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Family Safety Day-Road and Internet Safety

The CSWBP Crime Prevention Action Table in partnership with Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village and the Rotary Club of Walkerton are pleased to welcome families to a Family Safety Day on



Saturday, August 24th. The event will focus on teaching children up to age 11 Road Safety through fun and engaging lessons, including driving battery operated child sized cars and scooter riding with police officers! Parents and guardians can learn about how to keep themselves and their children Safe Online at the event.

Families will have the opportunity to engage with Crime Stoppers Grey Bruce and Victim Services Bruce Grey to learn about their programs and services. Following the fun and interactive learning sessions with police officers, families can enjoy a free BBQ and grab a goodie bag to take home.

The event will be held at Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village located in the Sulphur Springs Conservation Area (261123 Grey Road 28) south of Hanover. The event will run from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm with sessions starting at 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm.

Please be sure to pre-register for this free event here:

https://saugeenvalleychildrenssafetyvillage.as.me/

Increase In Pertussis Cases - GBPH

With cases of pertussis (whooping cough) on the rise in Ontario, including locally, Grey Bruce Public Health is reminding people that staying up to date on routine vaccinations is the best defence against the highly contagious bacterial respiratory infection.

While pertussis can affect people of all ages, it is most dangerous to infants who are at highest risk of pertussis-associated complications and are too young to be protected by a complete vaccine series.

Publicly funded vaccines are available and recommended at: Two, four, six, and 18 months of age; Between 4-6 years of age; Between 14-16 years of age; Once in adulthood (before age 65); and Once in each pregnancy – ideally from 27 to 32 weeks gestation, but the vaccine can be given at any time during the pregnancy.

Pertussis, an infection of the lungs and airways, is an endemic disease in Ontario characterized by low-level activity and occasional cyclical increases every two to six years, according to Public Health Ontario. Pertussis is underdiagnosed and underreported in Ontario and is a common and often unrecognized cause of persistent cough in adolescents and adults. The infection is caused by a bacteria called bordetella pertussis, which is spread easily through droplets in the air from coughing or sneezing by an infected person. Pertussis is most contagious during the first two weeks after coughing starts.

The first symptoms of pertussis may begin seven to 10 days after being infected with the bacteria, but could appear up to 28 days after infection. Pertussis starts out with a mild fever, runny nose, red watery eyes, and a cough. It can lead to serious coughing fits that can last for several weeks. The coughing fits may cause difficulty breathing, choking, and vomiting.

For older children and adults, pertussis symptoms may be less severe and may appear as cold-like symptoms with a constant cough that lasts longer than a week. In some cases, pertussis can lead to complications like pneumonia. Pertussis is usually treated with antibiotics. For those without a primary care provider or who face barriers in getting an appointment, Grey Bruce Public Health offers clinics for routine vaccines biweekly in Owen Sound. Call GBPH's Vaccine Preventable Diseases team at 519-376-9420 ext. 2 to book an appointment.



Public Survey Regarding Joint Multi-Use Recreation Feasibility Assessment Now Open

The Town of The Blue Mountains and Town of Collingwood have launched a public survey to gather feedback from residents in both communities and the surrounding areas regarding the Joint Multi-Use Recreation Feasibility Assessment (MURFA) project.

Members of the public are encouraged to complete the survey to share details about their usage and priorities for existing recreational and library facilities, and to share what is desired for future facilities. A simplified version of the survey has also been prepared for youth in the community under the age of 18. Both surveys will be open until September 30, 2024. thebluemountains.ca/MURFA

Public engagement is a cornerstone of the MURFA process, and will consist of the public survey, focus groups, one-on-one interviews with community leaders, and pop-up engagements at key community events. Through this process, the project team will listen to the community about their recreation needs and priorities, gain critical insights about how recreation needs and priorities change as both communities grow, and examine multiple possibilities for future facility offerings.

About the Joint Multi-Use Recreation Feasibility Assessment

The purpose of the MURFA is to assess the current and future recreational facility needs of residents from the Collingwood and The Blue Mountains communities. This assessment includes exploring integrating library services into a multi-use model, as has proven effective in several municipalities across the province. The goal of the assessment is to establish a better understanding of the needs of both communities, determine the required amenities to be included in a multi-use recreation facility or facilities to support the recreational needs of the Town of Collingwood and the Town of The Blue Mountains today and into the future, and the degree to which the facility or facilities can be sustained. The results are expected to provide both Councils with the information required to make a "go/no-go" decision on further progressing plans that could lead to a major capital project. thebluemountains.ca/MURFA







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2024 AMO Conference

Grey County Warden Brian Milne will join 2,500 participants including councillors from The Blue Mountains at the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)'s 2024 Conference in Ottawa Ontario from August 18-21, at the Shaw Centre.

The 2024 AMO Conference brings municipal and provincial officials together at a time when Ontario's communities face complex challenges that outstrip municipal resources and responsibilities. This year's event features more than 60 speakers, sessions and workshops, reflecting the broad scope of municipal responsibilities.

The annual conference is an opportunity for municipal officials to share perspectives on solutions to today's big challenges, to learn, and to create new opportunities that benefit our communities. In addition to the conference program, municipal staff and officials will take part in hundreds of municipal delegation meetings with provincial ministries. Warden Milne and Grey County Delegates will be participating in three delegations this year.

The first meeting is with the Ministry of Rural Affairs to discuss sustainable rural communities and local challenges. Grey County is requesting that this new ministry champion policy and program changes to support improved access to primary care, more early learning and childcare spaces to address the County's 2,600-child waitlist, attainable housing, homelessness, intercommunity transportation and road safety.

The second delegation will be to the Ministry of Transportation jointly with Simcoe County. Grey, Simcoe and member municipalities in the South Georgian Bay region are looking to partner with the Ministry to complete a regional transportation assessment that address traffic and safety issues in the area which is seeing rapid population growth and development.

The third delegation is to the Ministry of Health jointly with Bruce and Huron Counties to discuss the need for consultation and collaboration with all health system partners and municipalities to develop a plan to address rural healthcare and doctor recruitment needs.



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Clarksburg Gravel Pit Rehabilitation

The Town of The Blue Mountains has embarked on the path of rehabilitating the remainder of the former Clarksburg gravel pit located at 788090 Grey Road 13 through the use of excess soil generated by various municipal projects.

Through the province's new On-Site and Excess Soil Management Regulation, the Town is now responsible for the management of all soil removed from municipal project sites. To minimize additional costs related to the disposal of excess soil, the Town is looking for opportunities to transport and reuse excavated soil at existing Town sites.

The overall property is approximately 23.1 hectares. Of the 23.1 hectares, approximately 10.1 hectares has been approved to operate as a solid waste disposal site identified as the Town of The Blue Mountains Solid Waste Disposal Site (Blue Mountains Landfill) under amended Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) No. A261404, dated February 26, 2014, last amended June 1, 2017. Since the submission of the original Site Plan to the ARA in 1990, 5.4 hectares of the Town Pit has been rehabilitated with the deposit of solid waste under the ECA identified above, with approximately 3.6 hectares of the Town Pit remaining to be rehabilitated.

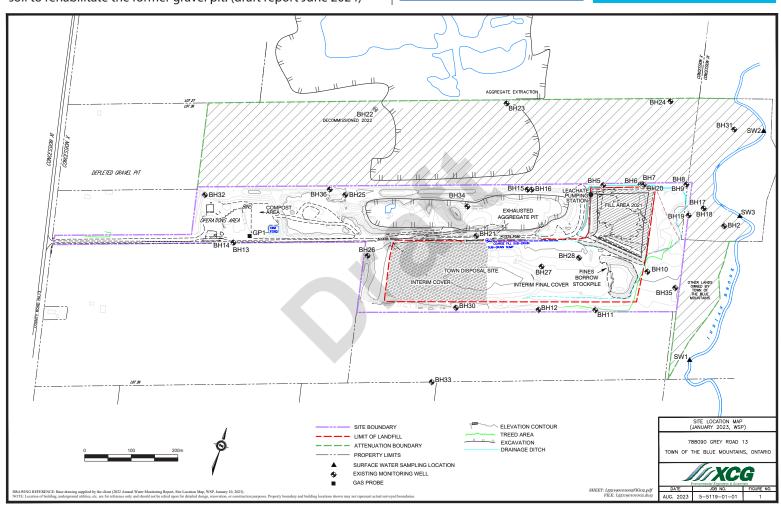
Of the 3.6 hectares of Town Pit remaining to be rehabilitated, the western portion of the former aggregate extraction area is planned for placement of excess soil. As such, the Town Pit will be a "Reuse Site" for excess soil produced through Town infrastructure projects. The Town Pit will be registered as such on the Excess Soil Registry managed by the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA). XCG Consulting Limited was retained by the Town to prepare a Site Assessment as part of an all-encompassing plan for the efficient management of the Town's excess soil.

The Town is anticipating the generation of approximately 60,000 cubic metres of excess soil from various municipal projects within the next 5 years, and has identified an opportunity to use this excess soil to rehabilitate the former gravel pit. (draft report June 2024)











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Town to Begin 2024 Road Surface Treatment Work

Maintenance / Service Disruptions June 21, 2024

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that surface treatment road work will be conducted on various rural and urban roads beginning in late July. Partial lane closures will be in effect during construction. Work is anticipated to be completed by mid-August.

Road surface treatment will occur on:

- Pretty River Road
- 10th Line between Grey Road 13 and 9th Sideroad
- 10th Line between Russell Street and 30th Sideroad
- 30th Sideroad between 10th Line and The Blue Mountains - Meaford Townline
- The Blue Mountains Meaford Townline between Highway 26 and 30th Sideroad
- 33rd Sideroad between Duncan Street and The Blue Mountains - Meaford Townline

Residents are asked to reduce speeds on roads that have recently been treated to help lessen the disturbance of the roadway.

The Town utilizes surface treatment paving on many rural roads with low to medium traffic volumes as a more cost-effective and durable alternative to asphalt concrete paving. The maintenance of surface-treated roads occurs every 5-7 years between May and September.



To learn more, visit the Road Maintenance webpage.

What is Tar and Chip?

Tar and chip roads look similar to asphalt concrete roads but have some differences. Both pavement surfaces use asphalt cement bitumen (Tar) and Aggregates (Chip). Asphalt concrete road surfaces are mixed in a central plant and shipped to the road site hot and mixed for paving. This type of paving is cost prohibitive for smaller rural municipalities such as The Blue Mountains. "Tar and Chip" pavement involves evenly applying hot asphalt cement tar onto a roadway, followed by an even layer of angular aggregate stones which is rolled into place. The stones are further compacted and pushed into the asphalt cement tar over time by the traffic on the roadway. As a result for a period of weeks or months following the application of Tar and Chip to a roadway, there is some loose crushed stone on top of the road surface. The road will eventually resemble the asphalt concrete roads in higher traffic areas after a period of time dependent on the heat of summer and the volume of traffic.

What can you expect?

On roads that have been previously treated, one layer of tar and chip will be applied (single surface treatment). Roads which are being newly paved will receive two successive layers of tar and chip (double surface treatment). Town road maintenance staff may sweep the road several weeks or months following the initial application of tar and chip to reduce the loose stone. The brief periods of inconvenience will be followed by a road surface similar to an asphalt concrete road for periods of 5-7 years.

What can you do?

When your road has been recently paved using tar and chip technology, residents are requested to not sweep the road during the period when the chip is loose, as sweeping may result in a poor wearing surface and an unsafe road condition. The most helpful thing you can do is reduce your vehicle's speed. This will help to reduce the disturbance of stone on the roadway to ensure a clean even surface as well as minimizing dust from the road. Be a good neighbour – slow down.

For more information, please contact:

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Operations Department (519) 599-3131 ext. 276



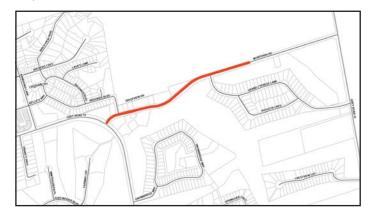
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Construction Notice - Monterra Road - Beginning July 2024

Maintenance / Service Disruptions Public Notices July 12, 2024



The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public of upcoming construction activity on Monterra Road in Craigleith from Grey Road 19 to 200 metres east of Grand Cypress Lane.

Cox Construction Limited will be will be resurfacing approximately 875 metres of Monterra Road. Work will include a new 7 metre wide road surface and a 1.2 metre wide paved shoulder on the north side of the road for a portion of the road section. Sewer maintenance holes and valve chamber chimneys will be rebuilt and guide rail cable posts will be replaced along with other miscellaneous work.

This work is expected to be ongoing until mid to late August 2024. Monterra Road will remain open, but alternating one-way traffic controlled by flaggers will be in place at times.

Where: Monterra Road, from Grey Road 19 to 200m east

of Grand Cypress Lane

When: Beginning July 18, 2024

For additional information, please contact: **Town of The Blue Mountains**Operations Department
(519) 599-3131

Notice of Public Meeting Proposed Telecommunications Tower

Property Location: 495928 Grey Road 2

A Public Meeting to consider these matters has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 9:30 am.

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2PO, OR Virtual via Microsoft Teams

What is being proposed?

Rogers is proposing a new 90 metre guyed telecommunications tower at the above address to improve wireless coverage and to meet rising demands for wireless service.

The geographic coordinates for the proposed site are as follows: N 440 27' 48.9" W -800 25' 04.9"

The establishment of new telecommunication facilities is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Government. Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada is the approval authority for telecommunication towers and requires all proponents of new facilities to consult local planning authorities to ensure local protocols and surroundings are considered during the mandated site selection process. The Town of The Blue Mountains Protocol for Establishing Telecommunication Facilities requires public consultation for all new telecommunication facilities.



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Media Release

August 1, 2024

Notice – Announcing the OPP Detachment Board

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce that The Blue Mountains Police Services Board has formally transitioned to The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board.

In March 2019, the Ontario government passed the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 ("CSPA") as part of the Comprehensive Ontario Policy Services Act, 2019. The CSPA came into effect on April 1, 2024 and replaced the Police Services Act, 1990.

Under the new legislation, The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board will have a more clearly defined and expanded role in the community. The Board has undertaken a number of steps to ensure compliance with the legislation and applicable regulations. Details outlining these changes can be found in staff report FAF.24.071 Update to Council regarding the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 and Impacts to The Blue Mountains Police Services Board as presented at the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 17, 2024.

Across the Province, OPP Detachment Boards provide civilian input about how policing is provided in their local communities by the OPP. The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board is a civilian body that oversees the Collingwood OPP Detachment and The Blue Mountains Satellite Office. The roles and responsibilities of OPP Detachment Boards are set out under Section 68(1) of the CSPA:

 Consult with the Commissioner regarding the selection of a Detachment Commander and otherwise participate, in accordance with the regulations made by the Minister, in the selection of the Detachment Commander;

- Determine objectives and priorities for the Detachment, not inconsistent with the Strategic Plan prepared by the Minister, after consultation with the Detachment Commander or his or her designate;
- Advise the Detachment Commander with respect to policing provided by the Detachment;
- Monitor the performance of the Detachment Commander;
- Review the reports from the Detachment Commander regarding policing provided by the Detachment;
- On or before June 30 of each year, provide an annual report to the Town of The Blue Mountains Council regarding the policing provided by the Detachment in their municipalities.

The Board is comprised of five members appointed for the term of Council, including two Council Appointees (one being the Mayor), two Public Appointees, and one Provincial Appointee. The current Board composition is:

- Mayor Andrea Matrosovs
- Councillor Gail Ardiel
- Jim Oliver, Public Appointee and current Chair
- Lynn Church, Public Appointee and current Vice-Chair
- Donna Wilson, Provincial Appointee

Staff Resources include Detachment Commander Loris Licharson, Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt and Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary Kyra Dunlop.

If you would like to provide a Deputation, Correspondence or Public Comment at a Board Meeting, or for questions relating to the Board, please contact:

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Ontario Releases 2024–25 First Quarter Finances

The Ontario government released the 2024–25 First Quarter Finances, the first update on the province's economic and fiscal outlook since the release of the 2024 Ontario Budget: Building a Better Ontario. The report, which provides updated information about Ontario's finances as of June 30, 2024 for the 2024–25 fiscal year, demonstrates that the province's fiscal outlook remains on track despite ongoing global economic and geopolitical uncertainty.

In the first calendar quarter of 2024, Ontario's real gross domestic product (GDP) increased by 0.7 per cent, after remaining unchanged in the fourth quarter of 2023, supported by higher exports and household spending.

Other key indicators throughout the report are on track with the projections in the 2024 Ontario Budget. The 2024–25 First Quarter Finances show the government is projecting a deficit of \$9.8 billion in 2024–25, unchanged from the 2024 Ontario Budget forecast. Projections for government revenues are also aligned with the 2024 Ontario Budget forecast, projected to be \$205.7 billion.

The outlook for program expense, at \$200.6 billion, interest on debt expense and the cost of borrowing in 2024–25 also remain unchanged from the forecasts in the 2024 Ontario Budget.

Interest on debt expense is projected to be \$13.9 billion, unchanged from the forecast in the 2024 Budget. Ontario's forecast cost of borrowing has remained at 4.0 per cent.

Distinct from the Contingency Fund, the 2024 Ontario Budget included a \$1.0 billion reserve in 2024–25, to protect the fiscal outlook against any unforeseen changes in the province's revenue and expense forecasts. The \$1.0 billion reserve has been maintained as part of the current fiscal outlook. Ontario has a double-A credit rating with three of the four credit rating agencies. In June, Morningstar DBRS upgraded Ontario's credit rating, the first credit rating upgrade since 2006. The government will provide its next financial update on or before November 15, 2024.







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Sycamore trees are large and uniquely beautiful, and this one is no exception. Sycamore is a Carolinian species, which means we are near the northern limit of its natural habitat. They are relatively rare in our area, but they can thrive in low-lying riparian sites, and several can be found along the Beaver Valley.

The tree chosen for special care by Tree Trust is a healthy, well established, older, tall beauty. Sycamore trees can grow to a height of 40 meters and live for more than 300 years.

Tobias Effinger, lead arborist for Arboreal Tree Care, will give a talk about sycamore trees and the work underway for this particular specimen. Braedon Witt, program manager at Tree Trust in Elora will also be available to talk about the TBM Tree Inventory project that is now underway. Our experts will be happy to answer your tree-related questions.

The location for this event is on the 10th Line, just south of Clark Street, Clarksburg. Head down the 10th Line from Clark Street toward the Clendenan Dam and look for the Tree Trust signs. Parking is available at the Clendenan Dam parking lot, just a short walk from the tree care site.

We hope you can join us to watch skilled arborist care for a very special tree, and learn more about protecting and enhancing our critically important tree canopy.

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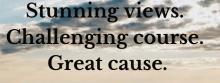


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But there's more to Jim than just music. He was a professional surfer, a New York City cab driver for thirteen years, a literary commentator for the National Endowment for the Arts, and even a European fashion model. Jim's life is a tapestry of fascinating experiences that defy the usual bio format.

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