



## What a crazy thing to see on a dull December morning.

Ten brave people plunging into Georgian Bay at the beach in Thornbury. This polar dip (swim?) called Brain Freeze is a fundraiser for a very important Canadian organization called Jack.org. Dedicated to youth mental health, it is run by youth helping youth. The local organizer was Charlene Spiessman with a crew of helpers who are called the Yogi Bears – students or friends of the Mantra Yoga Studio (now owned by Charlene). The total received locally was well over \$3600. It is worth your while to take a few minutes to check out the website and watch some inspiring videos about youth who are having tough times navigating the teenage years who are then helped by their peers. Next year if you want to be part of a very courageous crowd you too can join the mayhem or come to the beach to watch the show. If you see Margot Rochester, or Simone Sterio or Charlene ask them how cold it really felt. Not just a brain freeze but a total body freeze! Still time to make a donation. *By Robert Burcher*

## Thornbury Jazzworks - December 10

A few tickets are still available for Thornbury Jazzworks' Christmas Concert featuring holiday favourites by Dean Hollin and Friends. Friday Dec. 10 at 7 pm at the Marsh Street Centre. Treat yourself to a great evening of music, while making a happier Holiday for individuals and families in our community. Ticket sales support BVO's Holiday Hampers, so we are hoping for a good turnout from our community, for our community. Concertgoers also have a chance to win some great prizes from our BVO Holiday Draw (6 tickets for \$10, available at the concert). Concert tickets are sold online only, so please email [thornburyjazz@gmail.com](mailto:thornburyjazz@gmail.com) to book yours. Deadline is midnight Thursday, December 9th.



## Returns to Thornbury December 11

Thornbury BIA is pleased to present the Olde Fashioned Christmas this Saturday December 11. After such a challenging year, we're so happy to come together again in celebration of one of our favorite events.

"Olde Fashioned Christmas started as a way for local merchants to thank and celebrate our clients and supporters. It has evolved into a social celebration where friends and families come together. We didn't have an Olde Fashioned Christmas last year due to covid restrictions, and this year, even though covid still lurks amongst us, we will be having a more modest celebration. We will be closing Bruce Street, and invite families and friends to come and gather safely, observing public health guidelines, but at least getting back a taste of what normalcy is like. I look forward to greeting many of you on December 11," says George Matamoros, President of the Thornbury BIA.

A yearly tradition, the Olde Fashioned Christmas is exactly how you might picture it: holiday tree lighting with Mayor Alar Soever, open fires on main street, complete with roasted chestnuts and local firefighters keeping us safe, horse drawn wagon rides, strolling Victorian carollers, festive lighting and displays, goodies and hot beverages on offer and of course, a visit from Santa and one of his elves! Kids are welcome to say hello and drop their Christmas wish letters in the box.

Other fun happenings this year include a holiday themed magic show, dance party on the street with groovemaster Tyler Boyle, hidden Santa challenge, holiday photo memories with the Georgian Life photo booth, axe throwing with Axed Blue Mountain, and extended shopping hours and specials from our local merchants.

New for this year is live music on the street! Thursday December 9 through Sunday December 12 you'll find music in the downtown parkette from 1 to 3pm. Artists include Jason Redman, Drew McIvor, Michael Martyn and local youth Ocean Campbell...all lending a festive and musical touch to your downtown Thornbury experience.

For full details and timing, please visit [www.thornbury.ca](http://www.thornbury.ca), and find us on Facebook and Instagram @experiencethornbury.

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All data is preliminary and subject to change.

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## The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

The BMLF is an endowed fund held with the Community Foundation Grey Bruce. The funds are managed by Jarislowsky, Fraser Limited, investment firm. Because a permanent endowment is an invested pool of money that provides a reliable source of income, groups can count on annual distributions for their charitable work. Gifting can begin when the fund reaches \$25,000.

The Legacy Fund was formed in Dec. 2020 to eventually reduce the need for fundraising and to be able to use the investment income. Cheques made out to The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund can be mailed to The Review at Box 387, Thornbury ON N0H 2P0 or dropped off at 22 Louisa Street E. Thornbury.

Community Foundation Grey Bruce will issue charitable tax receipts on behalf of the BMLF. For information call 519-599-3345.



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## Beaver Valley Fall Fair AGM

The AGM is on Monday January 17th 2022 at 7pm, on Zoom. General members will be emailed a meeting link, and anyone else who'd like to join is welcome to.

email [info@beavervalleyfallfair.ca](mailto:info@beavervalleyfallfair.ca) to get the link



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Events & Activities

## Call for Appointments - Town Committees

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 following Town Committees and Boards. The committee appointment runs concurrent with the term of Council, being 2018 - 2022:

### Agricultural Advisory Committee:

8 Member Committee, 6 Committee Members have been appointed.

2 additional members being sought.

### Sustainability Advisory Committee

7 Member Committee, 6 Committee members have been appointed.

1 additional member being sought.

### The Blue Mountains Committee of Adjustment

5 member Committee, 3 Committee members have been appointed, 1 member of Council

1 additional member being sought

Applicants are encouraged to include background information and any special qualifications or interest related to a particular Committee or Board. Applicants may apply for more than one Committee and/or Board, and are asked to submit separate applications for each Committee/Board. NOTE: Applicants shall be qualified electors within the Town of The Blue Mountains.

### All Applications should be submitted no later than Friday, December 10, 2021 1:00 pm to:

Town of The Blue Mountains

Attention: Town Clerk, 32 Mill Street Thornbury, Ontario N0H 2P0  
townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Personal information provided by the applicant is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for the purpose of candidate selection. The Town of The Blue Mountains is an equal opportunity organization. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

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## Ontario Increasing Funding for Kinship Service, Adoption and Customary Caregivers

**\$2.95 million investment covering expenses supporting the well-being of children and youth**

The Ontario government is taking additional steps to help provide vulnerable children and youth with stable, nurturing homes by investing more than \$2.95 million to help support kinship service and customary caregivers, adoptive parents and legal custody guardians. These new funds will assist in better preparing caregivers to welcome children and youth in their homes and provide ongoing help with expenses like clothing, beds, school supplies and medical services. "Every child deserves a safe, loving and stable home," said Jane McKenna, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues. "Strengthening financial supports for kinship service and customary care placements ensures children and youth continue to be cared for by their own families, relatives or friends in their communities."

Both kinship service and customary care are arrangements that provide culturally appropriate care to children and youth. Prioritizing family-based care and ensuring children stay closely connected to their families and communities is a core pillar of Ontario's strategy to modernize the child welfare system to ensure young people have the supports they need to be safe, succeed and thrive.

The new funding will also ensure consistency in post-adoption financial supports to families across Ontario and improve the stability, permanency and success of adoptions.

### It includes:

- \$2.4 million for kinship service caregivers, including up to \$1,000 per family to assist with start-up and living costs, such as purchasing a bed, and an additional \$500 in occasional funding per child/youth in 2021-22 to provide supports such as clothing, school supplies and other needs related to the health, safety and well-being of children and youth.
- \$475 per month, or \$5,700 annually, to eligible adoptive parents and legal custody guardians who adopt or obtain legal custody of a child age seven and under who is not part of a sibling group. Families whose net family income is \$97,856 or less are eligible for financial supports until the child is 18.
- Increasing the maximum amount of one-time assistance from \$5,000 to \$6,000 per eligible First Nations, Inuit or Métis child or youth (subject to a customary care agreement). It will help caregivers with initial costs in setting up accommodations for children who cannot remain in their family home due to protection needs, including buying a bed or making home modifications to meet licensing standards. The assistance is retroactive to April 1, 2021.

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"We commend the Ontario government for strengthening these financial supports," said Nicole Bonnie, CEO of the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies. "We support continued investment in approaches that prioritize maintaining connection to family, community, and culture."

Investment in culturally appropriate and equitable child protection services has been long supported by children's aid societies, Indigenous partners, child welfare advocates and other community partners in Ontario. A greater focus on kinship service and customary care services that better support children, youth and families is expected to reduce the need for child welfare involvement and, where possible and appropriate, prevent children from moving into the care of children's aid societies.

### Quick Facts

- Kinship service caregivers are individuals who have a significant social relationship with a child or youth and may or may not be biologically related, such as a grandparent, godparent, friend, teacher, coach or neighbour.
- Kinship service allows children and youth to remain connected to family or extended family, heritage, culture and traditions and helps build a sense of belonging, safety and security.
- On average, adoptive families spend over \$1,400 out of pocket per year for services to address mental health, counselling, physical and/or developmental special needs of their children.
- Customary care means the care and supervision of a First Nations, Inuit or Métis child by a person who is not the child's parent, according to the custom of the child's band or First Nations, Inuit or Métis community.
- More than 12,000 children and youth are in the care of children's aid societies in Ontario. This includes children and youth in kinship care, foster care and group care placements.

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## Tis the Season for Fun!

Find the spirit of the Holidays at The Blue Mountains Public Library. From the Arts and Culture Council's [Holiday Arts & Crafts Show](#), [Olde Fashioned Christmas](#) in downtown Thornbury, our [Home for the Holidays](#) event, and more!

Kicking off the Holiday Season is the December [Arts and Crafts Show](#), with a [Shopping Spree](#) taking place Saturday, December 11th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. This is the perfect opportunity to pick up one-of-a-kind gifts for family and friends, or for yourself! Meet with the artists and artisans featured in the exhibit. Last minute Christmas shopper? Don't worry, we've got you covered! Check out [The Gallery](#) and our Showcases for all things Holiday!

[Olde Fashioned Christmas](#) is a classic Thornbury tradition that has taken place in our community for over 40 years! Head towards downtown Thornbury on Saturday, December 11th at 6:00pm to take part in the festivities. Check out all the small businesses while visiting and remember to shop local this year.

Come on down to L.E. Shore Library on Saturday, December 18th between 10:00am and 12:00pm for some nostalgic Holiday magic. Drop-in to pick up a Take & Make Treat kit and some fun Holiday crafts to enjoy at home. While visiting listen to holiday music, catch a movie, and take part in our Holiday Scavenger Hunt. It's bound to be fun for the whole family!

Join the [Craigleith Heritage Depot](#) virtually this December! Follow us on [Facebook](#) for our Historical Advent Calendar and discover a highlight from our collection every day. Then visit us in-person and tell us what the day's advent was for a small chocolate treat! If you are keen to get cooking, join beginner chef Alessia as she tackles vintage recipes in Cooking Archives. Discover some of the weird and wonderful meals from our past and the response from the tasters. Will there be gelatin salads, water pie or aspic? Follow us on [Facebook](#) to find out!



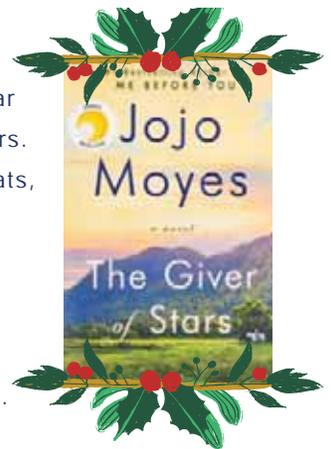
Throwback to Christmas 2018



## Books of the Year

The most borrowed books of 2021 include popular adult fiction titles by many of our favourite authors. Our circulation numbers include titles in all formats, including print, audio book and eBook.

[The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes](#) A breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond in Depression-era America.



## This Month In the Gallery

**Exhibit Launch: *Holiday Arts & Crafts Show***

December 7, 2021 - January 6, 2022

The Arts and Culture Council (ACC) presents "[Holiday Arts & Crafts Show](#)", an exhibition featuring the works of local artists and crafters. L.E. Shore's Gallery and Showcases will be filled with artwork and crafts from local artists and artisans, a perfect stop on your holiday shopping adventures. Grab a little something for your loved ones, or for yourself! We don't judge.

This exhibit is available in-person at L.E. Shore and online on our [Exhibits webpage](#). All purchases can be taken in-person at L.E. Shore, via phone by calling 519-599-3681 ext. 5, and by emailing [TheGallery@TheBlueMountains.ca](mailto:TheGallery@TheBlueMountains.ca).

### [Holiday Shopping Spree!](#)

Check out the exhibit on December 11th from 11:00am to 1:00pm and meet the artists participating in this exhibit! Ask questions, have a chat, pick up some goodies while you're at it, and then head down to Olde Fashioned Christmas in downtown Thornbury. It's bound to be a fun filled day!



### [Northwest Passage - In Sir John Franklin's Wake](#)

Join us online for our next ACC Presents based on travels through the North West Passage with a historical reference of an Ontario connection to the search for Franklin. Including connections to the Group of Seven, with lots of natural flora and fauna, including polar bears! This presentation will take place over Zoom on December 7th at 7:00pm. Registration is required. [Register online](#) today!

[American Dirt / Jeanine Cummins](#) A controversial novel about the migrant crisis in the Americas.

[Where the Crawdads Sing / Delia Owens](#) One of the books of the decade.

[A Better Man / Louise Penny](#) Another installment of the beloved Chief Inspector Gamache mystery series.

[The Silent Patient / Alex Michaelides](#) A shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence.

[The Guardians / John Grisham](#) A novel by the king of legal thrillers.

[The Night Fire / Michael Connelly](#) Detective Harry Bosch is working on a cold case with a new partner, Renee Ballard.

[The Dutch House / Ann Patchett](#) A dark fairy tale about two smart people who cannot overcome their past. The audio book is performed by Tom Hanks!

[The Sentinel / Lee Child & his brother Andrew Child](#) Hero Jack Reacher kicks butt in 51st 24th adventure.

[Long Road to Mercy / David Baldacci](#) A new series featuring FBI special agent Atlee Pine.

[A Gentleman in Moscow / Amor Towles](#) A transporting novel about a Russian aristocrat who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel.

[The Wives / Tarryn Fisher](#) A suspense novel about a woman who shares her husband with two other wives she has never met. Who is surprised that it doesn't go well?

[The Vanishing Half / Brit Bennett](#) / A novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white.

[The Glass Hotel / Emily St. John Mandel](#) A novel of money, beauty, white-collar crime, ghosts and moral compromise in which a woman disappears from a container ship off the coast of Mauritania and a massive Ponzi scheme implodes in New York.

[The Pull of the Stars / Emma Donoghue](#) Dublin, 1918: three days in a maternity ward at the height of the great flu. Timely.

## Award Winning Year!



The museum's REEL History Series have been honoured again - this time internationally, provincially, and as runner up for the Governor General Award.

Internationally, we received a silver [Telly Award](#) for the film Craigeith Fossils. The Telly Awards are based in the US and showcase work created across all screens. With over 12,000 entries, Telly Award winners represent work from some of the most respected advertising agencies, television stations, production companies and publishers from around the world.

The [Dorothy Duncan Public History Award](#) from [The Ontario Historical Society](#) recognized the REEL History programme as an outstanding public history project. Dorothy Duncan was a leader in the heritage field and a writer of many books, some of which are in the library collection.

Although we did not win the Governor General Award for Excellence, we made to the top three from across Canada. It was noted that the REEL History Films project authentically and accessibly breathes new life into local cultural and natural histories.

We couldn't have done it without the support of our community, those who gave their time, financial support and expertise. Most importantly the excellent work of [Mountain Goat Film Company](#) who made these films sing. [Watch them all on YouTube](#).

## Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday was established as a concept in 2012 by U.S. charitable giving groups. Since then it has grown across North America. In response to the consumerism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday is a way to bring us all back to centre and make financial contributions to the organizations who do so much for us all year round.

BMPL is participating in our first Giving Tuesday on Nov 30th, but have been a place many community members make charitable donations to in their end of year planning. If you are looking to make a contribution and receive a tax receipt for your 2021 return, donations can be made online on our new [Donate & Support webpage](#), as well as in person at either branch, by mail or over the phone. Consider supporting your Blue Mountains Public Library this year.



## New Tech Toys!

New Tech Toys are now available in our [Library of Things!](#) These toys can help you to do a variety of STEAM-related activities such as learning the beginnings of coding in a fun and innovative way. You can also learn how to use your hands to build circuits and use common household items as conductors.

The tech toys we currently have are:

- Code-a-pillar
- Makey Makey
- Artie 3000

You can loan them out for one week with your library card. These toys are available to loan for all ages.

We will be adding more to our collection in the new year, stay tuned!



## Board Corner

November was a very busy meeting for the Board. The last of the year means a new Executive was elected for 2022.

Laurey Gillies was elected Chair and Maurice Pepper Vice Chair for the final year of this term. The Board would like to thank Maurice for his commitment to the Board and achieving the Strategic Plan throughout the first 3 years of this Board.

The annual evaluation of the Board occurred this month. A comparison of 2020 and 2021 demonstrated growth in successful involvement and interaction by the Board. The Board acknowledges the need to continue to build opportunities to work with key stakeholders.

The Evaluation of the CEO was conducted in closed session. The Board would like to congratulate Dr. Saunders on an outstanding year. The Staff Satisfaction Survey and the Board Evaluation's "Relationship with the CEO" demonstrated a great faith in the CEO by both the Board and her staff.

The Strategic Plan Working group presented the Phase I Community Conversations Report. This document is now available on the Community Consultation [Progress Report](#). Thanks to the more than 483 participants of the Post-It Note Activity. Staff will be transcribing the results and posting them in the Progress Report shortly. December is the last month of actively providing information into the collection phases. A final survey will be released in February to collect feedback on the draft goals and objectives which are being informed by the community input of [Phase I & II](#).



**User Surveys**  
Last chance to get in on the action!  
Our online micro-surveys close at the end of the month. This will close the active consultation and we will begin our analysis and feedback from the community in the new year.

## In Memoriam: Rob Potter

Our community recently lost a tremendous asset. An advocate for our culture institutions including BMPL and our Craigeleith Heritage Depot community museum, Deputy Mayor Potter fought long and hard to ensure cultural opportunities are available and strong in TBM. Your legacies will live on.



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## Write For Rights – 20 Years Of Writing Letters That Change Lives

Twenty years ago, a small group of activists in Poland ran a 24-hour letter writing marathon.

Today, the Amnesty International Write for Rights Campaign is the world's biggest human rights event. From 2,326 letters in 2001 to 4.5 million letters, tweets, petitions' signatures, and other actions in 2020, people have used the power of their words to support human rights.

On or around December 10th, International Human Rights Day, people around the world show their solidarity for the people presented in the ten cases that the Amnesty International Headquarters in London, England prepare.

As part of the global Write for Rights campaign, students in 11 classes from the local schools in Meaford and Thornbury will participate by writing letters, sending an email, or doing an on-line action. Two French Immersion classes from Georgian Bay Community School are participating in French.

Our local Amnesty Group invites you to participate by going to [www.writeathon.ca](http://www.writeathon.ca) for more information. One of the ten 2021 cases is for a 17-year old boy in Belarus who has been severely mistreated and is in prison now without a trial for him. Another case involves a Guatemalan human rights defender jailed for defending a river.

## Notice- 2021/2022 Winter Parking Restrictions & Resident Snow Removal

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to remind residents that Winter Parking Restrictions come into effect on November 1, 2021. In accordance with the Highway Traffic Act and Town By-law No. 2003-11, overnight parking is prohibited on all Town streets from 2:00 am to 7:00 am. Winter Parking Restrictions will remain in effect until April 1, 2022.

In addition, residents are reminded that Town By-law No. 2014-65 prohibits the deposit of snow or ice onto a Town roadway, including the shoulder, sidewalk, walkway, boulevard, or ditch, without written permission from the Director of Operations.

Winter parking and snow removal restrictions are necessary to help ensure that snow removal operations can be completed safely and effectively. The Town would like to thank all residents for their cooperation throughout the winter season.

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## Holiday Giving that Grows!



Tree Trust TBM will again be offering a unique, local gift idea for the holiday season. Tree Trust Gift Cards in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 are available with the funds raised used to care for large, mature trees in our community. These trees make invaluable contributions to the beauty, diversity and sustainability of our community. Gift Card purchases help to make sure these contributions continue for decades to come.

Community donations and sponsorships have made it possible for Tree Trust TBM to complete conservation care on five legacy trees to date – all over 100 years old. We have also planted 10 new saplings (to eventually take over from our legacy trees) and we have started a local, native tree seedling nursery.

With the sale of Tree Trust Gift Cards, Tree Trust TBM hopes to raise sufficient funds to safeguard more local trees in 2022 and to continue to source seeds from these legacy trees and grow new saplings in our tree nursery.

For more information or to purchase Tree Trust Gift Cards visit our website [www.treetrust.ca](http://www.treetrust.ca) tap on the green-coloured Holiday Donation Gift Card Tab at the top and select Town of the Blue Mountains as the community when you make your donation. Charitable receipts for donations and for purchase of Tree Trust Gift cards are issued.



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# Town News & Notices

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## Town of the Blue Mountains Drainage Master Plan Notice of Study Commencement

The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains has initiated a Drainage Master Plan under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Planning Process to identify existing drainage deficiencies and develop drainage solutions to address the deficiencies, reduce flooding, resolve public safety concerns, and improve maintenance opportunities within the settlement areas of the Town. The Study area encompasses the whole Town with the primary focus being the settlement areas including Lora Bay, Thornbury and Clarksburg, Craigleith and Camperdown, and the Blue Mountains Village area. The existing drainage infrastructure in the study area consists of a combination of open channels, ditches, watercourses, culverts, storm sewers, overland flow routes, stormwater management facilities, and low impact development measures.

The Study is being completed in accordance with Approach #2 of the Master Planning Process outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015). Alternative drainage solutions will be developed and evaluated based on the natural, physical, social, cultural, and economic impacts and the opportunities and constraints of the projects.

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be schedule to provide an opportunity for the public and stakeholders to review the drainage deficiencies identified and the alternative drainage solutions under consideration, and to provide input and comments. Additional notices indicating the dates and locations of the PICs will be published in future editions of this newspaper. Project information may also be viewed on the Town's website at [www.thebluemountains.ca/MasterDrainagePlanEA](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/MasterDrainagePlanEA) as it becomes available. Upon completion of the Study, a Final Class EA Report documenting the Preferred Solution will be prepared for public/agency review and comment.

The Town has retained the consulting firm Tatham Engineering Limited to complete the Study. Further details of the Municipal Class EA process are available from the consultant's office.

Comments or requests to receive direct notification of future project activities should be submitted to:

**Kevin Verkindt, C.E.T.**  
Senior Infrastructure Capital  
Project Coordinator  
Town of The Blue Mountains  
32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310  
Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0  
Tel: 519-599-3131 ext. 304  
Fax: 519-599-7723

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Manager, Water Resources  
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115 Sandford Fleming Dr., Suite 200  
Collingwood, ON L9Y 5A6  
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# Notice of Public Meeting

## Revisions to the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy POL.COR.07.02

January 24, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Hybrid Format

In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

### What is being proposed?

Staff are recommending repealing and replacing the current Sale and Disposition of Land Policy POL.COR.07.02, to include revisions that will make the process clearer and more efficient.

The revised draft Policy and supporting process supports Council's direction not to consider any request to sell Town owned waterfront property.

Staff are suggesting that where land has been identified as a Road Allowance, Street, Laneway, Fire Lane or is of a size that is deemed not to be a building lot, it shall be Registered on Title that there shall be no future requests for building permits or variances considered for the subject lands because of it being acquiring from the Town and to protect the overall feel and character of the local area.

The current Policy allows for exclusions for land formerly used for railway lines. Staff suggest that this reference be removed the land that was formerly a railway line, in most cases, is currently the alignment of the Georgian Trail. For the exception of those sections of trail that have an existing realignment, staff recommend that no sale of lands that are part of the former railway line should be considered for potential disposition or surplus in the foreseeable future.

Town staff recommend a process where twice per year consideration may be brought forward to consider lands surplus with the purpose being to dispose of land from the Town's current land inventory.

For more detailed information about the proposed revisions and to view a copy of the proposed Policy, please download the following staff report:

[FAF.21.178 Revisions to the Town's Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy POL.COR.07.02](#)

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=6996>

### 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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### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on these Policy revisions has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the revisions to the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy and 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 **January 21, 2022** 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).

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### 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  
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# Notice of Public Meeting

## Revisions to the Corporate Hiring of Employees Policy POL.COR.07.06

January 24, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Hybrid Format  
In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

### What is being proposed?

Staff are recommending repealing and replacing the current Hiring of Employees Policy, POL.COR.07.06, to include revisions that will provide efficiencies to the current recruitment and selection process.

Recommended revisions include:

1. Updates to employee status definitions to provide more clarity on Permanent, Temporary, and Seasonal employment types.
2. An additional statement on legislative requirements under the Ontario Human Rights Code and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and how the Town complies with the Integrated Standards Regulation and removing barriers throughout the recruitment cycle and upon hire.
3. An additional statement that unionized positions will be posted in accordance with their Collective Agreement. Committee of the Whole Meeting November 16, 2021, FAF.21.191 Page 5 of 7.
4. Updates to Job Posting and Advertising timelines and requirements that incorporate new strategies and flexibility to allow staff to be more responsive to staffing needs in a constantly changing and competitive labour market.

For more detailed information about the proposed revisions and to view a copy of the proposed Policy, please download the following staff report:

[FAF.21.191 Review of Corporate Hiring of Employees, Lieu and Overtime, and Vacation Policies](#)

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=7765>

Note: Date of the Public Meeting referenced in the staff report was modified to January 24, 2022 during the meeting the report was presented to Council.

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

Sarah Traynor, Manager of Human Resources 519-599-3131 ext.244 or [hr@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:hr@thebluemountains.ca)

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# Notice of Completion

## Town of The Blue Mountains Westside Water Storage Class EA

*The Town of The Blue Mountains (Town) has completed a Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Drinking Water Storage and Pumping Capacity Deficiencies in West Pressure Zones 1, 2 and 3. The purpose of the EA study was to select a preferred solution to address the Town's Water Storage and Distribution System needs within the Town's West Pressures Zones.*

To address water storage and pressure needs within the current and future West Pressure Zones in the Town of The Blue Mountains, the following projects have been selected as part of the preferred solution for the long-term servicing strategy:

- Rehabilitation of the existing Victoria elevated water tower located at 81 Victoria Street S, Thornbury;
- Construction of a new in-ground water reservoir and pumping upgrades at 10<sup>th</sup> Line Booster Pumping Station (located at 417314 10<sup>th</sup> Line);
- Addition of a new feedermain in the existing road right-of-way from the 10<sup>th</sup> Line Booster Pumping station west to the intersection of Lora Bay Drive and West Ridge Drive; and
- Upgrades to the pumps at the Upper Camperdown Booster Pumping Station (located at 109 Camperdown Road).

The study was conducted according to the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class EA which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act. The final EA demonstrates a sufficient level of investigation, consultation and documentation to fulfil the requirements of the identified Schedule B projects for the proposed infrastructure projects. Interested persons should provide written comment to the Municipality on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comments should be directed to Jane Wilson of J.L. Richards & Associates Limited and Kevin Verkindt, Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator, Town of The Blue Mountains.

The complete Project File Report and other information are available at <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/building-business-development/current-projects/municipal-infrastructure-projects/west-side-water>

<b>Jane Wilson, P.Eng.</b> Environmental Engineer J.L. Richards & Associates Limited 107-450 Speedvale Avenue West Guelph, ON N1H 7Y6 Phone: 226-780-7487 E-mail: <a href="mailto:jwilson@jlrichards.ca">jwilson@jlrichards.ca</a>	<b>Kevin Verkindt, C.E.T</b> Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator Town of The Blue Mountains 32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310 Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 Phone: 519-599-3131 Ext. 304 E-mail: <a href="mailto:kverkindt@thebluemountains.ca">kverkindt@thebluemountains.ca</a>
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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the Ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent in writing or by e-mail to:

<b>Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks</b> Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3 <a href="mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca">minister.mecp@ontario.ca</a>	<b>Director, Environmental Assessment Branch</b> Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5 <a href="mailto:EABDirector@ontario.ca">EABDirector@ontario.ca</a>
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Requests to the Ministry should also be sent to Jane Wilson, J.L. Richards & Associates Limited and Kevin Verkindt, Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator, Town of The Blue Mountains by mail or by e-mail.

This Notice issued on December 16, 2021

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

## Ontario Accelerating Booster Eligibility to Adults Aged 50+ Province Providing an Extra Layer of Protection Against COVID-19 and Variants

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is accelerating COVID-19 vaccine booster dose eligibility to Ontarians aged 50 and over and additional high-risk individuals, providing an extra layer of protection against COVID-19 and its variants.

**Starting on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.,** individuals aged 50 and over will be eligible to schedule their booster dose appointment through the COVID-19 vaccination portal, by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre, through Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, select pharmacies and primary care settings. Appointments will be booked for approximately six months (168 days) after a second dose.

In addition, due to a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, effective immediately individuals receiving dialysis (hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis) are eligible to receive a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine if it has been 56 days since their second dose.

Also effective immediately, the province is recommending re-vaccination with a new COVID-19 vaccine primary series post-transplantation for individuals who receive hematopoietic stem cell transplants (HSCT), hematopoietic cell transplants (HCT) (autologous or allogeneic), and recipients of CAR-T-cell therapy, due to the loss of immunity following therapy or transplant.

Beginning in January, Ontario will further expand eligibility for booster doses based on age and risk, with an interval of six to eight months from the second dose.

"If you are eligible for a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine,

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please book your appointment as soon as you can to provide yourself with an extra layer of protection," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "If you have not yet received the vaccine, please do so today. This includes vaccinations for children aged five to 11. Achieving the highest vaccination rates possible remains our best tool to protect us, reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, and fight the significant surge of new cases and the new Omicron variant."

While the best defence against the Omicron variant remains containing it at the border, Ontario has the infrastructure in place to rapidly identify, trace and isolate COVID-19 and its variants. In addition to accelerating booster doses the province is taking several other measures in the fight against COVID-19 and its variants, including:

- Further expanding free PCR testing at all testing centres to asymptomatic individuals who have returned from, or travelled in, Nigeria, Malawi and Egypt between November 1st and December 6th, 2021, including family and other household contacts of travellers.
- The province is also distributing 11 million rapid antigen screening tests to all public schools and participating First Nation schools for each student to take home five tests to use over the holidays and throughout the return to in-person learning in January.
- The province will also launch a holiday testing blitz this month, with additional pop-up testing locations at high-traffic locations in higher-risk regions. Releasing enhanced guidance on case, contact and outbreak management for individuals that may have been exposed to the Omicron variant to mitigate further transmission. This includes more frequent follow up calls to ensure adherence to isolation, not permitting a shortened duration of isolation for asymptomatic fully vaccinated individuals with a positive test, requiring isolation for all high-risk contacts regardless of vaccination status or previously positive status, and offering supports for isolation as needed. Building unprecedented hospital capacity by investing \$5.1 billion to add 3,100 beds to the system across the province. This significant increase in capacity has helped ensure that hospital and intensive care capacity continues to remain stable.

"Regardless of what we learn about the Omicron variant, Ontario is prepared to quickly respond to any scenario to protect the health and safety of Ontarians," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Vaccines continue to be our best protection against COVID-19, and I encourage everyone to book their first, second or booster dose as soon as you are eligible."

As part of the province's efforts to vaccinate as many eligible individuals as possible, a limited supply of the single dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine will also be available starting today. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available to individuals aged 18 and over who have an allergy or contraindication to mRNA vaccines or at the request of an individuals who has not yet been vaccinated by contacting their public health unit.

In addition to vaccines, clinical trials for molnupiravir, an investigational oral therapy for the treatment of COVID-19 began on October 19, 2020 and is currently in progress at the University Health Network in Toronto and Juravinski Hospital in Hamilton. If approved, molnupiravir will be a five-day oral treatment for high-risk unvaccinated patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 and could be the first such treatment that can be taken outside of a health care facility. Ontario is preparing a strategy for the deployment of approved treatments, ensuring access where it is most needed in the province.

"Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect ourselves, our families and our communities from COVID-19 which is why we're expanding vaccine eligibility for booster shots while also providing Ontarians aged 18 or older who have not yet been vaccinated, with the option to request the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "With every first, second, third or booster dose administered, we're increasing Ontario's immunity and taking another step forward in this battle against the COVID-19 virus."

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### Grace United Church

140 Bruce St S, Thornbury  
Phone: 519-599-2438

accounting@graceunitedthornbury.ca  
Rev. Christine Smaller

#### Sunday, December 12th

10:30a.m. Advent 3: A Joyful Home  
for All

3:00p.m. **CaroleFest.** Freewill Donation  
for Beaver Valley Outreach

#### Tuesday, December 14th

7:00p.m. **Christmas in a Minor Key.**

This service, sometimes known as a  
"Blue Christmas Service," offers a quiet  
time of lament, prayer and candle  
lighting. Especially this Christmas, there  
are many of us who are experiencing  
loss and sadness.

#### Sunday, December 19th

10:30a.m. Advent 4: Seeking a Loving  
Sanctuary

#### Friday, December 24th

7:00p.m. Christmas Eve, a service of  
Lessons, Carols and Candlelight

#### Sunday, December 26th

10:30a.m. Boxing Day Carol Sing:  
Come in your comfy clothes and sing  
carols with us.

Please bring your vaccine passport to  
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### St. George's, The Anglican Parish of The Blue Mountains

166 Russell St E, Clarksburg;  
Phone: 519-599-3047  
parishofthebluemountains@gmail.com  
Rev Grayhame Bowcott

#### Saturday, December 11th

7-8 pm Free Community Tree Lighting

#### Thursday, December 23rd

Christmas Holy Eucharist with Carols  
5:00p.m., 6:30p.m. and 8:00pm

#### Friday, December 24th

Christmas Holy Eucharist with Carols  
5:00p.m., 6:30p.m. and 8:00p.m.

Come join us, as we celebrate the birth  
of Christ. Masking and social distancing  
protocols will be in effect. Reserve your  
seat by calling call 519-599-3047 or  
online at: parishofthebluemountains.ca.  
St. George's Church and Office will be  
closed from December 25th - January 1st

### St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

20 Russell St. E., Thornbury  
Phone 519-599-6645  
stpaulsthornbury@gmail.com  
Moderator – Rev. Carel Grundlingh

#### Friday, December 24th

5:00pm. Christmas Eve Service

#### Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

**In-person Services:** Pre-registration is  
required Friday at noon. Public Health  
protocols must be followed.

**Virtual Worship Services:** To join us  
on Zoom please contact St. Paul's on  
Thursday or Friday mornings for digital  
connection information. Call 519-599-  
6645 or email stpaulsthornbury@gmail.

### Blue Mountain Community Church

219 Bruce St S, Thornbury  
Phone 519-599-5570  
Email: bmcc219@gmail.com  
Jen Lay, Church Administrator

#### Friday, December 24th

6:30p.m. Outdoor Christmas Eve  
Celebration

#### Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Zoom allows us to be interactive with  
each other. If you have never used Zoom  
before, we invite you to join between  
10:15 and 10:30 am to try it out and see  
how it works. Parts of the service will  
be live streaming on Zoom. Join Zoom  
Meeting: link available on  
www.bluemountainscommunity church.



## FREE Family Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Singalong

The Anglican Parish of St. George's Church  
in Clarksburg reaches out to and serves the  
entire Town of the Blue Mountains.

Over the past 4 years they have held an  
annual free community corn roast in August  
to introduce everyone in the Blue Mountains  
to the church. More families have participated  
each year. But, with the pandemic, the event  
last August had to be cancelled.

So, a new Christmas outreach event has  
been created at St. Georges. On Saturday  
December 11, between 7 and 8 pm there will  
be a free outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting  
and Carol singalong on the grounds of the  
church at 166 Russell St. Clarksburg.

The St. George's and United Church choirs  
will perform and lead the singalong. There  
will be Free song sheets, hot chocolate,  
timbts, with movies and candy canes for the  
kids. Santa will be there to meet the kids.

Then finally there will be a fountain of  
lights display and the lighting of St. George's  
giant live Christmas tree.

Reverend Gray Bowcott commented, "We  
hope that this outdoor outreach event will  
become an annual feature of the Christmas  
season and the free Community Corn Roast  
should be back next August".



# Recipes for Life

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



Be charitable. Most people think when they toss a coin into a guitar case or drop a toonie into the box at the Beer Store, they are doing somebody a favour. If you look at it another way, that homeless person, that person in need is doing you the favour. They are reminding you not to be arrogant. There but for fortune may go you or I. Religions advocate you "tithe" ten percent of your income to charity but I think of giving more as a daily ritual, tax receipt or no tax receipt.

Every time you drop money into a box on the counter at the LCBO, you might jar the person behind you to do the same. Once you become a channel for giving you look for opportunities.

It's good for you.

But it's not always about the money. Giving of your time, listening to someone is what I am talking about, too.

Then there is the issue of being charitable to others, cutting them some slack when you think you have them pegged. We never know what burdens people carry, what they've been through. How easy it is to draw conclusions based on wrong assumptions.

No one would want to walk in anyone else's shoes. Be charitable to every soul as you would want them to be towards you.

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## Selwyn Hicks elected 2022 Grey County Warden

Grey County Councillor Selwyn Hicks is returning to the Warden's chair in 2021. Warden Hicks, who served previously as Warden in 2021 and 2019, was elected by County Council at the annual inaugural meeting on December 7. Christine Robinson, Councillor for West Grey, also ran for the position. The election resulted in a tie vote of nine to nine. The County's process for resolving a tie vote in an election is to pull a name from a hat. Councillor Hicks was successful.



In his inaugural address, Warden Hicks addressed the ongoing opioid crisis facing our community. He challenged Council to take up a leadership role in response. "It is my hope that approximately 355 days from now I will be able to report success on addressing mental health and addiction at a level equal to our achievements this year on affordable housing," stated Warden Hicks. In 2021 he challenged Council to make a bold move to address the affordable housing shortage. Council responded by supporting a 1% annual increase to the levy to establish an Affordable Housing Fund.

Warden Hicks also noted this will be the Council's final year of the term.

"This is our legacy year. Together County Council, we are going to knuckle down and finish our term on a high note. I want us to be remembered not for what we faced, but for our relentless commitment to achieve results for the people Grey County despite what we have faced."

Warden Hicks is also the Deputy Mayor of the Town of Hanover. He practices law from his office in Hanover with his wife of 25 years, Barbara Hicks. They have four children, Selwyn IV, Rylee, Connor and Chloe. Warden Hicks was born in Guyana in South America and moved to Toronto when he was nine. Selwyn and Barbara moved to Hanover in 2003 and he entered politics in 2006, serving as a Hanover councillor from 2006-2014 and as deputy mayor from 2015-present.

The election of the Warden happens each December at the inaugural session.

Warden Hicks was nominated for the Warden's position by Grey County councillors Barb Clumpus and Aakash Desai.



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