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Pollinating TBM

Have you noticed a number of canoes popping up around the Town of the Blue Mountains on dry land and full of plants? What's going on? These bee and butterfly friendly canoes are part of the David Suzuki Foundation's Butterflyway project. Local volunteer Butterfly Rangers lead the project as a way to encourage towns, friends, and neighbours to establish and enhance gardens with locally sourced plants that support bees and butterflies.

In the Town of the Blue Mountains (TBM), Butterflyway Rangers Kris Wichman and Elizabeth Brims have joined forces to launch Pollinate TBM. As volunteers, these Rangers connect with their communities and advocate for creating pollinator patches. A pollinator patch is a David Suzuki inspired name that describes a native plant filled habitat that supports bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects. You can find these patches at Council Beach and Grace United Church, and in canoes at the parkette by the footbridge on Bruce Street, at the Clarksburg Medical Group, the Thornbury Community Garden, and the Craigeleith Depot. Look for the colourful blue signs and the tag line #Butterflyway

How can you help Pollinate TBM?

- Turn your garden into a pollinator patch – ask us how
- Invite us to plant a pollinator patch or canoe at your business location.
- Donate bee and butterfly friendly plants to Pollinate TBM so we can spread the word and the plants across the Town of the Blue Mountains
- Join us! Volunteers needed, email PollinateTBM@gmail.com
- Follow the journey on Instagram at PollinateTBM

For information visit The Butterflyway Project - David Suzuki Foundation



Pretty in Pink. Enjoy what the sunset can do to our water tower!
photo by Heather Adams

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tree trust.ca Public Event Friday August 13, 9am

Many TBM residents have generously supported the work of Tree Trust TBM as we provide life-extending conservation care to our older legacy trees. Due to continued resident support and a generous donation from Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary we are pleased to announce that a much-loved sugar maple tree in Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery will get professional arborist attention on August 13th, at 9 am. Please plan on attending our celebration of this tree.

The public are invited to attend a celebration, that will feature a dedication, a presentation on the role of older trees in our ecology and, aerial climbing and tree tending in action. Hopefully gathering limits will remain at 100 but if not, the event will be limited to what ever regulations are in effect, with admissions on a first come first served basis. Inclement weather will result in the event being postponed. For more information: bettymuise1@gmail.com or go to www.treetrust.ca

This will be our second tree for 2021 and also the second tree that we will care for in the Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery. This tree is a special one for TBM residents, with several residents getting in touch with TTB to specifically request that this tree receive some care. Residents enjoy this tree on morning and afternoon walks and have noted its advanced age (estimated to be more than 100 years old) and stately and beautiful form.

Used Ski Sale

Sunday August 22 from 10-3 at the BVO parking lot, next to the Farmer's Market!

Duncan Armstrong is organizing this ski equipment drive and sale with some other ski racers from Georgian Peaks, from which all proceeds will go to BVO. He currently has over 30 pairs of skis, many of which are racing skis and in very good condition. He also has poles and boots.

To donate ski equipment call or text 647-627-3442 or 416-844-0242 for pickup prior to August 22 or bring to the BVO parking lot from 9am-10am before the sale opens.





Current Situation: Day 504 The province is in Step Three

Testing and case counts reported as of 23:59 hrs,
August 2, 2021:

All data is preliminary and subject to change. Future situation reports will be updated accordingly.

- 3 new cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce; 2 – Owen Sound, 1 - Chatsworth
- 2136 confirmed cases
2054 resolved cases
- 71 active cases
- 123 active high-risk contacts
- 5 confirmed local active case(s) hospitalized in Grey Bruce
+1 local active cases transferred to hospitals outside of Grey-Bruce
- 11 deaths in Grey Bruce
+1 death related to a Grey Bruce resident that acquired the infection and was treated outside of Grey Bruce
+7 deaths related to a Grey Bruce resident that acquired the infection in Grey Bruce however passed away outside of Grey Bruce
- 107 cases reported in health care workers; reports health care workers living in Grey Bruce and working both in and outside Grey Bruce

Vaccines -

215,805 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered in Grey/Bruce

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THE BLUE MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY AUGUST PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Favourite Moment of Summer Art Contest

August 1-31 | Biblioboard
email: LibraryPrograms@TheBlueMountains.ca
Showcase your artistic expression by highlighting your favourite moment of summer. Submissions can be photos, drawings, paintings, and other mediums. Submit by Aug 31st



Astronomy In Our Upper Atmosphere

Thurs, Aug 12 | 7:00pm
BMPL Zoom | Registration
Join Royal Astronomical Society to learn about human objects up in our atmosphere, meteors, and northern lights. Learn tips and tricks for night sky photography, too!



International Youth Day

Sat, Aug 14 | 1:00pm
L.E. Shore Branch | Registration
We are celebrating youth & teens! You'll be creating Recycled T-Shirt Bracelets at this in-person outside event. Masks, physical distancing and all health measures will be in effect.



Exhibit: Places I Know - Art About Memory

The Gallery & online
Our memories are often associated with a place in time. In this exhibit, the Grey Highlands Artists Collective and invited guests will explore this theme with new work in a variety of media.



REGULAR PROGRAMS

Seniors Exercise

Mondays | 10:00am
BMPL Facebook



Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays | 7:00pm
BMPL Facebook & YouTube

SRV Virtual Meet-Ups

Fridays | 1:00pm
BMPL YouTube

Game On Weekly Challenge

Mondays | 3:00pm
BMPL Facebook

Digital Book Club

Thursdays | 1:00pm
BMPL Facebook



Trivia Game Night

Fridays | 7:00pm
BMPL Facebook



Museum From Home

Mondays | 12:30pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter

Teen Group

2nd Thursday | 5:00pm
BMPL Zoom | Registration

Dorothy Crysler Bird Club

3rd Saturday | 9:30am
BMPL Zoom

Wired Wednesday

Wednesdays | 1:00pm
BMPL Facebook & YouTube



Outdoor Story Time

Fridays | 11:00am
Lawn at L.E. Shore

Monthly Scavenger Hunt

L.E. Shore Library & Craileith Heritage Depot

For more information, visit the **Event Calendar** on our website
www.TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca



Community Consultation

BMPL has begun our Strategic Plan Study, in preparation for the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. Started in April, we have been launching a new micro-user survey every two-weeks. These are available in print when you pick up your holds as well as online on our [User Surveys](#) page. Please consider responding throughout the summer to our various themed survey's and making sure your voice is represented in our [Strategic Plan 2022-2026](#). Also, watch our [Community Consultation](#) website for more opportunities to participate.



Follow us on social media!





Rock Snake - Georgian Trail by Mae Lanktree

About a month ago, a young Meaford boy, Cleighton Carbert, started to build a rock snake on the Georgian Trail at Montgomery Street in Meaford. Cleighton started the snake with four rocks, which has grown to hundreds. Cleighton's goal was to build a snake one mile long. To help build the rock snake Thornbury has joined the fun. The tail of the snake begins on Bruce Street. The goal now is to join the two communities. Help Cleighton fulfil his dream by painting a rock and adding it to the others. *facebook meaford rocks*

Grey Bruce Moves to Step 3

The Grey Bruce Health Unit, in collaboration with partners and the community, has been successful in bringing COVID-19 case numbers down. This enables Grey Bruce to move to the full provincial Step 3, effective 12:01 am August 5.

As the rest of the province progressed to Step 3 on July 15, a modified Step 3 was introduced in Grey Bruce to address the significant number of Delta variant COVID-19 cases. The modified Step 3 included strong recommendations, instead of regulatory orders, designed to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Moving to the full Step 3 reopening relaxes restrictions on the numbers that can gather to a maximum of 100 people outdoors and a maximum of 25 people indoors.

Personal service settings and salons may now provide services that require the removal of a face covering, with capacity limited to permit physical distancing.

Recommendations to only dine outdoors are no longer in place. We still encourage workplaces and patrons to follow public health measures, especially at gyms, cinemas, and restaurants as well as church services and attendees.

Working with our partners and volunteers, the Grey Bruce Health Unit took to the community vaccinating about 70,000 people, 50% of eligible public in Grey Bruce, in the past 4 weeks.

We now need everyone's help to encourage those who have not had their vaccine to get protected. Having everyone who is eligible fully vaccinated is the most successful way to prevent COVID-19. There are Drop-In Vaccine Clinics across Grey Bruce.



PENDING GOVERNMENT APPROVAL
Two concerts are planned for
Sunday, September 5th, 1-3pm and 5-7pm
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On Saturday, July 24, Rev. Grayhame Bowcott, the Beaver Valley Pipe Band and the Legion celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the First World War Memorial that presides over the park at Ravenna.
photos by Robert Burcher

The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$1 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



August

- Cool dry May & June, followed now by a thundering rain has made the weeds incredible.
- Keep adding mulch as it starts to work into the soil. Keep it at least 2 inches deep. It works to suppress weeds, keeps the soil cool and damp and protects the rain we get.
- Sow vegetable seeds for a fall harvest e.g. spinach and some varieties of lettuce.
- Tidy up plants and shrubs with a little judicious pruning, but early in the month.
- Stake tall perennials against the wind.
- Cut your grass at least 2" high to combat drying out. Water well when needed, or when it is allowed.
- Check out bulb catalogues and order before they are sold out (try www.botanus.com from BC for lots of unique varieties).
- Order spring flowering bulbs now for planting in October.
- Fill in gaps in your flower garden with fall-flowering perennials, like mums and asters.
- Start drying flowers and herbs.
- Start to divide daylilies, iris and peonies later in the month.
- Collect seeds that have matured but not fallen from the plant. Once they have completely dried, store them in air tight containers in a cool location.
- Take a hard look at your garden and decide where there are empty spaces for new plants this fall. Identify any plants that have not performed well and plan to replace them with a fall planting program of shrubs and perennials.
- Early Fall is a great time to sow grass seed and plant perennials, trees and shrubs. You'll get a big jump on next Spring!



the
brain
project



A thought provoking exhibit that raises awareness about brain health and critical funding for research at Baycrest for Alzheimer's and related dementias.

The exhibit features 6 brain sculptures by a talented group of local and international artists, celebrities and thought-leaders.

FEATURED SCULPTURE//

The exquisite glass brain by local artist Roger Edwards.

The sculptures can be found on the boardwalk by the entrance to The Westin Trillium House on the Mill Pond.



Exhibit runs to September 7th

FOR A FULL LIST OF BRAINS VISIT:
brainproject.ca/2021-artists



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Ontario Health Teams

Ontario Health Teams are being introduced to provide a new way of organizing and delivering care that is more connected to patients in their local communities. Under Ontario Health Teams, health care providers (including hospitals, doctors and home and community care providers) work as one coordinated team - no matter where they provide care.

Providers and organizations eligible to become an Ontario Health Team include, but are not limited to, those that provide:

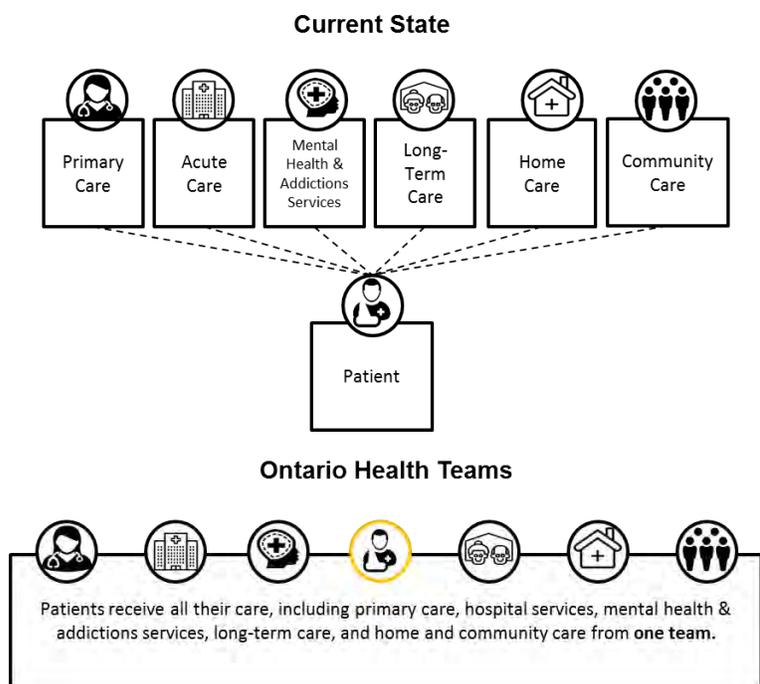
- primary care (including inter-professional primary care and physicians)
- secondary care (e.g., in-patient and ambulatory medical and surgical services (includes specialist services))
- home care
- community support services
- mental health and addictions services
- health promotion and disease prevention services
- rehabilitation and complex care
- palliative care (e.g., hospice)
- residential care and short-term transitional care (e.g., in supportive housing, long-term care homes, retirement homes)
- long-term care home placement
- emergency health services
- laboratory and diagnostic services
- midwifery services, and
- other social and community services and other services, as needed by the population.

There are currently 44 Ontario Health Teams that have been established across Ontario, including the **South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team**.

The SGBOHT is comprised of eleven anchor organizations, inclusive of Community Connection, Georgian Bay Family Health Team, Georgian Bay Family Health Organization, Hospice Georgian Triangle, Breaking Down Barriers, Canadian Mental Health Association, South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre, Bay Haven Care Community, Entité 4, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, and Home and Community Care.

Formed in April of 2007, the **Owen Sound Family Health Team** expanded into their fully integrated facility on the west harbour of downtown Owen Sound in December 2011.

All of the providers work under one roof to provide a full range of comprehensive collaborative and timely primary care.



TC Energy reaches agreement with National Defence to develop proposed pumped storage project

July 28, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) - TC Energy Corporation (TSX, NYSE:TRP) (TC Energy or the Company) has reached agreement with the Department of National Defence, that subject to conditions and regulatory approval, allows for the development of a transformative 1,000-megawatt clean energy storage project on federal lands.

The Ontario Pumped Storage Project, proposed to be constructed on Department of National Defence's 4th Canadian Division Training Centre property (Meaford) by TC Energy, would be Ontario's largest energy storage project, optimizing the province's electricity system and is estimated to deliver more than \$250 million in annual savings to electricity consumers.

A multi-billion dollar private sector investment, over the next eight years, the project would result in approximately 1,000 jobs during development and construction. Once operating, it would provide emission-free electricity for the province, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by an expected 490,000 tonnes – the equivalent of removing 150,000 cars from Ontario roads.

TC Energy will continue to consult with the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and other Indigenous Rightsholders and communities, and engage with local communities and other interested stakeholders to assess potential impacts and economic benefits as the Company advances the next phase of project development – including provincial and federal environmental and impact assessments. Advancement of the project remains subject to a number of conditions, including approval of the Company's Board of Directors, regulatory approvals, and assurances that the project would not impact military activities and training.

BAYVIEW PARK TENNIS GROUP CONTINUES TO WELCOME NEW PLAYERS



WOMEN Doubles - Tuesdays at 1:00 pm.

MIXED Doubles - Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.

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Public Notice – Proposed Sale of Town Lands and Closing of Unopened Road Allowance Unopened Beaver Street South Road Allowance

What is being proposed?

The Town is considering stopping up and closing a portion of the Beaver Street unopened road allowance east of Victoria Street South to Arthur Street West (the "Subject Lands"). The Town is also considering selling the Subject Lands to be consolidated with the adjacent privately owned lands. The Subject Lands are a portion of the Beaver Street road allowance which has not been constructed and is currently vacant. The Subject Lands are located across the street (east side of Victoria St) from the LCBO. See the Key Map for the location.

On **July 12, 2021** Council considered recommendations within staff report PDS.021.068, entitled "Consideration of Sale of Town Lands – Corner of Arthur and Victoria Streets (Beaver Street Remnant)". Council resolved to deem a portion of the unopened Beaver Street South Right of Way (the "Subject Lands") as surplus to the needs of the Corporation and directed staff to proceed with all necessary processes required to consider disposal of the lands in accordance with the Town's Sale and Disposal of Land Policy (POL.COR.07.02).

How Do I Provide Comments or Ask Questions?

For more information about this proposal or to provide comments, please contact Denise McCarl in Planning and Development Services by calling 1-519-599-3131 extension 262 or by email to planning@thebluemountains.ca

You can also provide comments by mail, drop box or in person to the Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0



Town Now Accepting Styrofoam as Part of a Depot Collection Pilot Program

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that The Blue Mountains Waste Disposal Site, located at 788090 Grey Road 13, is now accepting Styrofoam packaging material as part of a pilot program aimed at reducing waste in the Town.

The pilot program will be specific to a limited type of expanded polystyrene foam (type 6 plastic) or Styrofoam product packing. This type of foam is associated with the rigid white block foam used to protect products and equipment (such as electronics) during shipment and transport.

When dropping off accepted materials, please ensure the Styrofoam is clean and tape free. The Styrofoam material collected will be stored at the Site to be densified by a recycling contractor and sent to a recycler to be made into new products such as picture frames.

The pilot program **does not accept** the following materials:

- Coloured foam
- Peanut packaging
- Construction materials
- Take-out containers, food and meat trays, and cups
- Toys; Pool noodles

Styrofoam will not be collected as part of the curbside blue box program, however accepted foam materials are free to drop off with other Blue Box materials at the Waste Disposal Site. Please note that fees may apply to other waste items at the Site.

The pilot program is anticipated to run until the end of 2021, with the overall success of the program to be studied for an expanded implementation in 2022 following the pilot program's conclusion. For more information on the Depot Collection Pilot Program, please visit:

<https://www.thebluemountains.ca/solid-waste.cfm>

The Town Disposal Site has had great success with implementing new programs and participation from local groups such as Climate Action Now Networks and the general public have allowed for growth in the drywall, asphalt shingle and mattress recycling programs.

For more information, please contact:

Jeffery Fletcher, Manager of Sustainability & Solid Waste (519) 599-3131 ext. 238

One (1) public member being sought

The Town of The Blue Mountains are seeking applications, in the form of letters of interest, from members of the public for appointment to the Community Communications Advisory Committee. The committee appointment runs concurrent with the term of Council, being 2018 - 2022:

Community Communications Advisory Committee:

- 7 member Committee, 6 Committee members have been appointed.
- 1 public member being sought

Applicants are encouraged to include background information and any special qualifications or interest related to the Committee.

Additional information regarding the Community Communications Advisory Committee can be found in the Terms of Reference documents available on the Town's website: www.thebluemountains.ca

All Applications should be submitted no later than Friday, August 6, 2021 1:00 pm to:

Town of The Blue Mountains
Attention: Town Clerk
32 Mill St., Box 310, Thornbury, N0H 2P0
townclerk@thebluemountains.ca



Notice of Online Public Information Centre 1

The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains Transportation Master Plan

The Town of The Blue Mountains (Town) is facing significant growth pressures and increased tourism activity alongside the broader South Georgian Bay region and will likely continue to see this growth into the foreseeable future. To strategically prepare for this continued growth and enhance our existing transportation network, the Town is undertaking the development of a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan (TMP).

The TMP will be an important resource for the Town as it continues to adapt to changing needs, growth and development, and new opportunities. The TMP will shape how we travel, help us further understand and define our regional connections, and support the movement of goods and services throughout the region. As part of the TMP study process, a vision will be established, actions and policies will be defined, and a financial strategy will be developed to address the short, medium, and long-term transportation needs of the community.

The Process

This study is being undertaken in accordance with Approach #1 of the Master Planning Process, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA). As such, the TMP will generally address Phases 1 and 2 of the MCEA process and will form the basis for the recommended Schedule B and C transportation infrastructure projects identified within the TMP report.

Consultation

A virtual **Public Information Centre (PIC)** is being planned to present and gather feedback on the TMP study process, the goals and objectives of the TMP, existing travel conditions and community characteristics, community input on transportation infrastructure in the Town, as well as next steps in the TMP process. Due to COVID-19 and associated physical distancing requirements, the format of this PIC will be a user-driven visual presentation with audio voiceover to guide participants through the available content on the project website. Participants are invited to contact the project team for questions or comments. This PIC can be accessed as follows:

July 29 to August 27, 2021

at the following link:

<https://yourview.thebluemountains.ca/transportation-master-plan>

Additional opportunities will be offered to review information and provide your feedback as this study progresses. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated physical distancing requirements, the format of these future public consultation events have not been confirmed at this time.

For more information about this study, please contact:

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All information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Except for personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

This notice was first issued July 16, 2021 via email and will be posted on July 22, 2021.



Community Sustainability Plan

The Town of The Blue Mountains has launched a survey to gain feedback from the local business community to support the development of the vision and objectives for the Town's Community Sustainability Plan. Business owners, operators, or representatives are invited to participate and share their perspectives and vision for local sustainability.

The survey will be available until **Friday, August 13, 2021**, and can be accessed by visiting www.thebluemountains.ca/survey.

Paper copies are available upon request by calling 519-599-3131 ext. 235 or at the Town of The Blue Mountains Town Hall.

The public survey for the Community Sustainability Plan closed July 28, 2021.

"As our community continues to grow, the creation of a vision for sustainability in The Blue Mountains is crucial to ensuring our area remains resilient and prosperous for generations to come," says Councillor and Sustainability Advisory Committee Co-Chair, Andrea Matrosov. "Through the comprehensive development of the Community Sustainability Plan, we want to ensure there is an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide their insight and feedback and help Town Council and Staff build an actionable path towards sustainable growth and development in the community."

Background Information

The Town of The Blue Mountains is creating a Community Sustainability Plan to ensure the Town and its residents, workers and visitors thrive for generations to come. We're calling this the TBM Future Story.

The plan development process will include discussions around how we build upon the community's unique attributes while creating a shared path towards a future of increased livability, vibrancy and health of all living systems in The Blue Mountains.

www.tbmfuturestory.ca

Recipes for Life

by Judy Keeler

This is the perfect time and place to share 'recipes for life' and we invite you, the reader to do the same. Recipes for life are food for thought.

There's lots of talk these days about how we are all connected. If we are connected, that means we are responsible for each other. People rally when there is a tornado or when senseless violence brings grief, but what about every day? Your friends are not your Facebook friends, Instagram, Twitter or Tik Tok friends. Friends are the people who show up when you are sick or broke, or both.

"Let me know if there is anything I can do for you." How often do you hear that these days? My mother used to say that all the time, and she meant it. She'd be there in a heartbeat. Each day is an opportunity to make life better in every exchange we have.

Good will is infectious. The cashier may be the only person some people see all day. In the village in which we all want to live small exchanges cultivate a sense of belonging. People just want to belong. To have a friend, you have to be a friend. The simplest things in life are often the hardest to find.

Judy Keeler has visited Grey County since the 70's. She has a writing service in Toronto. Send your recipes to jkeeler2323@gmail.com.



BVO Seeks New Volunteers

As with many organizations and businesses across Canada, COVID-19 seriously disrupted operations and revenue flow for Beaver Valley Outreach, a local non-profit dedicated to providing programs and services to enhance the lives of people in The Blue Mountains.

Most impacted was BVO's Treasure Shop, the economic engine of the organization. Prior to the pandemic, the thrift store was generating more than 33% of BVO's annual income. In 2020, that figure dropped by half to just 16%. To make matters worse, the number of BVO volunteers, the lifeblood of the organization, has dropped by 60% from over 300 people. The Treasure Shop currently has 50 active volunteers, compared to 180 pre-pandemic. In order to keep the store open, 10-15 new volunteers are required.

BVO Treasure Shop was closed for much of 2020 and into 2021 and, when it was open, many of BVO's active volunteers were hesitant to return to work, or needed to take on a caregiver role for their grandchildren or other members of their families. Add to this, the changing demographics of a small town, while attempting to recruit new volunteers.

"Due to the decline in our volunteer base, and to keep up our recycling efforts and open the store, we had no choice but to hire staff in our Treasure Shop in two key roles – a Sorting Assistant and a Bin Assistant - to provide consistency in our operations," says BVO Volunteer Coordinator Julie Traversa, noting that some funding was obtained to assist in financing these positions.

"The pandemic, combined with our enhanced profile in the community, has prompted us to operate more like a business. We see this as an opportunity to create a better environment for our volunteers, attract new faces, and together serve our community better than ever."

"While trying to maintain the grassroots character of our organization, we recognize that we are also a social enterprise that has to generate revenue to fuel the programs and services we offer in our community," adds BVO Executive Director Carolyn Letourneau."

"Right now, we need to harness the knowledge and expertise of new people moving into the area, and engage them as volunteers. The time commitment we're asking for in our Treasure Shop and other programs can be as little as 2 to 3 hours per week, or per month," says Letourneau. "But ultimately, we're really looking for a commitment, based on our current needs."

If you care about the environment and want to help reduce items going to landfill, BVO has a position for you! The Treasure Shop is looking for creative, well-organized people in a number of roles: those with retail experience, those who like to sort books and music, and anyone with muscle to help move around donated goods. Volunteer opportunities elsewhere in BVO include assistance in various child care settings, seniors' programs, Bottles for BVO, and Thornbury Community Garden.

Are you new to the area? Looking for a way to give back to the community? Volunteering at BVO is a great way to meet people, get connected, learn about our community, and learn about the charitable sector. Help others. Bring a friend. Have some fun while you help make good things happen in our community!"

You can make a difference. It starts with a conversation.

Call Julie Traversa, BVO Volunteer Coordinator, to find out how to get involved: 519-599-2577, ext. 125.

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Solid Waste Management Review

Grey County's March 2021 application to the Municipal Modernization funding program was approved on June 30th, granting \$150,000 to complete a feasibility study examining opportunities for the delivery of solid waste management services at the County level.

The CAOs of all member municipalities were advised and consulted on next steps. It was agreed that the November 30th completion deadline is not achievable for a project of this scope, and staff have requested an extension to February 2022.

The objectives of the proposed third-party review project as submitted to the province stated:

The project will undertake an assessment and comparison of solid waste management services provided by Grey's member municipalities. This will include system operations and performance, operational costs, current asset value, capital investment requirements, policies and procedures, current service contracts, etc.

The project will have regard to the future state and regulatory requirements for solid waste management, e.g. waste diversion and producer responsibility when making recommendations for any future Grey County role in service delivery.

The expected outcomes of the project were described as: Based on the information provided in the assessment, the report will make a determination on whether there is a role for Grey County in solid waste service delivery, provide recommendations on cost savings and operational improvements that could be realized through changes to the service delivery model.

The Grey County CAO group met to discuss a project approach and timelines. The group also agreed that a staff level project steering committee should be struck in order to guide the development of the RFP, selection of a consultant, and act as a resource to the project throughout.

Draft RFP Scope of Work

The proposed scope of work for the RFP, as outlined in CAOR-CW-05-21 report, would seek proposals to assess and provide recommendations on the following factors:

- A comparison of existing waste management operations, policies and procedures, system performance, contracts, landfill capacity, value of infrastructure across the ninemember municipalities.
- Consideration of regulatory, environmental, economic, and social factors and how these will impact the waste management system of the future.
- Feedback from public engagement.

- Options for providing some or all waste management services and infrastructure at the county level, supported with life cycle costing over a 30-year period and having regard for:

- Quality of service to the public including short- and long-term disposal options that are appropriate to both urban and rural contexts
- Cost savings (capital, annual operating and maintenance)
- Alignment, and integration
- Improved waste diversion/reduction and maximizing existing disposal capacity
- Recycling and organics

- A financing plan that considers the current value of the assets each municipality would be bringing into any new system.

This scope of work will be refined by the project steering committee and brought back to Council prior to release of the RFP.

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In Memoriam



DOUGLAS PITTET

Douglas Pittet of Thornbury passed away at the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital on Friday July 9, 2021, at the age of 89.

Doug was born to Swiss parents in Montreal and attended elementary school in Shawinigan, Quebec, and high school in both Shawinigan and Lausanne, Switzerland. After high school one of his first jobs was deckhand on an ocean freighter running between Quebec and South America. He later followed a friend, hopping on a train and heading to St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. During his university years he became a sub-lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve. From St. FX he entered Dalhousie Law School, graduating in 1957.

In 1958 Doug married his beloved Barbara (nee Leim) in her home town of St. Andrews, New Brunswick. They had a full life together raising their family in Halifax, Toronto, and Montreal. They eventually settled at their beautiful farm property outside of Thornbury. Doug was interested in the world and knew Canadian history and politics inside out. He loved the local countryside, enjoyed sailing, kept bees, and planted many, many trees during his life. He had only kind words for people. He was so loving with children and pets. A gracious, unassuming, loving, playful, gentle man.

He is dearly missed by wife Barbara, daughters Peggy Humphreys (Brendan) and Jennifer Pittet, son and daughter-in-law Bruce and Jane Pittet, his granddaughters Alex and Maddie Pittet, brother-in-law Sandy Leim, and cousins Claire and Alain Guignard. Predeceased by sister-in-law Murrin Leim.

Cremation has taken place and Doug's life will be celebrated in the coming weeks by friends and family.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to either the Bruce Trail Conservancy or Diabetes Canada would be appreciated and can be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

ADAM MEESTERS

Adam Meesters died peacefully at the Meaford Hospital on June 25, 2021, at the age of 86.

He will be sadly missed by his wife of 63 years, Bonnie Meesters (née Sandell) and his children Wendy (Kevin), Richard (Janet) and Rien (Zoe). He had many fond memories with his grandchildren, Michelle (Brad), Korey, Kyle, Katerina (Julian), Galen, Jake, and Keenan, and his two great grandchildren Emma and Parker.

He will be missed by his brother Arnold (Mary) and his sister Toos (aka. Catherine), his sister in laws Charlotte, Denise, Janet, Judy Ann, Myrna, and Rhuna, and his brother-in-law Keith. He will be remembered by numerous nieces and nephews and many friends and community members.

Predeceased by his parents Marinus and Johanna, his brother Rene and wife Corrie, brother John and wife Thelma, brothers Nick, Joe and Kees.

Adam was born in Oudenbosch, Netherlands. He came with his family to Canada in 1951 when he was 15 and became a proud Canadian citizen. He farmed in the Collingwood area, growing tomatoes, asparagus and apples as well as raising pigs and cattle. He was a member of the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association and the Apple Commission. He played soccer with some of his brothers in Collingwood when he was younger. He enjoyed following his favorite sports teams; the Toronto Blue Jays and Toronto Maple Leafs as well as listening to books.

Adam was Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club President in 2001-2002 and received the Paul Harris Award. For many years Adam was a fixture at tent raisings, table cleaning, work parties and barbecues with his fellow Rotarians.

He enjoyed carpentry, golf, curling, fishing, and holidays in Florida at their trailer park. He loved his dog Toby and taking him for walks around the community center.

Lately he spent time as a volunteer looking after the pool and cooking breakfasts at Maple Meadows where he and Bonnie have lived for the past 13 years.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Meaford Hospital for looking after Adam.

In lieu of flowers, as your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca



KATHRYN 'KATE' MCGOWAN

Kate McGowan of Clarksburg passed away peacefully at Chapman House Hospice in Owen Sound with family by her side on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at the age of 62.

Born in Meaford on August 1, 1958, Kate was the daughter of the late Keith and Doris (nee Vail) McGowan.

She was the proud mother and best friend of Steven 'Toad' McGowan and his partner Sarah.

Kate will be missed dearly by John Copland, her partner of more than 30 years, and her furry companions Cooper and Mr. Muggins who were an extremely important part of her family.

She was the much loved sister of Jim McGowan (Diane), Allan McGowan, John McGowan (Connie) and Glen McGowan (Donna), and will be remembered fondly by her many nieces, nephews and their families.

Kate loved life and made the most of each day! She enjoyed cars, motorcycles, snowmobiles, and anything with a motor that could go fast. She spent many hours at car shows with her son Steven admiring different kinds of vehicles. Kate was a wonderful friend and was always there to listen or help. She was a 'tell it like it is' gal, she always had your back and it didn't matter how long it had been since you'd seen her, she would greet you with a bright smile and a funny and kind word. She was definitely a bright light for many and will be missed.

Private family arrangements will take place at this time.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce 'Chapman House Hospice', where Kate and her family received compassionate care, would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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WILLIAM JEREMIAH 'BILLY' DRYNAN



It is with profound sadness and broken hearts that we announce the unexpected and far too soon passing of our dear son Billy at home on July 4, 2021.

He is survived by his loving parents Kevin and Cheryl and his ever-adoring sister Jamie. He was predeceased by his dotting grandparents Papa and Nany Oberding and Grandpa Bill and Noni Drynan.

At only 28 years old, Billy leaves a gaping hole in all of the so fortunate hearts he managed to touch while on his journey.

Born in Toronto in Sept 1992, he shortly thereafter moved to Vancouver BC where he spent his early years as a happy go lucky, energetic, and compassionate young lad bouncing around North Vancouver and Whistler Mountain at a pace not for the faint of heart. Bill was always testing and pushing the limits before him.

In 2001, he returned to Ontario attending schools and Universities in Toronto, Collingwood, Haliburton, and Hamilton pursuing his relentless quest for knowledge and an understanding of the world around him.

He had a wild passion for books that started in his earliest years and never did this passion wane. Up until his last breath, he was a self-proclaimed disciple of Carl Sagan, often quoting him in trying to make sense for others the complex and abstract theories he loved discussing. He also loved his exotic plants, and any living being with 4 legs especially his cat Scrappy and family dog Emme who are also devastated by his passing.

His wit and intellect were exceptional. To those who knew him well he was a most interesting and intriguing character that possessed exemplary manners and a stratospheric level of EQ that he brought to each and every one of his interactions with others.

Despite his unique gift to bring love, laughter, and wonder to his family and friends; deep inside he was suffering in an indescribable darkness, privately battling an inexplicable pain. We take comfort in knowing that his last few months were spent so sweetly at his family home. We will strive to find peace in knowing that he is now without pain resting in God's arms, and with the internal peace he couldn't find while so briefly on Earth.

We know that he will forever be in our hearts and that with time, love and support, brighter days will prevail. "Thou Mayest" Pax Tecum dear boy.

There will be a private service and a Celebration of Billy's life will be held at a later date when family and friends are able to gather safely.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the University of Guelph Billy Drynan Memorial Bursary would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

Blue Mountains Historical Society

A group of citizens of the Municipality of the Town of The Blue Mountains and surrounding area, concerned over the ongoing loss of natural and built environments and the small town rural culture, came together to discuss these concerns and possibilities for mitigating the impacts further. This group contacted the Ontario Historical Society and invited the regional director to a meeting after which the local citizen group developed a constitution and by laws. Then the group incorporated as the Blue Mountains Historical Society.

The Blue Mountains Historical Society is a new organization (2020) within the County of Grey resting primarily on the Niagara Escarpment. Georgian Bay's Shore line forms the eastern boundary, with agricultural lands - a significant portion being comprised of specialty agriculture - small towns, villages, hamlets and new subdivisions to the west and south across several watersheds.

Our deepest human history belongs to our First Nations, followed by settlers from Europe and other parts the globe. The Town of The Blue Mountains and the surrounding areas are rich in natural landscapes, flora and fauna, some of which are on the endangered list. The story of human habitation spans thousands of years to present day. It is for these many reasons and our proximity to an increasing population to the south that people are moving into The Blue Mountains increasing our permanent population significantly and rapidly. It is for this very reason that the Blue Mountains Historical Society, acting in concert with other like minded organizations, will need to inform, and when necessary raise awareness within the public and elected officials with regard to our ongoing responsibility to local history and culture. For information email tbmhistorical@gmail.com. Website www.tbmhistorical.ca coming soon.

Founded in 1888, **The Ontario Historical Society** is a non-profit corporation and registered charity; a non-government group bringing together people of all ages, all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds interested in preserving some aspect of Ontario's history. The OHS has a provincial mandate, with its headquarters located at the historic John McKenzie House (built 1913) in Willowdale, Ontario.



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5. Decorated cupcakes (6), flower theme (submit a picture)
6. My COVID garden
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