



Severe thunderstorms and strong winds took a toll on this office building in Clarksburg on Saturday, July 24th taking off the roof. Many trees were also damaged.

Have your say

Fundamentally, a survey is a method of gathering information from a sample of people, traditionally with the intention of generalizing the results to a larger population. Surveys provide a critical source of data and insights for nearly everyone engaged in the information economy, from businesses and the media to government and academics.

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 **business 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 Community Sustainability Plan will guide Town Staff in creating a tangible path forward to creating a more vibrant and sustainable future in The Blue Mountains," says Councillor and Economic Development Advisory Committee Chair, Peter Bordignon. "Gaining feedback from our local business community is integral to ensuring
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Controlling the Delta Variant - Lessons Learned

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has learned some valuable lessons from our current experience with the COVID-19 Delta variant.

We see the Delta variant is as advertised; extremely efficient and effective in its transmission, and unfortunately, similarly effective in causing severe disease leading to hospitalizations and deaths.

A two-pronged approach is necessary. Robust Case and Contact Management (CCM) was indispensable in bringing this latest Delta variant surge under control. An aggressive roll-out of vaccine is needed to ensure it does not return.

The CCM in Grey Bruce Health Unit is second to none with robust protocols and most importantly a committed and experienced team. Over the past 16 months, the team was able to bring down every surge keeping the number of new cases to a manageable level of less than 5 per day with many days without any new cases.

With the Delta variant becoming dominant in Grey Bruce, the same robust CCM has been successful in preventing the number of new cases from shooting up to hundreds per day. That said, it was through enormous effort in reaching hundreds of cases and high-risk contacts to direct them to appropriate measures that the team was able to plateau the number at 20 new cases per day for over the past 3 weeks. That has been reduced to 9 new cases per day over the past week.

We conducted a Social Analysis of the surge in Grey Bruce. This analysis identified: Majority of transmission was in individuals who were not fully vaccinated; Main drivers of outbreak were private gatherings/parties; Transient/low economic status/crowded housing; High numbers of high risk contacts; No increased risk of transmission in workplace/regulated settings (10+ locations investigated)

Without question, vaccination is the only way to prevent a 4th wave and our way out of this pandemic.

Working with our partners and volunteers, the Grey Bruce Health Unit took vaccines to the community with both mass and targeted vaccinations. We vaccinated about 70,000 people, 50% of eligible public in Grey Bruce, in the past 4 weeks. The mass vaccination strategy has been successful in achieving its purpose and is ramping down.

Although we reached the vaccine coverage target for the regular strains of COVID-19, the fact that the Delta became the dominant variant means we now require a higher vaccine target of 90% coverage. Therefore, we are ramping up the targeted vaccination strategy adding more pop-up and drive through clinics.

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

COVID VACCINE CLINCS

supported through Dr. Remillard and the staff at
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Thursday, July 29th 5-7pm

Saturday, July 31st 10am-noon; Sunday, August 1st 10am-noon

or call the office 519-599-2732 - helpline 519-599-3345

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there is an alignment and actionable path forward in sustainable economic development in The Blue Mountains' community."

A community sustainability visioning survey is also available for all public input. The survey was launched on June 16, 2021, and the deadline to participate has been extended to Saturday, July 31, 2021. The public survey for the Community Sustainability Plan can be accessed by visiting www.thebluemountains.ca/survey.

"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 Matrosovs. "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 on the Community Sustainability Plan

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.

We want to hear your ideas and insight into what we can do to accommodate what we love about The Blue Mountains and our community, while supporting tangible actions and changes to create a more resilient and sustainable future for generations to come. For more information, please contact: Jeffery Fletcher Manager of Sustainability and Solid Waste 519-599-3131 ext. 238 <http://www.tbmfuturestory.ca>

THE BLUE MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY AUGUST PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Favourite Moment of Summer Art Contest

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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
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REGULAR PROGRAMS

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Wednesdays | 7:00pm
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Fridays | 1:00pm
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Game On Weekly Challenge

Mondays | 3:00pm
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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.



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Current Situation: Day 496
The province is in Step Three
Grey-Bruce is in Modified Step 3

Testing and case counts reported as of 23:59 hrs, July 25, 2021:
 All data is preliminary and subject to change. Future situation reports will be updated accordingly.

- 9 new cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce; 4 Owen Sound, 2 Grey Highlands, 1 Saugeen First Nation, 1 South Bruce Peninsula, 1 Southgate
- 2082 confirmed cases
1956 resolved cases
- 107 active cases
- 337 active high-risk contacts
- 6 confirmed local active case(s) hospitalized in Grey Bruce
+1 local active cases transferred to hospitals outside of Grey-Bruce
- 9 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
- 104 cases reported in health care workers; reports health care workers living in Grey Bruce and working both in and outside Grey Bruce

Vaccines -

6,467 COVID-19 vaccines given in the past 7 days
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Thornbury Harbour watercolour 20" x 29" by Judy Moore. \$500



Original painting by Vanche, 4' x 4' \$1500

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Recipes for Life

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

Good habits take practice. Good manners are not a form of elitism or a social affectation. They are a code of civility. They require self-discipline and become at best, a ritual of giving. You are being considerate of someone else.

Many good habits are simply practical. For instance, do you know why it is considerate to place your knife and fork at four o'clock when you are finished with your plate? The answer is so the cutlery doesn't go flying off the plate when someone goes picks it up.

Then there's 'please and thank you'. What's with the 'no problem' as if it was? Or what about 'no worries' as if I was worried?

'Thank you' shows gratitude. 'No worries' is dismissive and does not. Simple exchanges make everyone's day go better.

Don't keep people waiting is another good recipe for life. Do you know someone who is always late, rarely lets you know and when they arrive they make light that they may have inconvenienced or God forbid annoy you. It's a form of control, a way of being that you are expected to forgive time and again. To keep a person waiting is a form of theft. Time is something you cannot give back. Apologize if you keep someone waiting. Then, don't do it again.

Please send your 'recipes for life' to jkeeler2323@gmail.com and they will find their way into future columns. Judy Keeler Writing Services 416-234-0812



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Southern Georgian Bay Association of REALTORS® MLS® home sales down from record June last year but remain well above average

Residential sales recorded through the MLS® System for the Southern Georgian Bay region totaled 564 units in June 2021. This was a decrease of 12.7% from June 2020.

Home sales were 11.7% above the five-year average and 15.8% above the 10-year average for the month of June.

On a year-to-date basis, home sales totaled a record 3,001 units over the first six months of the year. This was up sharply by 50.9% from the same period in 2020.

The Southern Georgian Bay region comprises two distinctive markets.

Home sales in the **Western Region**, which includes Wasaga Beach, Clearview Township, Collingwood, The Blue Mountains, the Municipality of Meaford, and Grey Highlands, numbered 287 units in June 2021. This was a decline of 8.9% from June 2020.

Home sales in the Western Region were 15.9% above the five-year average and 19% above the 10-year average for the month of June.

On a year-to-date basis, home sales in the Western Region numbered a record 1,544 units over the first six months of the year. This was up sharply by 62.9% from the same period in 2020.

Meanwhile, home sales in the **Eastern Region**, encompassing the Towns of Midland and Penetanguishene, the Townships of Tay and Tiny, Severn, and Georgian Bay Townships, numbered 277 units in June 2021. This was a sharp decrease of 16.3% from June 2020.

Home sales in the Eastern Region were 7.6% above the five-year average and 12.6% above the 10-year average for the month of June.

On a year-to-date basis, home sales in the Eastern Region numbered a record 1,457 units over the first six months of the year. This was up sharply by 40% from the same period in 2020.

“Home sales in both the Eastern and Western Districts were down from year-ago levels but still recorded the third-best June in history. On the sales side, the market can best be described as “cooling off” from red-hot to hot,” said Matthew Lidbetter, President of the Southern Georgian Bay Association of REALTORS®. “On the supply side, the story remains much the same – not enough new supply coming onto the market to meet the strong pace of demand. Overall

supply levels are trending at rock bottom and as a result, competition among buyers for this lack of available inventory continues to maintain a tight market.”

The number of new listings saw a sharp decrease of 10.9% from June 2020. There were 803 new residential listings in June 2021. This was the lowest number of new listings added in the month of June in more than a decade.

New listings were 9.5% below the five-year average and 9.5% below the 10-year average for the month of June.

Active residential listings numbered 688 units on the market at the end of June, down sharply by 48% from the end of June 2020. Active listings haven’t been this low in the month of June in more than three decades.

Active listings were 50.8% below the five-year average and 69.2% below the 10-year average for the month of June.

Months of inventory numbered 1.2 at the end of June 2021, down from the 2 months recorded at the end of June 2020 and below the long-run average of 5 months for this time of year. The number of months of inventory is the number of months it would take to sell current inventories at the current rate of sales activity.

The dollar value of all home sales in June 2021 was \$485.1 million, increasing by 19.3% from the same month in 2020. This was also a new record for the month of June.

Consult your Local REALTOR® for market conditions and home value information specific to your neighbourhood. Our REALTORS® live, work and play in Southern Georgian Bay and have the local knowledge you simply need to know! Encompassing several communities along the shores of southern Georgian Bay, approximately 1½ to 2 hours from Greater Toronto, the area is one of Canada’s premier four-season recreational playgrounds.

Provided by: Matthew Lidbetter, 2021 President
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Town Launches Density & Intensification Study for Thornbury

The Town of The Blue Mountains has launched a Density and Intensification study for Thornbury to help identify specific areas for intensification and appropriate residential built form, as well as policy and zoning recommendations for Thornbury as it continues to grow.

To gain feedback, a public survey and online mapping tool have been launched. The survey will be available until **Wednesday, July 28, 2021** and can be accessed by visiting www.thebluemountains.ca/survey.

Paper copies are available upon request by calling 519-599-3131 ext. 248 or at the Town of The Blue Mountains Town Hall.

Results from the survey and online mapping tool will be used to help identify potential intensification sites and appropriate residential built-form opportunities in Thornbury. The results will also be used to prepare new policy changes at the Official Plan and Zoning By-law level. These policy changes will be shared with the public before being finalized and then brought forward for Council consideration and public comment in Fall 2021.

“Thornbury is a great community made up of many different housing types and housing densities. An appropriate range and mix of housing is important to attract and retain residents throughout all stages of life,” explained Shawn Postma, Senior Policy Planner for the Town of The Blue Mountains. “This study will aim to identify the existing housing supply in Thornbury and to identify locations for appropriate housing infill and intensification opportunities. The views and interests of area residents are integral to help define the character of Thornbury, and to gain input on the various density types within the Town and surrounding communities.”

Study Area Information

The study area is specific to the Thornbury boundary, which includes lands bounded by Peel Street to the north, Georgian Bay to the east, Russell Street to the south, and 10th Line to the west. However, the Study Area excludes lands within the western portion of Thornbury designated Future Secondary Plan Area. These lands will be developed through a more comprehensive Secondary Plan process in the future.

Your thoughts and ideas on residential development, density, infill and intensification within Thornbury will help guide the Town as we move into the next phase of the study.

Shawn Postma Senior Policy Planner
519-599-3131 ext. 248

YOUR VIEW The Blue Mountains

The Town of The Blue Mountains conducts surveys as a means of soliciting feedback and input from residents so we can better serve the community as a whole.

Residents are encouraged to visit yourview.thebluemountains.ca to share feedback and input on Town projects, policies, programs and services. From open houses to workshops and online engagement opportunities, your feedback helps to shape Town decisions.

Current & Ongoing Public Engagement Opportunities

- Thornbury Density & Intensification Study
- Transportation Master Plan Survey
- Website Redevelopment Survey
- 2022 Election Voting Method Survey
- Community Sustainability Plan
- Family Physician Survey
- Transportation Master Plan
- Municipal Tree By-Law Update
- Leisure Activities Plan

Alternate Survey Methods

Paper copy surveys are available at Town Hall and the Blue Mountains Public Library upon request. Paper copy surveys are manually entered and are included in the final results. In addition, if you would like to complete the survey over the phone, please contact the Communications Division staff thendry@thebluemountains.ca or call 519-599-3131 ext 282

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

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Council Compensation Review Committee

The Council Compensation Review Committee ("CCRC") is an advisory committee of Council for the purposes of reviewing relative compensation indicators and recommending a compensation package for elected officials that is fair and reasonable to both Council and the citizens of the Town of The Blue Mountains ("Town"). The CCRC will present a report to Council outlining a proposed compensation package by the third quarter of the first year of the new term of Council.

The Council Compensation Review Committee shall reconvene within the final eighteen months of the term to review the implementation of the final recommendations approved by Council to ensure these recommendations have been adequate.

The Mandate of the Town's CCRC is to:

1. Assist, in an advisory capacity, Council and staff on matters related to Council compensation;
2. Provide advice to Council and staff in developing a compensation package for elected officials which:
 - a) Reflects the nature, responsibilities and accountability associated with these positions including Council participation on committees and boards;
 - b) Is reflective of research and compensation indicators;
 - c) Demonstrates fiscal responsibility;
 - d) Attracts strong, qualified candidates to local government.

The CCRC will be comprised of up to two (2) members of the public who are appointed by Council for a term that runs concurrently with the first nine (9) months following the election of a new Council and reconvenes within the final eighteen months to review those recommendations.

Objective Timeline

Initial Meeting which includes overview of workplan and review of updated Municipal Comparators June 24; July 22; August 26

Review existing Remuneration package and establishment of recommended changes, if any. September 8; October 28; November 25

Overview of Final Report

Recommendations, if any, provided to Council through the annual budget development process. Report due November 15, 2021 for consideration during budget deliberations

Blue Mountains Creating Community Mural Project

In partnership with Events for Life, the Town of The Blue Mountains would like to invite all residents and community members to participate in the community mural project. Through collaboration with the Mural Mosaic group, the community mural project aims to bring the community together and celebrate the resiliency of The Blue Mountains through challenging times.

To participate and to secure your tile, visit the Mural Mosaic website, <https://www.muralmosaic.com/bluemoountains>.



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Reopening of Grey Roots Set for July 28th

Grey Roots Museum and Archives will reopen on Wednesday July 28th. Having successfully reopened for outdoor visits to Moreston Heritage Village on July 16th, museum staff are once again ready to welcome guests inside the museum and archives.

"It's been a long wait, but we've used our time well," says Jill Paterson, Grey Roots Manager, "we've got some great new exhibits and experiences that we've really been able to polish during the shut down."

Visitors will enjoy several brand new exhibits including "Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign", a study of historical local business signage from Grey County, and the "100th Anniversary of the Owen Sound Transportation Company", which examines the company's fleet and features artefacts from several historic vessels. The Ontario Museum Association award-winning exhibit "Facing the Flames" also returns, as does access to the Grey County Archives.

Public Health guidelines require that all guests screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to entry, and that masks be worn at all times while inside the facility. Indoor spaces have been structured to ensure that two metre separation can be maintained between visiting groups, and capacity limitations will be in effect.

With capacity limitations in place, visits to the museum as well as research time in the archives, are available by appointment. "Advance booking allows us to manage the flow of guests during the day so that everyone is able to enjoy the museum safely," says Paterson.

Grey Roots will operate seven days a week beginning July 28th, visit greyroots.com for full details and operating hours. Visitors are asked to book in advance at greyroots.com or over the phone at 519-376-3690.

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