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## Official Plan Review

Staff Directed to Prepare Further Report

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to inform those interested in the Official Plan Review that Staff Report PDS.24.141 and the Official Plan draft were presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 10, 2024. Following thorough discussion, the Committee voted to receive the report but did not proceed to adopt the final Official Plan draft at this time.

Instead, the Committee directed Town staff to include the Master Drainage Plan within the Official Plan Amendment and to prepare a further staff report for Council consideration that will include:

- Options for building heights
- Parkland dedication
- Time and budget investments to date
- Linkages to the 2023 Housing Needs Assessment
- Wording changes with regard to access points in residential developments with specific reference to the Georgian Trail

Discussion of this report begins at the 1:48:00 mark of the meeting recording, December 10. [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

These recommendations will return to Council for approval on December 16, 2024. The subsequent staff report is expected to be presented in the new year and will be made available once released in an agenda package.

In 2022, the Town of The Blue Mountains began the process of updating its Official Plan. When complete, the Official Plan will guide all future land-use decisions in the Town, including residential, commercial, and other forms of development. Policies are being developed to consider how to manage growth, housing, density and intensification standards, protection of the environment, how agricultural and natural features will be protected and more. As required by the Planning Act, the Official Plan must be reviewed and updated every five years. 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.

## Town of The Blue Mountains Statement on OPP Funding

The Town of The Blue Mountains is welcoming the news that the Ontario government is proposing to provide over \$77 million in financial relief to small and rural municipalities to help offset the increased cost of services provided by the Ontario Province Police (OPP).

Prior to the funding announcement, the Town of The Blue Mountains was facing a nearly 20% increase in OPP costing. Under the proposed billing changes from the Province the Town will receive \$487,645 in financial support and lower the increase in OPP costing to 3%.

"We are very pleased to have received this funding from the Province," says Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "As Council and Town staff continue to work on a draft 2025 budget, this will help us lower the projected tax rate increase while delivering the services our ratepayers expect. I'd like to thank Solicitor General Kerzner for hearing our concerns as a rural municipality and providing this relief."

The Town will release a draft budget later this month for public review and input. The proposed budget will include the 2025 operating budget, a five-year capital budget, and proposed Fees and Charges. The purpose of the proposed budget is to serve as a starting point for budget discussions with Council and members of the public.

The budget will be reviewed and deliberated by Council at a series of special budget meetings beginning on January 7, 2025. Residents are encouraged to participate and share feedback with Council throughout the budget process. To learn about how to participate at a meeting or how to provide comments, please contact the Town Clerk or visit [www.thebluemountains.ca/participate](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/participate).

For additional information on the budget process, please visit [www.thebluemountains.ca/budget](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/budget). For more information, please contact: Monica Quinlan

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## Ontario Adding 100 New Family Doctors in Rural and Northern Communities

The Ontario government is continuing to create new pathways to connect more people  
to primary care in the province by breaking down barriers for 100 internationally trained  
family physicians to practice medicine in a rural or northern community in 2025. Through  
the **Practice Ready Ontario** program, foreign-trained doctors can become licensed more  
quickly and connect an additional 120,000 people to care, where and when they need it.

The province launched the Practice Ready Ontario program in 2023 to bring more  
internationally trained physicians into Ontario's health care workforce faster by removing the  
requirement to complete unnecessary re-education programs. Starting in 2025, up to 100  
internationally trained physicians with training in family medicine who have completed their  
field assessment will begin practicing as a family doctor in northern and rural communities.

Each internationally educated physician who participates in the program is required to  
complete a 12-week assessment to ensure they have the skills and competencies needed to  
practice in Ontario. This program also requires physicians to complete a three-year return of  
service as a family doctor in a rural or northern community. To ensure they are prepared for  
their return of service, the assessment includes training in all aspects of rural family medicine  
across a variety of practice settings. This includes an office, hospital, emergency department,  
and long-term care and home care settings.

The new Practice Ready Ontario program builds on the considerable investments the  
government is making to close the gap for the remaining 10 per cent of people who want to  
connect to a primary care provider, including increasing the number of primary health care  
teams and making the largest expansion of medical schools in over a decade.

As announced in the 2024 Fall Economic Statement, the province is investing an estimated  
\$88 million over three years to expand Learn and Stay grants for 1,360 eligible undergraduate  
students who commit to practice family medicine with a full roster of patients once they  
graduate. It is estimated the total investment will connect an additional 1.36 million people  
to primary care based on average attachment rates for family doctors. The funding will cover  
all tuition and other direct educational costs like books, supplies and equipment in exchange  
for a term of service as a physician in any community across Ontario.

Through Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, the Ontario government  
continues to take bold and decisive action to grow the province's highly-skilled health care  
workforce and ensure people and their families have access to high-quality care closer to  
home for generations to come.

Touchstone Institute is working with the Government of Ontario and the CPSO and others  
to administer the Practice Ready Ontario program.

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## Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation Award Empowers Local Student's Global Research

The Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation's **Malcolm Kirk Environmental Award** played an important role in the inspiring journey of Alex Adair, a recipient of the \$2,000 award in 2023. This support has empowered the 19-year-old conservationist from Owen Sound to pursue his Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology and Conservation at the University of Guelph and embark on important global research.

Adair's journey in conservation began early, with roots in Grey Bruce, where he worked as an Assistant Fisheries Technician with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, volunteered as a Turtle Tracker at Bruce Peninsula National Park, and is currently serving as a Steward for Ontario Nature. As a member of the Owen Sound Field Naturalists, he passionately advocates for local conservation, inspired by the landscapes he grew up exploring, including Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) properties like Bognor Marsh, Bruce's Caves, and Inglis Falls.

This past summer, Adair traveled to northwestern Madagascar, where he joined a research team led by Dr. Travis Steffens from the University of Guelph to study the health of lemurs, domestic animals, and local communities in Ankarafantsika National Park. For three months, Adair lived in a remote village, collecting data on critically endangered lemurs, analyzing parasite loads in various species, and conducting behavioural surveys.

Madagascar is home to over 100 species of lemurs, yet they are the most endangered group of mammals worldwide, with threats like deforestation, poaching, and climate change causing 98% of lemur species to be threatened with extinction. Reflecting on this crisis, Adair hopes his story will highlight the need for action not only in Madagascar but globally, including in Grey Bruce.

"The Malcolm Kirk Environmental Award from the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation, along with other local and provincial supports, have helped me pursue my education in wildlife biology and make a real impact," said Adair. "I encourage anyone passionate about conservation and supporting young environmentalists to consider donating to the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation. Their support helps future environmentalists who are passionate about protecting our natural world." Adair also encourages anyone interested in the conservation crisis facing Madagascar to read about Planet Madagascar, a Canadian charity working actively to conserve species and habitats in Madagascar.

The Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation is dedicated to advancing conservation efforts and environmental education by raising funds that support the vital work of GSCA. The Malcolm Kirk Environmental Award is just one example of their meaningful impact. Donations to the Foundation play an important role in supporting the education of future environmental leaders like Alex Adair and in funding environmental education programs delivered by GSCA throughout Grey Bruce.

Learn more about the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation and donate here: [www.greysauble.on.ca/foundation/about/](http://www.greysauble.on.ca/foundation/about/)

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Expanded training programs will bring more PSWs and nurses to long-term care homes, connecting more residents to care

Ontario is investing \$14 million to expand the **Preceptor Resource and Education Program for Long-Term Care (PREP LTC)**. Since its launch in 2022, the program has helped more than 500 long-term care homes provide clinical placements for over 27,500 nursing and personal support worker students. With the new investment, the program will support 650 new clinical placements this year, and help these long-term care homes train more than 500 new preceptors who supervise students and help long-term care homes backfill staff while they are in the preceptor role.

The government is also investing \$2.6 million to expand the **PSW Learn and Earn Accelerated Program at Humber Polytechnic**, which helps staff at long-term care homes train to become certified personal support workers. This expanded investment will create space for an additional cohort of 100 existing long-term care staff currently providing personal support services without a formal PSW certificate, an opportunity to upskill and receive their certificate and continue working in their role as a PSW.

These programs, together with other targeted investments and collaborations with postsecondary partners has helped hire, train and retain more than 24,000 PSWs and 3,000 nurse graduates since 2020, including:

- investing nearly \$11 million in the Living Classroom program which will support the training of up to 900 new PSWs on-site in local long-term care homes across Ontario
- providing ongoing education and training opportunities for more than 45,000 eligible staff in long-term care homes since the launch of the Supporting Professional Growth Fund in 2021
- helping over 1,000 internationally educated nurses become qualified registered nurses in Ontario through the Supervised Practice Experience Partnership Program in Long-Term Care. Since 2022, almost 150 additional nurse practitioners full-time equivalent positions have been added across 155 long-term care homes under the Hiring More Nurse Practitioners for Long-Term Care initiative.

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**Date of this Notice:** November 26, 2024



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Council has approved the route for the forcemain to follow Bay Street East from Mill Street to Grey Street, and then proceed south on Grey Street to the TWWTP. Council has directed staff to complete the preliminary design of Bay Street utilizing a one-way street cross section with an alignment which minimizes the impact to the existing streetscape, while not compromising safety or the needed infrastructure. Staff have also been directed to incorporate bike-safe stormwater grates/basins within the asphalt and/or semi-mountable curb,

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#### How Do I Get More Information?

A dedicated project web page is available on the Town's website at:

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#### Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact one of the people listed below.

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#### Project Timeline

**Design and Engineering:** Completed Q2 2025 (est.)

**Construction:** Beginning Q2 2025 (est.)

**Completion:** Q4 2026 (est.)

#### Public Consultation

A virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to present the 60% design. All those interested in the project are invited to attend. The PIC will include a presentation from the Consulting Engineer, followed by a question and answer session.

**Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

**Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Platform: Microsoft Teams**

Registration for the PIC is mandatory to receive a the meeting link. Please visit the project web page to register for the meeting.

## Ontario Connecting More People to Dementia Care

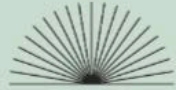
The Ontario government is investing \$86,100 to connect more people in Grey-Bruce to dementia care, support and services they need, when they need them.

This funding will help support services delivered by the Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce's community-based First Link® Care Navigation program. This program connects people living with dementia, and their families, with help navigating care, education, and resources.

This funding is part of the Ontario government's \$6.9 million investment over two years to support those who have received a dementia diagnosis on their care journey. Funding will support hiring an additional 36 full-time equivalent staff members, shortening wait times for existing patients and providing support for approximately 7,000 new clients across Ontario. Clients will have access to a coordinator who will assist with care planning, care coordination, and referrals to community services.

### QUICK FACTS

- In Ontario, more than 250,000 people live with dementia, and this number is expected to grow as the population continues to age.
- As part of the 2022 Budget, Ontario is investing \$120 million over three years for dementia services.
- In the 2023 Budget, the province accelerated the commitment of \$1 billion over three years to stabilize the home and community care workforce and support the expansion of home care services.
- In the 2024 Budget, the government is investing an additional \$2 billion over three years to boost this acceleration, support earlier investments to increase compensation for personal support workers, nurses and other frontline care providers, and to stabilize expanded services.



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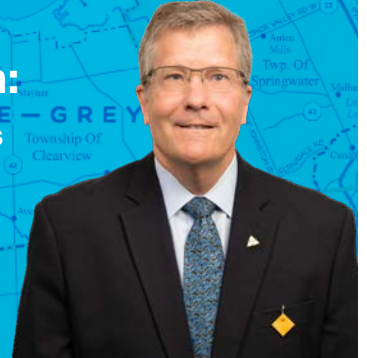
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Registration for the PIC is mandatory to receive a the meeting link. Please visit the project web page to register for the meeting.



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## Winter Lights

IN DOWNTOWN THORNBURY

DECEMBER 1, 2024 - MARCH 1, 2025



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### HESTER STREET PARKETTE

Start your tour with downtown delight, a shopping spree beneath festive light (Bruce Street South)

### BRUCE STREET PARKETTE

Continue your walk towards Georgian Bay, with holiday lights guiding your way (Bruce Street North)

### RAINBOW BRIDGE

High above the Beaver River flow, a light display aglow

### TREES OF LIGHT

Oh what a sight! It's the trees of light, standing tall and bright

### BELL PARKETTE

You'll find a bell atop the hill, in the parkette, what a thrill

### THE BRIDGE OF LIGHT

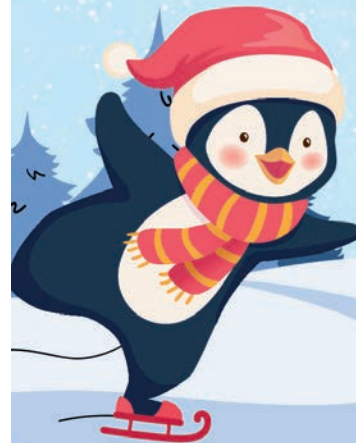
Finish your journey and head back to the start, across the bridge, a work of art

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# Holiday SKATING

Beaver Valley Arena



The Town of The Blue Mountains is excited to offer public skating during the holiday season.

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## Overnight Winter Parking Restrictions

Overnight parking is prohibited on all Town streets from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. These restrictions are in effect between November 1, 2024, to April 1, 2025.



# Radiothon in Support of Meaford Hospital Foundation on Lite99.3 FM

Lite99.3 FM and Meaford Hospital Foundation is proud to announce its upcoming Radiothon event in support of the Meaford Hospital Foundation – “On Air for Healthcare”. The event will take place on Saturday, December 21 st from 9am to 5pm and aims to raise critical funds to ensure the continued delivery of exceptional healthcare to the community.

In light of the ongoing postal strike, the Meaford Hospital Foundation is facing a significant challenge, with an anticipated loss of \$150,000 from its usual holiday direct mail campaign. This revenue shortfall could have a direct impact on the Foundation’s ability to purchase essential medical equipment and fund vital services in the future.

“We rely heavily on our community’s generosity, especially during the holiday season, to fund equipment purchases and healthcare improvements at Meaford Hospital. The postal strike has created a significant gap in our fundraising efforts, and we need the support of our community now more than ever,” said Vince Rogers, Executive Director of the Meaford Hospital Foundation.

Lite99.3 FM is stepping up as a proud supporter of the Foundation, hosting this 12-hour Radiothon to help raise the funds needed to bridge this gap. The event will feature interviews, community stories, and updates throughout the day, as well as opportunities for listeners to call in and donate. All proceeds raised during the Radiothon will directly benefit the Meaford Hospital Foundation’s efforts to equip the hospital with state-of-the-art medical tools and resources.

“We are honored to partner with the Meaford Hospital Foundation for this important cause,” said Wendy Moffat, Station Manager at Lite99.3 FM. “Our community has always come together in times of need, and this Radiothon is a great opportunity for everyone to make a real difference in ensuring that Meaford Hospital continues to provide top-quality care to all who need it.”

### How to Support:

- Tune in to Lite99.3 FM on Saturday, December 21 st from 9am to 5pm for updates and stories throughout the day.
- Call in and donate during the Radiothon at 519 538 9393
- Drop by the Lite 99.3fm radio station
- Visit the Meaford Hospital Foundation website at <https://mhfoundation.ca> to make an online donation.
- Sponsor an hour of online time

For more information or to learn how you can contribute, please contact Andrea Roylance at 519 538-1311 x 4208 or [aroylance@brightshores.ca](mailto:aroylance@brightshores.ca)

# Rotary Dinner of the Month Draw Back

The Rotary Clubs of Thornbury-Clarksburg and Meaford have teamed up once again to offer the **Dinner of the Month Draw!** Tickets are only \$25 or 5 for \$100, and offer the buyer 24 chances to win a \$250 or \$100 gift card to many of the area’s restaurants. “Last year’s draw was very successful, with 24 local residents able to enjoy a fabulous dinner out (see below), and of course the funds raised go back into helping the community,” said Dean Ruty, Committee Chair for the Draw.

Ticket sales are open now, in time to make great gifts or stocking stuffers for Christmas. They can be purchased by scanning the QR code in the ad below or at the Review office, 206 Marsh St, Clarksburg. “Only 900 tickets are available, so best to act quickly as we expect to sell out,” said Dean. There will be two draws per month, one at each Rotary club, beginning in March 2025 and running through August. Draw dates, times and winners can be found at [trotary.ca](http://trotary.ca) or [meafordrotary.ca](http://meafordrotary.ca).

Proceeds from the draw will help the Rotary clubs to continue to provide support for many community projects in Thornbury-Clarksburg and Meaford, such as Hope Haven and Events for Life, Beaver Valley Community School, Meaford Rotary Thrift Shop and Meaford Rotary House to name just a few.

### Draw winners 2024:

March: Kevin Knight, Paul Wherle, Greg Ayrheart, Robert Taylor  
 April: Rob Uhrig, Neil Campbell, Jean McCauley, Keri Saley  
 May: Rob Uhrig, Dave Storey, Wally Mackenzie, Helene Scofield  
 June: Barb Weedon, Melanie Johns, Al Livingstone, Heike Reck  
 July: George Smith, Lynne Lundberg, Amanda Ruthven, Pat James  
 August: Patti Norris-O’Shea, Jackie Stewart, Sharon Thornton, Betty Slade

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## MONTH

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Station 87	The Mill Cafe
Ted’s Range Road Diner	The Port Tavern
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