, Ravenna

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## Streetscapes

Residents showed a strong preference for three streetscape images: Thornbury Downtown with outdoor seating (64.8%), pedestrian boulevards with expanded setbacks (56.1%), and significant street trees with building setbacks (53.0%).

## Community Services & Amenities

Over half of the respondents selected parks and trails as the services/amenities they would like to see added. Community centres, local retail stores, grocery stores, and restaurants closely followed with roughly a third of the respondents each.

## Affordable and Attainable Housing

Just under half of the respondents favoured the option of 'Gentle intensification in existing neighbourhoods,' which includes secondary suites and minor low-rise infill projects.

## Building Height

When asked their opinion about the construction of buildings 3 storeys or higher, just over a third of respondents advocate for a site-specific analysis to ensure an appropriate transition and scale within their surroundings. As well, just under a third of respondents favour a maximum building height limit of 3 storeys.

The top three concerns regarding building heights of 3 storeys or higher are related to building shape, architecture, and character; worry about potential tree and vegetation loss; and the potential loss of scenic views. Respondents felt that these buildings should be located in close proximity to community services, amenities and open space areas, most specifically along major roads. Most respondents favoured Blue Mountain Village or the surrounding area as well as Thornbury for such development.

## Natural Environment, Climate Change, Parks, Trails and Open Space

Related to measures to address and mitigate climate change in The Blue Mountains, approximately three-quarters of respondent's favour:

- Preservation of the natural environment and features (78.3%), and
- Protecting urban green spaces and parks (74.1%)

Three-quarters of respondents expressed satisfaction with the level of access to parks, trails, and open spaces in their community and just under two-thirds of respondents expressed satisfaction with the amenities available within the existing public parks, trails and open spaces in their community.

In reviewing the results from the survey, it is clear that the survey respondents favour the continuation of low density (single detached dwellings) and low height (3 storeys) throughout the Town. Building Height appears to have one of the largest variances between respondents most indicating that 3 storeys should be the maximum, while others indicating that taller buildings can be considered based on site specific analysis, and careful attention to building design and architecture.

Consistent themes are apparent throughout the survey questions particularly around the protection/enhancement of trees, parks, open space, as well as attempting to retain the existing old-town feel of our communities. A strong majority of respondents are satisfied with the level of access to parks and trails and amenities provided, however there is also a strong desire to enhance community connectivity through sidewalks, trails, and other pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. Outdoor community spaces including landscaping and seating should also be incorporated.

When presented with a range of images providing examples of different densities, mix of uses, and streetscape designs, the local images ranked highest as top priority indicating that the continuation and protection of the existing town character should be maintained.

There is support for more attainable and affordable housing

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options throughout the Municipality. To achieve attainable and affordable housing, survey respondents indicated that gentle intensification and town initiated programs to be top priority.

**Background Papers:**

Eleven topics are examined as part of Phase 2, each with a Background Paper providing research into current policy direction, Provincial and County policy review, industry best practices and opportunities for policy updates to the current Official Plan. Nine of these papers have already been released. Two new additional papers to the project being a Building Height Study and Housing Needs Assessment will be released shortly.

These background papers provide a starting point for discussion throughout the future public consultation sessions to be held this fall. However, action on these complex subjects extends beyond the Official Plan and involves other plans and strategies.

**Phase 1**

- Vision, Guiding Principles, Goals and Objectives
- Growth Management
- Housing
- Height and Density
- Upper Tier Plan Conformity / Housekeeping

**Phase 2**

- Environment and Climate Change
- Transit and Transportation
- Indigenous Engagement
- Parks and Open Space
- Commercial and Employment Lands
- Source Water Protection
- Infrastructure and Servicing
- Agricultural and Rural Lands
- General Development Policies Updates
- Building Height Study
- Housing Needs Assessment

**Public Engagement:**

With further direction from Council earlier this summer, an enhanced public engagement plan has been prepared to increase the number of community engagement sessions from 4 sessions to 6 Sessions. In addition, time has also been set aside to meet individually with various stakeholder and special interest groups.

Public engagement will occur over the month of November through a series of three Large Format Meetings at Town Hall. These meetings include both live and virtual attendance, the presentation of Background Papers, a facilitated Q&A session, and then followed by facilitated breakout tables by Official Plan topic. Three Drop-in Sessions are planned and will provide a more informal opportunity for residents to attend and discuss all Official Plan topics with Town staff and project consultants from SGL Planning & Design Inc. These sessions will be held throughout the Town in Ravenna, Clarksburg, and Craigeleith.

Throughout the Public Engagement stage, Town Staff and the Project Team will be seeking feedback on the opportunities presented in the background papers, and gain a community wide understanding on policy direction.

All feedback is considered integral to the project, and will be reviewed prior to developing policy updates to the Official Plan. Once this stage of Public Consultation has been completed, the remainder of the project schedule and tasks are unchanged from the original project workplan.



The Official Plan Project Team will begin the preparation of policy updates to be considered as a Draft Official Plan Amendment. These new draft policies as well as an updated draft version of The Official Plan will be presented to the public again through a Public Open House and Public Meeting. Additional feedback will be received and will lead to further refinement of the Draft document. Subsequently, a recommendation report can be prepared to Committee of the Whole and then to Council for a final decision. Once Council is satisfied with the final version of the updated Official Plan, the Plan is next sent to the County of Grey for final approval.

The enhanced Public Engagement Plan results in the need for additional project time and budget. Town Staff estimate that the project completion date will be moved from December 2023 to April 2024.

Completion of this update is imperative to enable new policy tools to address present community development challenges and embark on other projects connected to the Official Plan. This includes a review of the Town's Zoning By-law that while initially planned for 2024 is now being extended to 2025 in order to accommodate the new timeline for this project.

Date/Time	Location	Meeting Type	Meeting Topics
Saturday November 4 9:30am - 12:00pm	Town Hall	Large Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment and Climate Change</li> <li>• Agriculture and Rural Lands</li> <li>• Parks and Open Space</li> <li>• Source Water Protection</li> <li>• Cannabis Facilities</li> </ul>
Wednesday November 8 12:00 - 4:00pm	Ravenna	Drop In	All Topics
Thursday November 16 2:00 - 4:30pm	Town Hall	Large Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure and Servicing</li> <li>• Transit and Transportation</li> <li>• Commercial Employment Lands</li> <li>• Indigenous Engagement</li> <li>• Community Planning Permit System</li> </ul>
Saturday November 18 1:00 - 5:00pm	Clarksburg	Drop In	All Topics
Week of November 20-24	Various	Stakeholder Meetings	Individual stakeholder meetings topics/dates/times to be scheduled.
Thursday November 30 2:00 – 5:00pm	Town Hall	Large Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1 topics refresher: Growth Management, Housing and Density</li> <li>• Building Height</li> <li>• Character and Community Design Guidelines</li> </ul>
Saturday December 2 9:30 am – 12:30pm	Craigeleith	Drop In	All Topics



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## Governments Supporting Mental Health Initiatives in Ontario's Agricultural Community

TORONTO – The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing more than \$8 million to support the mental health and wellness of farmers and their families.

With this commitment, the Farmer Wellness Initiative, the In the Know program and the Guardian Network will continue to be available to everyone who needs them. These initiatives are designed to meet the unique mental health needs of farmers and their families and are delivered by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Ontario Division.

“Our farmers and their families face unique challenges, often due to forces that are beyond their control. This can have a severe impact on their mental health, and we will continue to invest in targeted initiatives to support them,” said the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. “By increasing awareness of the resources that are available, we can provide crucial support to our farming communities when they need it most.”

To ensure more people in the agricultural community know about the supports available to them, a new promotional initiative is being launched called the Sowing the Seeds of Wellness Initiative. It will make promotional materials available to eligible general farm and commodity organizations for use and display at member events. Funding will also be available over the next two years so organizations can produce customized materials, engage speakers, and/or develop other promotional activities that will provide farmers and their families with mental health-related information.

Funding for these initiatives primarily comes from the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP). Sustainable CAP is a five-year (2023-2028), \$3.5-billion investment by federal-provincial and territorial governments to strengthen competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and a \$2.5 billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by the provinces and territories.

The **24/7 Farmer Wellness Initiative** phone line provides farmers with free, professional mental health counselling services. Reachable at 1-866-267-6255, it first went live on January 1, 2022.

**In the Know** is a mental health literacy program designed specifically for farmers, their families, and those who are involved in and/or support the agricultural sector. Participants cover topics such as stress, depression, anxiety, substance abuse and learn how to start a conversation about mental well-being during this three-hour, free workshop. More details about the programs can be found online at:

<https://agriculturewellnessontario.ca>

**The Guardian Network** is made up of trained, adult volunteers who are likely to be in contact with farmers through their work, volunteer activities, or place in their community.

<https://www.guardiannetwork.ca>

## EMERGENCY FIRST AID TRAINING



Emergency First Aid Training (EFAT) as a Red Cross training partner, has provided first aid training to individuals, businesses and fire departments throughout the area. EFAT knows that emergencies can happen at any time, and they are proud to teach the lifesaving skills necessary to respond quickly and with confidence.

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### Notice of Public Meeting

A Public Meeting to consider these matters has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 9:30 am.

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

### Application for Zoning By-law Amendment and Plan of Subdivision

**Property Location:** Plan 16M8 Part of Block 1

#### What is being proposed?

The proposal involves the development of a Draft Plan of Subdivision to create 58 residential lots, 2 parks, and 2 servicing blocks. The proposed zoning by-law amendment would rezone the subject property from Development 'D' zone to Residential One 'R1-3-XX', Residential Two 'R2-XX', and Open Space 'OS' to permit 45 single detached dwellings and 13 rowhouses. The dwellings are proposed to connect to municipal water and wastewater services. The proposal includes the extension of West Ridge Drive, the construction of a new road, and multiple links to the Georgian Trail. The subject property is currently vacant.



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[www.grey.ca/government/land-use-planning/active-development](http://www.grey.ca/government/land-use-planning/active-development)

### Application for Zoning By-law Amendment

**Property Location:** 107 Martin Grove (Plan 950 Lot 54)

#### What is being proposed?

The proposal is to create an exception in Zoning By-law 2018-65, as amended, to permit the use of the existing single detached dwelling as a Bed and Breakfast. The subject lands are currently zoned Residential One 'R1-1'. The existing dwelling contains 4 bedrooms, 3 of which will be used as guest rooms and the remaining one by the owner. This proposal is also subject to Site Plan Control. The effect of the application is to rezone the portion of the subject lands zoned Residential one 'R1-1' to Residential One 'R1-1-9' zone.



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### Where do I find more information?

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





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### Notice of Public Meeting

#### Proposed Renaming of the Craigleith Depot

**Date of this Notice: August 30, 2023**

October 31, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.  
Hybrid Format In-Person AND Virtual/Online  
Town Hall, Council Chambers  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

#### What is being proposed?

At the July 10, 2023 Council meeting, Council received a formal request from The Blue Mountains Public Library to rename the Craigleith Depot to the “Craigleith Station”.

At the August 28, 2023 Council meeting, Council directed staff to schedule a Public Meeting on October 31, 2023 to receive comments regarding the potential renaming of the Craigleith Depot.

Staff will provide a follow up staff report to the November 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting that will summarize the public comments received and provide recommendations for Council to consider at the December 11, 2023 Council meeting.

The details of the request are outlined in Staff Report FAF.23.129 which is available from the Town’s website at the following link:

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=18078>

#### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on renaming the Craigleith Depot has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

#### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on renaming the Craigleith Depot has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

#### How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting. Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

#### How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by **October 27, 2023** will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can be faxed to 519-599-7723, or emailed [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca).

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

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by **October 25, 2023**.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber.

#### Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk if you would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal to:  
Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

**Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON**

**Fax: 519-599-7723 [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)**

#### Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer 519-599-3131 ext.234 or [cao@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cao@thebluemountains.ca)

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## 25+ Stakeholder Organizations Meet to Build Foundation for a Grey-Bruce Hydrogen Hub

A diverse group of more than 25 private and public organizations has joined together in an initiative led by Hydrogen Optimized Inc., Grey County, Bruce County and the City of Owen Sound to advance the creation of a Grey-Bruce Hydrogen Hub.

Forty representatives of the organizations met on Sept. 22, 2023 to explore ways to establish Grey-Bruce as a leader in clean hydrogen technology, production and use. The participants identified the steps needed for the initiative to succeed, how to overcome barriers, and strategies to attract more hydrogen economy players to the area. The group aims to develop a Hydrogen Strategy for the region in 2024.

Potential local end-use applications include fuelling municipal vehicle fleets with clean hydrogen supplied by Hydrogen Optimized, which develops and manufactures large-scale clean hydrogen production systems in Owen Sound.

The creation of regional hydrogen hubs is a core part of the federal government's 2020 hydrogen strategy, which seeks to lay the foundation for the hydrogen economy. This involves the localized development and expansion of new and existing hydrogen supply, infrastructure and applications.

The Grey-Bruce Hydrogen Hub initiative is led by Hydrogen Optimized, with active support from Grey County, Bruce County and the City of Owen Sound. Robert Stasko, Executive Director of the Hydrogen Business Council and with extensive involvement in the Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association (CHFCA) and its affiliates, has played a central role in putting the initiative into motion.

The Sept. 22 meeting, held at Hydrogen Optimized's offices and chaired by the company's VP Development, Edward Stuart, was also attended by representatives of the CHFCA, Georgian College, the provincial and federal governments, Enbridge, Natural Gas Innovation Fund (NGIF), Hatch, Atura Power, Carlsun Energy Solutions, Greenfield Global, Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC), Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), Owen Sound District Chamber of Commerce, TransAlta, Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries, Bruce Power, Nuclear Innovation Institute, Saugeen Shores and Kinectrics.

Community leaders participating in the meeting included Owen Sound Mayor Ian Boddy, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MP Alex Ruff, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade Vic Fedeli, and Owen Sound Chamber of Commerce CEO Diane Austin. For more information on Hydrogen Optimized, please visit [www.hydrogenoptimized.com](http://www.hydrogenoptimized.com)



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## GBPH announces first flu case of the season

Grey Bruce Public Health is reporting the area's first laboratory-confirmed flu case of the 2023-24 respiratory illness season.

A Grey County resident has tested positive for Influenza A, which they likely acquired during out-of-province travel.

This is an earlier-than-usual start to the influenza season in Grey-Bruce, compared to the years preceding the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the first case of last year's flu season was confirmed in late September.

"Flu activity in Grey-Bruce typically ramps up in October before peaking between December and February," says Grey Bruce Public Health Physician Consultant Dr. Rim Zayed.

"To help curb the spread of the flu – and protect our most vulnerable – Grey Bruce Public Health strongly urges people to stay home when sick and get the influenza vaccine as soon as possible. These two measures, coupled with infection control strategies, such as washing hands often, coughing etiquette, and cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, are our best defense against the flu and other respiratory illnesses."

This year's flu vaccine and the XBB.1.5-containing COVID-19 vaccine are both expected to be available to the general public at the end of October. The vaccines will be available through Primary Care Providers and at participating pharmacies. Grey Bruce Public Health will also be holding vaccine clinics for high-risk individuals and those facing barriers to accessing vaccines.

The flu shot is recommended for everyone aged six months and older. The National Advisory Committee on Immunizations also recommends the XBB.1.5-containing COVID-19 vaccine for people aged six months and older. Individuals six months and older are considered up to date on COVID-19 vaccines if they've received a dose this fall.

People can get the flu shot and the latest COVID-19 vaccine at the same time.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are especially important for people at high risk of developing a severe illness from the respective viruses. This includes:

- Residents of congregate living settings, such as long-term care and retirement homes;
- Pregnant individuals;
- People 65 years of age and older;
- Young children;
- Indigenous people; and
- Immunocompromised individuals.

GBPH has received initial doses of both the flu and COVID-19 vaccines. They will be made available to the most vulnerable high-risk individuals first, then long-term care and retirement home residents and Indigenous residents before being rolled out to the general public.

To connect with the Medical Officer of Health or the program manager, please contact: Denis Langlois, 519-376-9420 or 1-800-263-3456 ext. 1315, [Communications@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:Communications@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)



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**ACC Presents: Tobermory Fishermen to Mongolian Eagle Hunters, Thursday, October 12, 7-8:15pm**

Join the award-winning artist and writer Allen Smutylo for a one-hour show and tell of some of the many places, cultures and themes that have acted as his creative muse. His talk will also explain the evolution, over the last half-century, of his approach with regard to the various mediums he has used. The presentation will be followed by a Q & A. Reserve your seats! 519-599-3681 x142

**Author Talk with A.M. (Andy) Potter Saturday, October 21, 11-12:30pm**

Join us for an exclusive author talk and with local author A. M. (Andy) Potter, as he presents his latest novel, The Color Red. The Color Red is the first book in a captivating new series that introduces readers to the brilliant Detective Ivy Bourque. Publishers Weekly has hailed The Color Red as an "impressive series launch," making it a must-read for fans of intelligent procedural mysteries. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the talented author. 519-599-3681 ext 5

**Blue Mountains Public Library, 173 Bruce St. S. Thornbury  
519-599-3681**

**FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER 2023**

**A SOUTH AFRICAN MOVIE NIGHT  
@ ST PAUL'S 165 RUSSELL STREET**

**TIME: 6:30PM FOR 7PM**

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**Grand Opening of The Scented Market in The Blue Mountains Saturday, October 14, 10am - 7pm, 170 Jozo Weider Boulevard**

The Scented Market currently has 3 retail locations in Ontario: Guelph, Fergus, and Niagara on the Lake... We are super excited to be opening the doors to our FOURTH location in the Blue Mountain Village. We invite everyone to join us for our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Town Welcome at 10 AM that morning. Come early as we will be gifting the first 25 people in line with a BRAND NEW product. Can't wait to see you there! [www.thescentedmarket.ca](http://www.thescentedmarket.ca)



**Fall Events**

**BlueLicious**

OCTOBER 10 - DECEMBER 1



**Bark 'N Blue**

OCTOBER 14



**Everest Challenge**

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### Thornbury Group 82 Amnesty International

#### 40th Anniversary Concert

Wednesday, October 18, 7-9 p.m. L.E Shore Library

Local concert pianist, **Katrin Veski**, will perform pieces in various styles, from countries where Amnesty International has made a difference. Come help us commemorate 40 years of activism and action supporting human rights and freedoms. Tickets are free, but please make a donation at the door to support the ongoing work of Group 82.



### Call for Nominations for 3rd Annual Kindness Awards

sponsored by T-C Rotary

It is important to celebrate people and their stories of kindness in our community as a reminder to us all of the value of kindness. Nomination forms are available at [www.tcrotary.ca](http://www.tcrotary.ca) and include details regarding eligibility rules and how to submit nominations. Hard copy nomination forms are also available at The Library, Thornbury and Riverside Press, Clarksburg during regular business hours. The deadline for this year's nominations is **Saturday, October 21st**, at 5pm. Each of the three winners chosen will be informed by October 28th. Let's celebrate how Our Community Runs on Kindness!

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4th Tuesday

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### ACHIEVING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH A GREENER ECONOMY

presented by the Institute of South Georgian Bay

Friday, October 27, 9:30 am-noon, Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

"As we all try to navigate through volatile, uncertain, and complex times, Achieving Sustainability through a Greener Economy offers the opportunity to connect, share knowledge, and collaborate to accelerate positive action on building resilient and sustainable communities.

Speakers will showcase action being taken by businesses, municipalities and counties, community groups, and philanthropists on sustainability plans, climate action, and new directions for creating a green economy."

**Panel topics include:**

- Progress being made counties, municipalities and community organizations working together
- Connecting Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Development: What does an emerging Greener Economy look like in Southern Georgian Bay? What could a greener economy look like here?

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**Saturday, October 28th**  
**9am-Noon**  
Bring broken items for free repair  
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**Want to help plant more trees in TBM?** Volunteers are needed on October 28th - rain or shine - from 9 to 11 am at Nipissing Ridge Park (205 Blueski George Crescent, The Blue Mountains, L9Y 0S8) to help apply mulch and compost and plant some new trees and shrubs funded by a Tremendous Communities grant. Bring garden gloves and wear gardening type footwear if you would like to pitch in. If you are not the gardening type, then just come out and cheer us on and show your support for trees. You can find more information and register with the Town for this event at: [www.thebluemountains.ca/tremendous](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/tremendous)

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**Selected Music**

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**Saturday, November 4th, 2pm**

**St. George's Anglican Church**

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