



## Town Receives \$562,500 Government of Canada funding for Improvements to Moreau Park and Little River Park

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce that the municipality has received a non-repayable contribution of \$562,500 through the Government of Canada's Canada Community Revitalization Fund, delivered by the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario).

The funds will be used to construct a new pavilion, concession stand and accessible washroom facility at Moreau Park and to replace washrooms and improve beach access at Little River Park.

"Clean, accessible parks are important for communities. Building new pavilions, concession stands and accessible washrooms will keep Moreau Park and Little River Park open for all," said the Honorable Filomena Tassi, Minister responsible for FedDev Ontario. "This investment will bring people out to enjoy the Town of The Blue Mountains, enhance the visitor experience and lead to community growth"

"These funds will go a long way towards improving these facilities with an important focus on accessibility for all residents and members of the public who use them every day," stated Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "We thank the federal government for helping to improve these spaces, and I especially want to congratulate staff on their successful funding application."

This funding is part of a nearly \$14-million investment to support 45 projects throughout Bruce, Grey and Simcoe Counties. These projects will improve public spaces to build stronger communities and enhance attractions to welcome visitors throughout the region.

For information, contact: Ryan Gibbons,  
Director of Community Services 519-599-3131 ext. 281

### U14 Blue Mountains Soccer Club REP Tryouts Mondays 7:00pm - 9:00pm Georgian Bay Community School

The Blue Mountains Soccer Club U14 REP Team is now holding OPEN tryouts every Monday at Georgian Bay Community School in Meaford from 7-9 pm. If you have a child with a passion for soccer, we encourage you to bring them to BMSC's open U 14 REP tryouts. NO TRYOUTS ON FAMILY DAY. For more information, please email [info@thebluemountainsoccer.com](mailto:info@thebluemountainsoccer.com) Contact: Jen Email: [info@bluemountainsoccer.com](mailto:info@bluemountainsoccer.com)



## Celebrate International Women's Day 2023

The Town of The Blue Mountains and The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce have partnered to host a networking lunch and panel discussion on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, in support of International Women's Day.

The event will feature a lunch of traditional Ukrainian foods, provided by a group of Ukrainian entrepreneurs who have relocated to Grey County. The women will share their stories of fleeing the war, arriving in Canada, and building a new business and a new life. Local community members will also be in attendance to share how they have provided support to the women and their families to help them flourish in challenging circumstances.

The cost of a ticket is a minimum donation of \$15.00 with all proceeds from the event supporting the Backpacks For Learning Program, which provides youth in need with food security and personal care items through Georgian Bay Community School. Tickets are available online through EventBrite or by contacting The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce.

Everyone is welcome to attend – the Town and The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce invites all genders to celebrate the resilience and success of women in the community.

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Marsh Street Centre, 187 Marsh Street, Clarksburg**

**Tickets** are available online through EventBrite until Monday, March 6, 2023.

### About International Women's Day

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. The International Women's Day 2023 #EmbraceEquity campaign theme seeks to get the world talking about why "equal opportunities are no longer enough" - and can in fact be exclusionary, rather than inclusive. For information, visit: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

For more information, please contact:

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## The Beaver Valley Agricultural Society is in need of a Secretary

Beaver Valley Fall Fair has been an institution for more than 150 years. The Fair is an annual event that is supported by an active Board of Directors and General Membership.

In addition to attending meetings to record minutes, the Secretary is responsible for correspondence with outside organizations, assisting with updating the Fair Book and AssistExpo program and general secretarial functions.

### Responsibilities include:

- recording and producing minutes at Director and General Membership meetings (approximately 15 meetings annually).
- Assisting with the updating of the Fair Book in AssistExpo (Fair program)
- running the Office at the Fair including intake of membership fees, exhibitor entry forms and providing general information.
- Ideally, candidates for the position must be able to commit to a 5 year term.
- The position is considered volunteer with a nominal honorarium. More information on the Society can be obtained from [www.beavervalleyfallfair.ca](http://www.beavervalleyfallfair.ca).

Interested applicants should submit their letters of interest with resume to [info@beavervalleyfallfair.ca](mailto:info@beavervalleyfallfair.ca) or by mail; Beaver Valley Agricultural Society, Box 334, Clarksburg, Ontario N0H 1J0

**Applications will be received until February 28, 2023**

Please consider sharing this with anyone you know that might be interested.



## Reduced Load Restrictions in Effect on Certain Grey County Roads

Reduced load restrictions of 5 tonnes per axle will take effect for many Grey County-owned roads on February 15. Restrictions are being activated about two weeks earlier than usual this year in alignment with local municipalities due to the seasonal conditions.

Roads are at their most vulnerable in the spring as frost leaves the ground. Load restrictions help extend the lifespan of the road surface by minimizing damage from heavy vehicles. Depending on weather conditions, restrictions are typically lifted around May 1. If restrictions are to be extended or lifted early, Grey County will provide notification through its website, [www.grey.ca](http://www.grey.ca). For more information, contact the Transportation Services Department at [roads@grey.ca](mailto:roads@grey.ca) or call 1-800-567-4739.

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<p><b>OWEN SOUND</b> March 1, 2023</p> <p>Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre 1900 3rd Ave. E</p>	<p><b>MEAFORD</b> March 2, 2023</p> <p>Georgian Bay Community School 197799 Grey Road 7</p>

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## Regional Job Fairs Ready to Welcome Job Seekers

Starting next week, employers and job seekers will be able to meet face to face at multiple regional job fairs hosted across Grey County.

### Job fairs will take place:

**Wednesday, February 22** from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Grey Highlands Secondary School in Flesherton.

**Tuesday, February 28** from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at John Diefenbaker Senior School in Hanover.

**Wednesday, March 1** from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre in Owen Sound.

**Thursday, March 2** from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Georgian Bay Community School in Meaford.

"The regional job fairs attract a variety of employers recruiting for a range of positions. These events are a great way for candidates to meet face to face with employers and make an impression," said Jacinda Rudolph, Grey County Economic Development Officer. "If you're looking for a job or are considering a change, the Regional Job Fairs are your best chance to discover what opportunities are currently available throughout the region."

Some of the registered employers include Canada Post, Grey Bruce Health Services, Bluewater District School Board, Pickard Construction, and more. Job seekers are not required to register in advance for the fairs but are encouraged to come prepared and bring copies of their resumes. Those looking for support with their resume or interviewing skills can contact YMCA Employment Services by calling 519-371-9222 or email employment [at] osgb.ymca.ca.

The Grey County Regional Job Fairs are made possible through collaboration with local partners including County of Grey, YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce, Four County Labour Market Planning Board, Georgian College, Bluewater District School Board, City of Owen Sound, Town of Hanover, Municipality of Meaford, Meaford Chamber of Commerce, and South Grey Chamber.

For information about the regional job fairs, visit [grey.ca/job-fair](http://grey.ca/job-fair)

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# New Federal Electoral Map for Ontario Tabled in the House of Commons

LONDON, Friday, February 10, 2023 – The report by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario, outlining its proposed changes to the province's federal electoral map, was tabled in the House of Commons today. The report, which was sent to the Speaker of the House through the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, will be reviewed by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

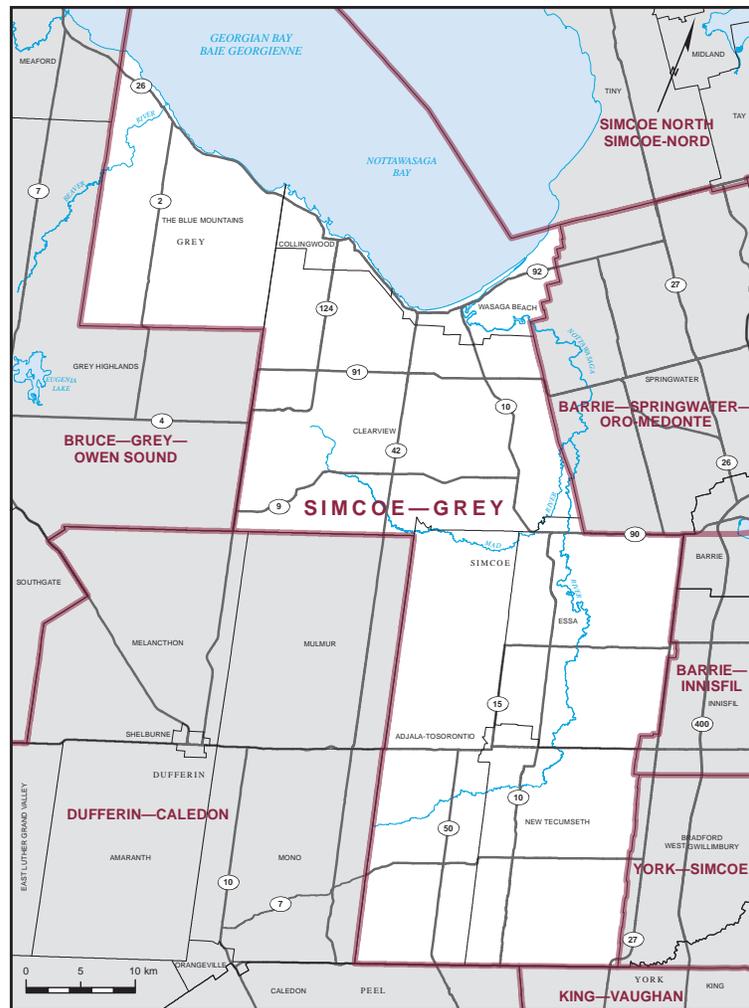
The Commission was tasked with proposing new boundaries that, as best as possible, maintain population equality while taking into consideration social and geographic factors, including respect for communities of interest or identity and historical patterns of previous boundaries. These criteria, along with the submissions and the public feedback gathered at public hearings held between September 26 and November 8, 2022, all factored into the report tabled in the House today.

"The time and effort committed by the public to this important democratic process was remarkable and very much valued by the Commission. We are satisfied that we have balanced our statutory obligations with the views of the people of Ontario, striving for the goal of effective representation", said the Honourable Justice Lynne C. Leitch, Chair of the three-member Commission.

To consult the report and for more information on the next steps in the redistribution process, visit [www.redistribution2022.ca](http://www.redistribution2022.ca).

## Simcoe–Grey 2022 Consisting of:

- (a) that part of the County of Simcoe comprised of: the towns of Collingwood, New Tecumseth and Wasaga Beach; the townships of Adjala-Tosorontio, Clearview and Essa; and
- (b) that part of the County of Grey comprised of the town of The Blue Mountains.



## 1 – Initial Allocation of Seats to the Provinces

The total population of each province is from Statistics Canada's quarterly population estimate of July 1, 2021. The electoral quotient is obtained by multiplying the quotient of the last decennial redistribution (111,166) by the average of the population growth rates of the 10 provinces (9.647%) in the last 10 years. The new electoral quotient thus calculated is 121,891. The number of seats initially allocated to each province is calculated by dividing the population number of each province by the electoral quotient. This figure is then rounded up to the next whole number.

## 2 – Applying the Special Clauses

After the initial number of seats per province is obtained, adjustments are made to account for the Senatorial Clause and the Grandfather Clause. The Senatorial Clause guarantees that no province has fewer seats in the House of Commons than it has in the Senate. The Grandfather Clause guarantees each province no fewer seats than it had in the 43rd Parliament elected in 2019.

## 3 – Applying the Representation Rule

The Representation Rule will only apply to a province whose population was overrepresented in the House of Commons at the completion of the last redistribution process. As per this rule, if such a province would now be under-represented based on the calculations above, it will be given extra seats so that its share of House of Commons seats is proportional to its share of the population.

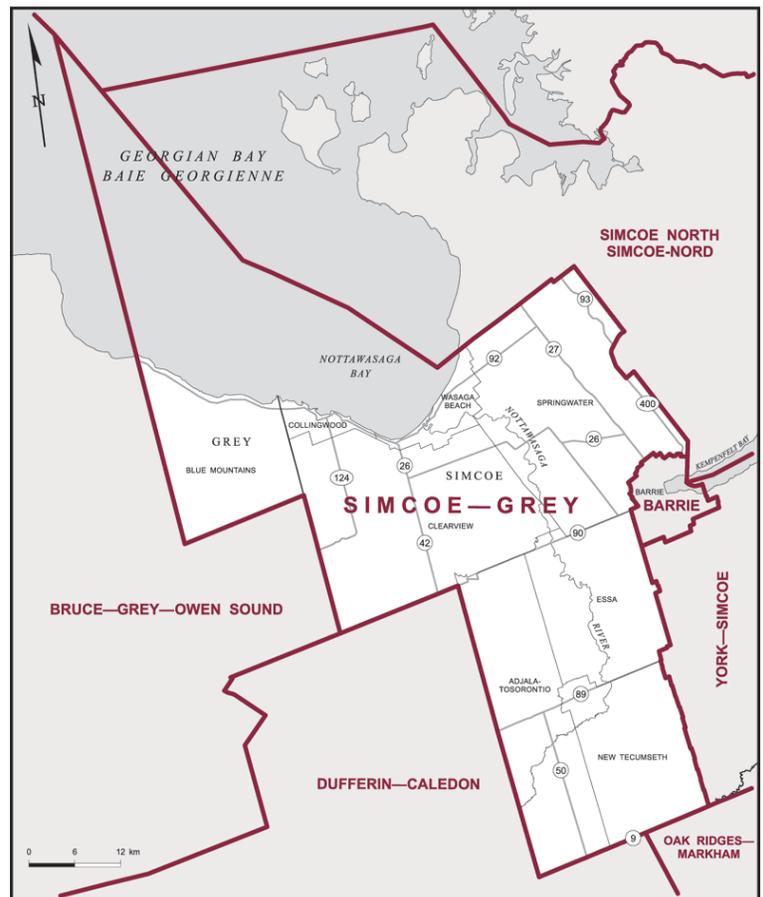
Once the special clauses and Representation Rule are applied, the number of seats for each province has been determined.

## 4 – Calculating the Total Number of Seats in the House of Commons

Once the special clauses and Representation Rule are applied, the number of seats for each province has been determined. Three seats are then allocated to the territories—one each for Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut – to obtain the total number of seats in the House of Commons.

Changes to the electoral boundaries will not come into effect until April 1, 2024, at the earliest.

## Simcoe-Grey 2012



# Ontario Connecting Youth Leaving Care with Supports to Succeed

The Ontario government is investing \$68 million in a new program that connects youth in the child welfare system with additional services and supports they need to prepare for and succeed after leaving care. The Ready, Set, Go program, launching on April 1, 2023, will provide youth transitioning out of care with life skills and supports they need to pursue post secondary education, skilled trades training and employment opportunities.

"Children and youth in the child welfare system face additional barriers throughout their lives," said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. "Our government is enhancing the way youth leaving care are supported so they can access the same opportunities as their peers. The Ready, Set, Go program will help youth get the skills they need to build a brighter future for themselves."

Under the new program, children's aid societies will begin focusing on helping children plan for the future at an earlier age. Starting at age 13, they will begin learning practical life skills and planning educational goals. At age 15, the emphasis will expand to financial literacy and preparing for the workforce, including managing personal finances, setting up a bank account, grocery shopping, resumé building, and how to access social services and other supports.

The Ready, Set, Go program will also allow youth to remain in care until the age of 23, up from age 21. Monthly financial support will also increase to provide youth better quality of life and safer housing opportunities so they can focus on their studies or working.

Funding is increasing from \$850 per month to:

Age 18 - \$1,800; Age 19 - \$1,500; Age 20 - \$1,000

Youth who will remain in care at age 21 will now receive \$1,000 per month. Youth in care at age 22 will receive \$500 per month. Youth will also be able to work up to 40 hours per week at Ontario's minimum wage without affecting their financial supports. Those

pursuing a post-secondary program or training in skilled trades and apprenticeships, will receive an additional \$500 per month starting at age 20.

The Ready, Set, Go program was developed with input and advice from former youth in care, child welfare advocates, partners and is informed by research. These changes are part of Ontario's plan to transform the child welfare system and hold children's aid societies accountable to better prepare youth leaving care.

## Quick Facts

The ministry is seeking further feedback and advice from sector partners and the public on the new Ready, Set, Go program through a posting on Ontario's Regulatory Registry. The regulatory posting will be open until March 1, 2023.

About 12,000 children and youth are in the care of children's aid societies in Ontario.

Children and youth leaving the child welfare system are more likely to experience a range of negative outcomes, such as homelessness, mental health concerns, unemployment, lack of education and involvement in the justice system.

Currently, youth transitioning from care are provided with financial and non-financial supports up to their 21st birthday through the Continued Care and Support for Youth program. Youth leaving care also have access to the Youth-in-Transition Workers program, the Aftercare Benefits Initiative, the Postsecondary Application Fee Reimbursement program and the Living and Learning Grant.

While Ontario has been developing the new youth leaving care policy and program, the province has extended a moratorium on youth aging out of their care arrangements with children's aid societies to March 31, 2023.



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## Local Workforce Development Initiative Wins Edco Award



Photo (from left to right): Savanna Myers Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Culture, Grey County; Sheri Murphy, Support Services and Educational Lead, Long Term Care, Grey County; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long Term Care, Grey County; Brian Milne Grey County Warden; Linda Alexander, Manager, Employment & Settlement Services, YMCA Owen Sound Grey Bruce; Sharon Baynham, Workforce Development Coordinator, YMCA Owen Sound Grey Bruce.

Grey County and YMCA Owen Sound Grey Bruce were presented an Award of Excellence for their Local Workforce Development Initiative at the annual Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) Conference in Toronto.

The EDCO Awards of Excellence recognize unique ideas that lead economic development best practices of the future. Grey County Warden Brian Milne accepted the award, alongside YMCA and Grey County staff.

The workforce development initiative is a collaboration between Grey County Economic Development, YMCA Employment Services, Georgian College, Adult Learning Centres, and all 19 public and private long-term care (LTC) homes in Grey and Bruce Counties. It addresses the local struggle to attract and retain staff into the LTC sector by assisting job seekers to fulfill a career in healthcare.

"Georgian College's Grey-Bruce campus in Owen Sound values the opportunity and responsibility of building educational infrastructure in the communities we serve," said Dave Shorey, Executive Director, Georgian College Owen Sound Campus. "Our ability to collaborate with driven and passionate partners to solve critical workforce development needs builds the regional capacity needed to thrive in years ahead."

The program identified real barriers to employment and provided individual supports to participants to address these barriers and gain sector specific skills. Through this program, 137 participants were successfully trained, placed and retained into LTC in Grey and Bruce counties over the last year, helping homes reduce staff shortages and providing individuals and families with more stable income.

"Through successful sector-focused workforce development partnerships we were able to help job seekers obtain the necessary training and provide job ready, skilled workers to meet the critical LTC workforce needs," said Linda Alexander, Manager, YMCA Owen Sound Grey Bruce Employment Services. "Feedback from participants has been consistently positive and many indicated they would not have considered working in LTC without the training and support they received."

"Collaboration is central to our success with this initiative," said Brian Milne, Grey County Warden. "We knew a one-size-fits-all-approach to LTC staffing just wasn't working. Our cooperative approach and partnership with the Province brought the right people to the table to really listen to the challenges and find innovative solutions. It's an honour to be recognized by EDCO for our work on this initiative."

The Local Workforce Development Initiative is delivered at the Sydenham Campus, Grey County's regional training and skills center in Owen Sound. For more information about the campus or its programs, contact communications@grey.ca.



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\$3

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**Polio-free India – It seemed impossible until it was done.**

Dr Hamid Jafari, Director of Polio for the WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region, reflects on his time eradicating polio in India and what lessons we can take from this to address the final challenges for achieving eradication in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

India's journey from the world's epicentre of a highly infectious viral disease to turning polio-free was like walking on eggshells: Every step we took mattered.

On 13 January 2023, India completes 12 polio-free years – a remarkable achievement that was made as a result of consistent, determined efforts and genuine commitment at all levels.

I spent close to six enriching years of my life serving as the project manager of the National Polio Surveillance Project (NPSP) for WHO India.

My work entailed providing technical assistance and strategic guidance to the national programme.

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## PANCAKE TUESDAY

Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury

**FEBRUARY 21, 5:00-7:30PM**

Everyone Welcome!  
by donation  
Enjoy pancakes  
smothered  
in maple syrup plus  
succulent sausages.



Proceeds from this fundraiser  
will go to support the 40th Anniversary  
of Beaver Valley Outreach



# Pub Nights

## Are Back!

### Friday Nights

Feb. through April - 7 to 10pm

Feb. 3rd - **SOUND PIRATES**  
Feb. 10th - **THE THIRSTY NIGHT BOYS**  
Feb. 17th - **MIKE NYMAN**  
Feb. 24th - **SONGWRITER SHOWCASE**



## TBM Repair Café

Open Sat. February 25  
from 9:00 to 12:00

Bring broken items for free  
repair and enjoy a snack.

Go **Green** for a better **Blue!**  
[www.graceunitedthornbury.ca](http://www.graceunitedthornbury.ca)

Pat Robitaille  
WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

## NEW DATE

Saturday February 25th



Doors at 7  
Concert at 8



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BEAVER VALLEY

# Present Trivia Night

At Your MARSH  
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## Saturday March 4th

Local and General Trivia  
50/50 Draw • Food • Bar • Prizes

Live Music Featuring  
*The Thirsty Night Boys*

Tickets \$100 per four person team

Order tickets online at  
[marshstreetcentre.com](http://marshstreetcentre.com)

Or Call 519 599 7781

## ACC Presents: Things That Used to Matter - The Author's Talk

Meet the contributors to "Things That Used To Matter", the latest book published by The Ginger Press, at the L.E. Shore Gallery on Tuesday, February, 21 at 7pm. Anthologist Joan Beecroft has collected essays from 32 local writers which explore their feelings about what used to be important, and no longer is. Particularly impacted by the pandemic, the things documented include everything from not wearing makeup and jewellery during the mask-up, to life challenges such as losing weight, and leaving a spouse.



## The Toronto All-Star Big Band returns to the Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg Sunday March 12th, 2-4pm

One of the most exciting bands around, the Toronto All-Star Big Band revives the spirit style and sound of the 30's, 40's and 50's – that golden age of the big bands. Armed with brilliant programming, choreography and engaging cultural nostalgia, this vibrant cast of awesome young talent has earned its position at the top of list of presenters.

Presented by the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund  
Tickets \$35 in advance; \$40 after Feb 28th

Call 519-599-3345 or visit [www.bluemountainlegacyfund.ca](http://www.bluemountainlegacyfund.ca)

## THE SATTALTES the BEST OF CANADIAN REGGAE



Saturday March 18th

## Second TBM Wee Willi Winkels Day, March 4, 2023 at TBM Town Hall 3-4pm

Willi was a historic snowboarding and skateboarding innovator, and you are invited to a gathering in celebration and memory of Willi's accomplishments for the sports he helped make possible locally and internationally. Please contact us at [jwinkels2010@yahoo.ca](mailto:jwinkels2010@yahoo.ca) 905 452 2800 or celine.szoges@hotmail.com 705 888 7284 for information. All welcome.



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FRIDAY MARCH 24, 2023 - 7:30PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 pm

## BILL KING TRIO



BILL KING - Piano



MARK KELSO - Drums



ROBERTO OCCHIPINTI - Bass

ADMISSION \$30

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