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Thank you to all the participants of the 2024 Canada Day Parade
photos by Lorraine Sutton



Community Improvement Plan

from Staff Report

Council approved a \$250,000 budget for the 2024 Community Improvement Plan program through the 2024 budget process. As the final approval authority, this report provides Council with funding allocation recommendations from the CIP Review Committee for the Spring 2024 intake period.

In 2021, Council approved two CIPs, the Housing Within Reach Community Improvement Plan and the Town-wide Revitalization Community Improvement Plan. A CIP is a planning and economic development tool that municipalities use to facilitate broad community revitalization goals through grants or loans to private property owners and tenants. Combined, the two CIPs feature 18 programs.

The Spring 2024 application period was open from March 11, 2024 to April 19, 2024. Each application required submitting a detailed application form, photos of the current building, drawings of the desired upgrades and two quotes for the proposed work.

Applications Recommended for Approval

Summaries are provided below to provide a brief understanding of each application.

#1 - Grey Street North, Thornbury (The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce)

The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce owns and operates the commercial building located at 3 Grey Street North in Thornbury. The building is used as the Chamber's Office, with the remainder of the building rented as office space to a tenant. At the front of the property is a two-sided billboard that is available for rent by Chamber members for business advertising.

The CIP application includes repainting the existing two-sided billboard sign at the front of the property, repainting the front door and the exterior frames of the two east-facing side windows of the building, installing a second magnetic 4ft x 8ft billboard to the rear of the building along the Georgian Trail,
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and for municipal fees to cover the cost of a sign application for the new billboard.

Total Funding Recommended: \$2,035.10 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$3,996.10

#2 - 187 Marsh St., Clarksburg (Marsh Street Centre)

The Marsh Street Centre offers community programs and an affordable venue for community organizations/entrepreneurs and people of all ages and backgrounds to celebrate local art, music, culture and personal life events. The CIP application includes supporting the Centre as it operates in a 97-year-old building and requires a new façade (including strapping, spray foam installation, two new windows, paneling/cladding, flashing and electrical for future light fixtures) due to existing damage and lack of insulation. Support for purchasing two new black composite benches from the Town is also sought. A Municipal Land Use Permit and Municipal Land Occupation Agreement will also be needed as the façade encroaches on the sidewalk.

Total Funding Recommended: \$15,198.72 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$25,790.44

#3 - 11 Bruce Street South, Thornbury (Brendan Thomson)

The building was built in 1867. The main floor is retail, with a renovated 1-bedroom, 2-bath apartment on the second floor. In Fall 2023, the contractor installed a temporary water barrier (ice and water shield) and Tyvek over the knee wall between the buildings for the winter season. The CIP application includes funding for the new EPDM roof membrane and new flashing for this roof section.

Total Funding Recommended: \$10,000.00 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$23,038.44

#4 - 43 Bruce Street South, Thornbury (Jeanne Stellar)

The property contains six commercial units and four residential units. The CIP application includes replacing all the windows and most of the exterior doors in the building. Current windows and doors are dated and energy inefficient (many are single-paned), so this would significantly improve temperature control in the building.

Total Funding Recommended: \$25,000.00 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$82,027.83

#5 - 496350 Grey Road 2, Clarksburg (Georgian Hills Vineyards)

The property is a vineyard that produces grapes, wine, and cider. Agricultural tourism is also offered, with tastings, retail and events. The project includes a roof over the patio area, gazebo structures for two private group tasting areas and patio stones on gravel for the base/flooring of two private group tasting areas. The patio roof is critical to accommodate the rise in agritourism customer demand with more covered space. Gazebos & patio stones in private group areas are needed to accommodate the increase of larger groups in the area.

Total Funding Recommended: \$15,000.00 Grant and \$14,869.67 Loan

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$59,739.33

#6 - 177 Marsh Street, Clarksburg (Roger Edwards)

The CIP application includes creating an outdoor sculpture gallery at one of Clarksburg's busiest entrances to showcase a variety of local contemporary sculptors. Locals and visitors to Clarksburg and Thornbury will be greeted with unique outdoor art pieces that impress and indicate the artist experience that awaits within the community. The project includes supplying and installing pea stone, twelve outdoor light fixtures, five concrete pedestals and one carbon steel rotating frame.

Total Funding Recommended: \$12,571.25 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$25,142.50

#7 - 175 Marsh Street, Clarksburg (ArtBank Collective)

The ArtBank, an art gallery, is the historical Hartman Bank built in 1904. It sits on one of the most active corners in Clarksburg. The CIP application includes beautifying the sidewalks of Clark & Marsh Streets by installing three elevated steel planters.

Total Funding Recommended: \$9,689.75 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$19,379.50

#8 - 206 Marsh Street, Clarksburg (Al & Keri Lockhart)

The CIP application includes re-siding the north exterior wall



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(installing rigid insulation over existing concrete/stucco, strapping and installing siding). Similar work was completed in 2022 on the south and west sides of the building. The proposed work will complete the redevelopment of 206 Marsh Street.

Total Funding Recommended: \$2,141.18 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$4,282.36

#9 - 186 Marsh Street, Clarksburg (Clarksburg Village Association)

The CIP application includes renovations to the Parkette at 186 Marsh Street, in front of the post office. This will enhance safety and functionality, making the space suitable for various community events, such as musical performances and artist showcases. Changes include building up the greenspace to align with the walkway to eliminate trip hazards, constructing two small patios to serve as event spaces for community activities throughout the year and planting shrubs and other vegetation. Funding for streetscape improvement is also sought to create a more vibrant community environment. Changes include ten new planter boxes along the sidewalks (complementing the existing ones), the expansion of the use of metal frames for displaying art and signage (currently used on 11 hydro poles along Marsh St. and sought for four additional poles along Clark St.), the printing of local artwork for the 15 hydro poles frames, rotated seasonally, and the purchase of 12 Christmas trees for the main corridor.

Total Funding Recommended: \$11,273.21 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$22,546.41

#10 - 90 Russell Street East, Clarksburg (Lemonade Collective)

The building is a boutique fitness facility. The CIP application includes renovating the men's and women's shower stalls to enhance safety, hygiene, and accessibility and installing two barrier-free shower stalls and tiles.

Total Funding Recommended: \$6,413.43 Total Estimated Project Cost: \$12,826.86

Community Improvement Plan Review

A review of the CIP is currently scheduled for 2026. Staff recommend expediting this review and completing it in 2025. Through three CIP intakes (Spring 2023, Fall 2023 and Spring 2024), it has become clear that there are opportunities to broaden the scope of the program to maximize its community impact.

If Council wishes to proceed, Staff will research cost and bring it forward during the 2025 budget process. The Review process will require a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process to hire a qualified firm to advise on policy changes and best practices. Creating and revising CIPs are regulated under Section 28 of the Planning Act. This process involves public consultation and approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

As the Plans have been implemented, staff have been compiling an initial list of potential changes for consideration. Expanding the Town-wide Revitalization CIP to include rural and agricultural properties is a key priority. Currently, these properties are only eligible for three of ten programs within the CIP. Expanding to include the Blue Mountain Village area, presently excluded from the CIP, is also recommended. Both limitations have prevented several projects' submission and/or approval over the three intake periods.

Furthermore, Staff recommend removing the loan program from the CIP and focusing solely on providing grants to maximize the CIP's value. Loans are administratively complex and staff want to ensure the program can be operated in an efficient manner.

Finally, an assessment of grants opportunities within the Housing Within Reach CIP is recommended. Despite extensive promotion and communications on available supports within the program, only one application throughout the three intake periods has been received.

With these changes, alongside those brought forward by the consultant, the refreshed CIP will put the Town in the best possible position to equitably distribute grants that fulfill its overarching goal: revitalizing the community, improving the quality of life of the community's residents, better utilizing underdeveloped properties and promoting private investment in land and buildings.

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In Memoriam



SHIRLEY ANNE JOHNSON

Shirley Johnson (nee Ramsay) passed away peacefully at Soldier's Memorial Hospital in Orillia on Thursday, June 13, 2024 in her 87th year.

Born on August 5, 1937 in Owen Sound, a son of the late Josph and Ida (nee Ricketts) Ramsay. Shirley was predeceased by her beloved husband Vernon and her son Noel.

She is survived by her sister Marie Cameron and her daughter Deenna Lougheed. She was the proud grandmother of Noelle and Matthew, and great grandmother of Noah, Blaine, and Izzac.

'The silence of snowflakes. The glow of friendship. The joy of memories. The laughter and love of family. My Mom (also known as Shirt Tail): We will miss you as you walk your new path. Love, Deenna

Shirley was an old-fashioned game playing kid at heart. She will be missed but never forgotten. A private family service will take place with interment at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

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

DOUGLAS GARFIELD FULLER

Passed away suddenly at home, in Sault Ste. Marie on June 1, 2024, at the age of 85. Survived by his wife of 65 years Shirley (nee Kingswell). Father of Ron (Mary), Raymond (late Bonnie), Wes and late Doug. Grandfather to many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Son of the late Emma (nee Gawley) and Clarence Fuller. Brother of Larry, Mervin, Brenda and Mirna. Uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Douglas enjoyed his power tools, gardening, raising his dogs and playing goalie.

Visit www.osullivanfuneralhome.com to leave condolences for the family. Arrangements entrusted to O'Sullivan Funeral Home and Cremation Centre, 215 St. James St, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 705-759-8456.



JOAN CAROL KENNEDY (NEE POWNEY)

September 16, 1938 – June 13, 2024

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of my beloved wife, Joan, last Thursday, at Errinrung Long Term Care Home. She has left us for well-deserved rest and peace to reunite with her family and friends who have predeceased her (Mom and Dad, Robert and Pearl Powney, our daughter Kelly Anne, her Grandmother "Nanny Love", and many friends, Jenny McKoy and Marty Lacey, to name a few.)

Joan – Beloved wife of John 'Tom' Kennedy, and mother of Wayne (Carolyn) Kennedy, Leigh Anne (Bruce) Van Den Bosch, Grandmother 'Nanny' to Brandon, Ryan, Kyle, Thomas, Shelby and Marissa. Great-grandmother 'Great Nanny' to Carter and Owen, and loving sister to Marlyn (Ken) Haigh. All are devastated by her loss. She is truly loved, and remembered.

Joan was born in Montreal, Quebec and enjoyed her childhood, teens and early marriage there amongst a large close-knit family, cousins and friends. We left for Ontario in 1984, when an opportunity with my employer (Nortel) relocated us to Bolton.

Joan loved to sing and dance. On our first few dates, she and her cousin Gloria vowed that they would teach me to dance – eventually, they succeeded! Her favourite song of all time was "Rock Around the Clock" by Bill Haley, and the Big Bands. But she would dance to most of the tunes from the mid-forties to the 80's, and knew most of the words to most of the songs during that period 'til the day before she passed, despite having vascular dementia.

She also loved to sew, knit, craft, and was a fantastic cook. She loved parties, for any occasion, hosting and attending. She even started her own catering business, which became too successful as it consumed too many weekends and any spare time. She cooked for the Bolton Lions Club for over 10 years, two meals per month, and when we retired to Heathcote in 1999, she began the same for the Thornbury Beaver Valley Lions Club, until health issues increased about 5 years ago.

Joan and Marty also cooked for the Bolton arena and recreation centre, and fundraised for the early Marsh Street Centre restoration and expansion. For 4 years she financed and hosted the early Koffee Klatches at MSCC (5 days a week) and remitted the revenue to the restoration fund. Her singing and stories at these klatches are legendary – forming an extended family of friends, some of whom still attend. She loved travelling, camping boating and visiting our lifelong best friends Gloria and Larry in Edmonton, Banff, and Lake Louise.

She loved watching figure skating, football, and hockey – she knew the names of the premier players and personalities. Joan was very vocal when attending games and also let the TV know when she didn't like or agree with the plays or the calls made.

Joan was a feisty gal. She always told you the way it is. Brutally honest, you had no doubt about what Joan was thinking.

Joan would not let her health issues define her. She sought professional help, and got it. She survived Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) in 2008, was diagnosed bi polar in 2015, and entered the Errinrung LTC facility in 2021 with vascular dementia, which occurred as a result of the AML chemotherapy. While at Errinrung, she was the life and the love of many of the residents and staff. Regaling them with fantastic stories and her singing, and humour. Many of the volunteer performers, and others were amazed at her ability to remember most of the words to the old 40's to 80's songs. Her retort when asked how she was feeling was "Fit as a fiddle, and ready for love", and she called almost everyone "pet" or "lovey" because she couldn't remember their names.

She loved all her family and we loved her right back. She will be sorely missed, but remembered with a warm smile and fondness.

A celebration of Joan's life was held at the Marsh Street Community Centre on Sunday June 30, 2024.

Thank you to the staff at Errinrung LTC who treated Joan with kindness and respect during her stay with them.

Thank you also to Ferguson Funeral Home with whom we have entrusted Joan's care for cremation and rest at the Thornbury Union Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Joan may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association or any charitable institution you desire which may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund is a registered charitable public foundation with an endowed fund held with Community Foundation Grey Bruce. Donations are invested with the earnings going towards community projects.

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The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



July 2024:

- Watch for the Japanese beetle on your Asiatic Lilies, Roses, Rose of Sharon, Dahlias, Hollyhocks, and numerous other plants. Handpicking and squeezing, combined with a beetle trap, are the most efficient way to limit these ravaging critters. Luckily, the little red devils don't eat Day Lilies (Hemerocallis)
- Watch for earwigs and Gypsy moth caterpillars. Spray plants with a 40:1 mixture of water and dish soap.
- Ants can also be a problem. The ant powder does not seem to work for me. Maybe the ants didn't read the instructions to take it back to their nest.
- Trim evergreens, cedar hedges, etc., NOW as needed, not later in the summer.
- Stake straggly annuals and perennials, or pinch them back to promote new growth and make them bushy.
- Raise lawn mower blades for summer mowing. Grass should be at least 5 - 7.5 cm (2 to 3 inches) high to stay healthy and weed free.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs like Forsythia and Spirea after blooming. If you really want to be picky, remove individual spent lilac blooms.
- Water flower beds deeply and try a second round of weeding. Add mulch again to keep the weeds at bay.
- Mulch your tomato plants. When a ripe tomato drops, it won't split or get muddy. Mulch holds moisture too!
- Thin, hoe, weed and water vegetables as required. (This is why I stick to flowers)
- Water lawns and beds as deeply as you can.
- Tackle weeds now before they go to seed. Save yourself from weeding their offspring next year.
- Stake tall perennials that may be weakened by too rapid growth.
- Turn compost regularly and check the moisture level - not too wet, not too dry, just right, like Goldilocks.

When Golf, Community and Charity Come Together

Golf is a game for everyone, and participation is thriving in the Blue Mountains. One way to experience the fun and friendship that the game offers is to participate in a local charity golf tournament.

The local golf community offers a great number of charity-based events which provide access to some truly wonderful courses. Here are a few of the events;

- **Marsh Street Centre Fourth Annual Golf Tournament**
Monday, September 16th at Lora Bay Golf , 519-599-7837
- **The Blue Mountain Village Foundation Golf Tournament**
Friday, September 20th at Monterra Golf Course
www.bluemountainvillage.ca/foundation
- **WSC Parkinson's Charity Golf Tournament**
Friday, September 20th, Duntroon Highlands
www.livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca
- **The Clarksburg Blues 4th Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament,**
Saturday, September 21st, Stone Tree Golf Course.
705-441-2396 or 705-441-6536

Charity golf events are about making a difference and enjoying the comradery and the beautiful settings. Usually, a shotgun start, which puts everyone on the course at the same time. Some have food and drink stations scattered around the course. Likely a closest to the hole or longest drive contest, and it culminates in a fun gathering at the clubhouse with a great dinner and prizes.

Golf could not be more popular at the moment and its great summer recreation for juniors, youth, seniors and serious players of all ages. For those who are new to the game, there's no better place to play and learn than Tomahawk Golf Course. It's fun, friendly and accessible to all. Additional information including fees, scheduling and events can be found at www.thebluemountains.ca website.

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Ontario Consulting on Expanding Role of Nurse Practitioners

The Ontario government is starting consultations with the College of Nurses of Ontario and other health care partners on expanding the scope of practice for nurse practitioners. Allowing nurse practitioners to better use their training, skills and education will help Ontarians connect to more convenient care and help free up more time for physicians to spend caring for patients with more complicated needs.

"Our government is continuing to use every tool in our toolbox to ensure people have access to the care they need, when they need it," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "By considering changes to allow nurse practitioners to provide more care to their patients, we will connect more people to convenient primary care, while reducing the need for referrals to other providers."

Proposed changes include:

- providing faster care for someone in cardiac arrest by allowing nurse practitioners to order and apply a defibrillator, which provides an electric shock to help restore a person's regular heartbeat.
- making it faster for people to receive care if their heart isn't beating regularly by allowing nurse practitioners to order and apply cardiac pacemaker therapy.
- help people with skin conditions and lesions such as skin tags get them removed faster by allowing nurse practitioners to order and perform electrocoagulation.
- complete and sign mandatory blood testing forms for specific infectious diseases.

The government is also consulting on changes that would improve the end-of-life experience for families after the death of a loved one by allowing nurse practitioners to certify death in all circumstances, as well as allowing registered nurses to certify death when the death has been expected. This will help ensure deaths are certified in a timely manner to preserve dignity for the deceased and their families.

As part of the Your Health plan, the Ontario government is making it easier for highly skilled, regulated health care professionals, including nurse practitioners and registered nurses, to work to the full extent of their training and expertise to better serve the needs of people in a connected and convenient manner.

The Thornbury Eagle by Alice Otrysko

*He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ring'd with the azure world, he stands.
(Alfred Lord Tennyson)*

If you have been walking along where the boats are moored, along the water, you probably will have seen an eagle perched on top of the building as in this picture. He doesn't clasp the crag but sits waiting patiently to strike his prey.

We walk there almost every day and almost every day someone is either photographing this eagle or looking at it through high powered lens or simply watching it. The days he is not there we are all disappointed.

I spoke to an artist who was sketching him and just the other day a nature photographer who observes birds of prey took pictures.

Why the fascination? I think it's mostly due to the fact that it's rare to see an eagle in this area and especially one who returns every year to the same high spot. It's a great place to catch fish.

Eagles have very sharp vision and can see long distances. It assures their survival when they spy food. Their talons are super sharp for grasping and their beaks are designed to rip and tear. This makes them dangerous. Handling an eagle is a skill mastered by naturalists, vets, animal shelters and sanctuaries. I've seen Hope from Hope for Wildlife catch an eagle using a blanket or large towel. The first thing is to gather its feet and hold onto them tightly while holding it on its back and expertly carrying it. None of us will be doing that soon.

The other day while walking back to my car, I heard a rustle and a scream. Seconds later the eagle shot out of the bush, a bird in its talons as it flew away. I picked up his feather.

The speed with which it all happened reminded me of the second verse of the poem:

*The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.*



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other, jockeying for fastest position toward the finish line, and, being harassed by expert duck shepherds, with hockey sticks, the results were:

1st duck across	ticket # 181	Peter Brady	\$1000 prize
2nd duck across	ticket # 549	Ken Haigh	\$500 prize
3rd duck across	ticket # 527	Lucas Goldworthy	\$250 prize
4th duck across	ticket # 110	Clair Huber	\$100 prize
5th duck across	ticket # 612	Russ Graham	\$50 prize
Last duck across	ticket # 665	Cam Kennedy	\$50 prize

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Tom Kennedy - Treasurer, TBVLC



MPP Brian Saunderson Presents Goldsmith's Orchard Market with Silver

Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson recognized Goldsmith's Orchard Market in Thornbury with a Foodland Ontario Award of Excellence, for building creative produce displays that drive sales of local Ontario produce and demonstrate an exceptional commitment to Ontario's local food industry.

"In Simcoe-Grey, we're home to one of the most bountiful agriculture sectors in Ontario and Canada," said MPP Saunderson. "From the magnificent orchards that dot the north end of the riding, to the lush and productive farmland that line the south end, the agriculture sector is an important part of our local economy. Congratulations to Goldsmith's Orchard Market on this well-deserved recognition."

For more than 35 years, the annual Foodland Ontario Retailer Awards have recognized the creative talent of retail managers and staff who build eye-catching promotional displays to promote Ontario grown and in-season fruits and vegetables.

This year, 63 Foodland Ontario Retailer Awards are being presented to 60 grocery stores across the province to celebrate excellence in retail display and promotion in support of local Ontario foods.

"Congratulations to all the winners of the 2023 Foodland Ontario Retailer Awards," said Rob Flack, Minister of Farming, Agriculture and Agribusiness. "Our local grocery stores play a pivotal role getting Ontario-grown food from farm to fork. By creating eye-catching in-store displays that celebrate fresh, locally grown produce, grocery stores are helping shoppers identify and purchase Ontario products and support Ontario farmers."

For more than 45 years, Foodland Ontario has connected with families on how to recognize, prepare and enjoy locally grown foods. Ontario has one of the most diverse agriculture and food industries in Canada, producing more than 200 commodities, including asparagus, berries, tender fruit, apples, greenhouse tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers and so many more. To know when all your local fruits and vegetables are in season, visit Foodland Ontario's availability guide <https://www.ontario.ca/foodland/foodland-ontario>

Ontario Begins Automatic Licence Plate Renewals

The change takes effect on July 1, 2024.

Licence plates for passenger vehicles, light-duty trucks, motorcycles and mopeds will renew automatically 90 days before expiry if the vehicle owner has valid insurance and no outstanding fines or tolls. If a licence plate cannot be renewed automatically, the vehicle owner will be notified and required to manually renew online or in person at ServiceOntario.

Until automatic licence plate renewals take effect, vehicle owners are required to manually renew their plates at no cost. Ontarians can check their licence plate status at ontario.ca/platerenewal.

- Vehicle owners can ensure they do not miss digital notifications about issues related to automatic renewal by signing up for ServiceOntario reminders at <https://reminders.ontario.ca/en> or 1-800-387-3445.
- Vehicle owners who have signed up for ServiceOntario digital notifications will be sent notifications through email, text, or voicemail if their licence plates cannot be renewed at 90, 45, and 10 days before expiry, and again at 72 hours after expiry.
- Vehicle owners who have not signed up for digital notifications will be sent paper notifications by mail 90 days before expiry and 72 hours after expiry.
- In 2022, the Ontario government eliminated licence plate sticker fees and stickers for passenger vehicles, saving drivers up to \$120 a year for every car they own.
- The introduction of automatic licence plate renewals will not change the way the province, municipalities or the 407 ETR collect unpaid fines and tolls.
- In May 2024, the Get It Done Act received Royal Assent allowing for the transition to automatic renewal of licence plates.

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Amendments to the Public Notice Policy

July 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to receive comments from the public regarding proposed amendments to the Town's Provision of Notice and Manner of Giving Notice to the Public Policy (POL.COR.07.03).

<https://www.thebluemountains.ca/sites/default/files/2022-01/POL-COR-07-03-Provision-of-Notice-and-Manner-of-Giving-Notice-to-the-Public.pdf>

For more information regarding the proposed amendments to the policy, please refer to Staff Report FAF.24.062 entitled "Amendments to the Public Notice Policy".

<https://pubbluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=21808>

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on this matter has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the proposed amendments to the 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!

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Tim Hendry, Manager of Communications and Economic Development; **Phone:** (519) 599-3131 ext. 282;

Email: communications@thebluemountains.ca

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Date of this Notice: June 4, 2024

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 Friday July 5, 2024 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.

Any submitted comments become part of the public record, including names and addresses.

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday July 2, 2024.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chambers.

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:

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Accountability and Transparency of Town Actions to the Public Policy

July 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.
Hybrid Format In-Person AND Virtual/Online
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to receive comments from the public regarding the update to the “Accountability and Transparency of Town Actions to the Public Policy, POL.COR.07.01”.

For more information, please review Staff Report FAF.24.075 titled “Update to the Accountability and Transparency of Town Actions to the Public Policy, POL.COR.07.01”.

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on this matter has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the 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?

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Date of this Notice: June 11, 2024

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 Friday July 5, 2024 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.

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Fax: 519-599-7723 townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk; **Phone:** (519) 599-3131 ext. 232; **Email:** cgiles@thebluemountains.ca

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Revisions to By-law 2021-70 to Regulate and License Businesses in the Town of The Blue Mountains and By-law 2021-71 Administrative Monetary Penalties for The Blue Mountain

July 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to receive comments from the public regarding proposed revisions to the following by-laws:

By-law 2021-70 being a By-law to Regulate and License Businesses in the Town of The Blue Mountains

By-law 2021-71 being a By-law to Establish a Comprehensive System of Administrative Monetary Penalties for the Town of The Blue Mountains

The revisions being proposed for both by-laws apply only to the components that apply directly to Short Term Accommodations (STAs). To review the proposed by-law revisions, please refer to the following links:

By-law 2021-70

<https://www.thebluemountains.ca/sites/default/files/2024-06/Proposed-Revisions-to-By-law-2021-70-Regulate-andLicense-Businesses-in-TBM.pdf>

By-law 2021-71

<https://www.thebluemountains.ca/sites/default/files/2024-06/Proposed-Revisions-to-By-law-2021-71-AdministrativeMonetary-Penalties.pdf>

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on this matter has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the comments from the public, staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer ; **Phone:** (519) 599-3131 ext. 234; **Email:** cao@thebluemountains.ca

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Date of this Notice: June 14, 2024

How can I make my views known about this proposal?

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Youth Climate Action Fund Now Accepting Applications

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that the Youth Climate Action Fund is now accepting applications.

Youth-led climate initiatives are eligible for microgrants worth between \$1,500 and \$6,000. These projects can be implemented in any community within the traditional Territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, which includes The Blue Mountains, Grey County, Southern Georgian Bay communities, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation, Bruce County and other communities within this area.

Projects must be led and implemented by youth between the ages of 15 and 24 and support The Blue Mountains Future Story (the Town's sustainability plan) and/or Going Green in Grey (Grey County's Climate Action Plan). Proposals require the support of an eligible sponsoring organization to be considered. Organizations that are looking to participate or partner with a youth applicant are encouraged to refer to the Recipient Eligibility section of the Youth Climate Action Fund website.

Applications received by or before July 8, 2024, will be considered in a first round of evaluations. Applications received after July 8 will be considered in a second round that will close on August 12, 2024. Successful projects will be announced on August 26, 2024, with all projects to be completed by December 31, 2024.

The Town is also seeking applications, in the form of letters of interest, from members of the public to fill two vacancies on the Town of The Blue Mountains Youth Climate Action Fund Project Team. All applications should be submitted no later than Friday, June 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

For more information, including submission guidelines, eligibility criteria and funding details, visit the Youth Climate Action Fund page on the Town's Website or contact:

Nicholas Cloet

Sustainability Coordinator
Town of The Blue Mountains
Email
(519) 599-3131 ext. 235

About Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund:

Kickstarted at the Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Innovation Studio at COP28, as a part of the Local Climate Action Summit, the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund provides cities with the tools, techniques, and supports to leverage innovation approaches that invite and foster robust youth collaboration in climate problem-solving and policymaking.

The Town of The Blue Mountains received \$50,000 USD to distribute microgrants to fund youth-led climate initiatives as part of the Youth Climate Action Fund.

Bloomberg Philanthropies invests in 700 cities and 150 countries around the world to ensure better, longer lives for the greatest number of people. The organization focuses on creating lasting change in five key areas: the Arts, Education, Environment, Government Innovation, and Public Health. Bloomberg Philanthropies encompasses all of Michael R. Bloomberg's giving, including his foundation, corporate, and personal philanthropy as well as Bloomberg Associates, a philanthropic consultancy that advises cities around the world. In 2023, Bloomberg Philanthropies distributed \$3 billion. For more information, please visit bloomberg.org, sign up for their newsletter, or follow them on Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, Threads, Facebook, and X.

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Escarpment Corridor Alliance Presents the Inaugural Nature Corridor Summit

The Escarpment Corridor Alliance is proud to announce the inaugural Nature Corridor Summit to be held on Friday, October 25th, at the Alpine Ski Club in The Blue Mountains. This event has been made possible by Larry & Barbara Hall and the South Georgian Bay Innovation Fund, the Summit Founding Partner, who helped spark the idea of this event back in the summer of 2023.

The vision of the Nature Corridor Summit aims to establish and sustain an annual leadership event that convenes regional, provincial, federal, and international experts in environmental conservation and wellness. The goal is to foster collaboration towards creating nature corridors in South Georgian Bay, thereby generating significant impacts on the region's environmental, economic, and human health.

There are several goals of the Nature Corridor Summit:

- Inspire Global Thinking, Local Action
- Plan of Action
- Municipal Collaboration
- Pathways for Growth Partnerships

There will be three Panel Discussions:

- Understanding Nature Corridors
- Bringing the Corridor to Life
- The Vital Connection

Tickets and information available at myescarpment.ca/summit

Thornbury Clear Choice Pools and Spas would like to thank everyone who participated in our 17th Annual Charity BBQ on June 1st. We raised \$7,485.50 for the Georgian Bay Applekings Youth Program. For more details on this program, visit applekingshockey.ca.

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Climate Action Now Network (CANN) Announces the Prize Winners of the Naturalize Your Yard Program to Combat Climate Change

The Climate Action Now Network (CANN) is a volunteer group fighting carbon pollution in the Town of The Blue Mountains. Since 2019, we have been working to reduce TBM's carbon footprint. Today we are proud to announce the winners of our first **Families for Climate Action** campaign.

Naturalize Your Yard provided a step by step guide to transforming mono-culture yards into mow-free outdoor spaces that are pesticide and fertilizer free. A single action, such as planting carbon capturing native plants, shrubs, trees and converting parts or all of our lawn will create a flood and drought resistant natural landscape. Nature-based solutions at the household level can play a large role in reducing the impact of climate change.

"Our family has been long aware of the many environmental issues we are facing", says Catherine Dewdney, a resident of TBM and visitor to CANN's Earth Week events. "We're always looking for ways to help protect our environment that are manageable and impactful. Naturalizing our yard is a great way to start the spring! We love the idea of a more beautiful, lower maintenance garden, and the kids love a chance to get their hands dirty and watch things grow! We encourage TBM families to join in with us."

CANN asked residents to email a photo of their efforts at naturalizing their yards and 13 people responded.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all who participated!

1. Sergio Fiorino – Gift certificate for a garden consultation with Garden Holistics
2. Mike Dougall – Garant Pro Series Shovel and Hoe
3. Allison Findley – Gift Certificate for Sheardown's Restaurant
4. Sasha Bell – Gardener's Guide to Native Plants
5. Sarah Green – Picnic Basket

For information contact:

canntbm@gmail.com and www.gogreenforblue.ca

Instagram: [gogreen4blue](https://www.instagram.com/gogreen4blue); Facebook: Climate Action Now Network

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dwelling and asphalt,
For her quiver is of warmth, her feet of fertile tread,
her lantern a glow to growth.
Ever the artist, Summer brushes gold on green,
a hue of rouge to the apple grove,
And grasses, once slender, display their coronation
with heads replete of grain!
Such unfolding miracle is one to draw
our humble thanks, applaud Nature's Way,
Recall the times of planting whose labours
set the table for Summer's blessing.
Yet we of vigilance do know how Nature shall breed
another contest to humanity,
For Summer may exclaim the forest fire, she may heat
land and water to distress,
In servanthood she is our loving partner, in tyranny
she will ever claim our surrender.
Summer is Nature's immigration with blessing
beyond compare, yet with risk,
So too the heritage of Canada, how migrants
have multiplied plantings in our past,
And flows of humanity will by Nature's providence
be the Summer of our future.
Together, we shall stand on guard for thee, O Canada.

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Quilt of Valour, presented to Marc Girard



On Saturday May 25th, the Quilts of Valour – Canada Society (www.quiltsofvalour.ca) presented a quilt to Beaver Valley Legion member Marc Girard. Marc has been an active member of the Legion since retiring from the military. As a paratrooper, Marc made hundreds of 'jumps' and served in several overseas operations including Afghanistan.

Marc was presented with a quilt, in recognition of his service, which included symbolism representing New Brunswick where he now makes his home.

Members of RCL Branch 281 Beaver Valley, gathered at the cenotaph to witness and celebrate the presentation.

Preserving the Family Cottage

As the weather gets warm we see a transition as some come to enjoy their vacation properties in Southern Georgian Bay and others go afar to do the same. Many families eagerly anticipate quality time at their cottages - cherished retreats often passed down through generations. As you enjoy the summer with family and friends, you may also want to reflect on considerations around cottage ownership.

For instance, creating a succession plan for a vacation home can be complex due to the property's sentimental value and potential for differing interests among heirs. Open communication is key.

Over time, the property's value has likely appreciated, leading to potential capital gains and probate taxes once it comes time to pass on the property to your next generation. Considerations like the principal residence exemption or making sure to adjust the cost base by adding eligible renovation expenses may help reduce these taxes.

Estate liquidity is another potential issue. A financial plan can help determine what your estate might look like. If the estate lacks funds to cover taxes and other costs arising on death, assets like a second property may need to be sold to cover the expenses. Families may want to explore allowing their children to purchase the property or purchasing a life insurance policy to provide the necessary funds.

Trusts enable shared ownership with trustees overseeing maintenance and costs, but be aware of unique tax considerations such as the "21-year-rule" which may trigger capital gains every 21 years.

Preserving a vacation property's legacy requires tax planning, communication, and tailored arrangements. Proactive planning ensures a smooth transition honoring the property's history.

Talk to your tax and legal advisors, and wealth planning team to help ensure you are taking advantage of the relevant options.

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- ✓ Small class sizes that allow for personalized and differentiated learning
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- ✓ Regular and open communication with families

Summer Grade 11 University English (ENG3U) August 12th through August 30th

Join us for a synchronous online ENG3U course that will be delivered in a summer-school format during the three weeks of summer prior to the Labour Day weekend. Pre-course reading will be available in late June.

Our academic year is divided into academic blocks. The following three blocks have classes scheduled from 3:30pm-6pm, allowing local students to participate after their regular school day has concluded.

All classes take place at the National Ski Academy: 200 Oak Street, Collingwood, ON L9Y 2Y1

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The course registration form is available on our website: www.nsa.on.ca/academics/

Looking for more info or have a completed course registration form to send in?

Please contact Head of School, Tobin Walsh: twalsh@nsa.on.ca



Brian Harkness Named 2024 Senior of the Year

photo by Town Staff

The Town is pleased to announce that local resident Brian Harkness has been selected as the recipient of the 2024 Province of Ontario Senior of the Year Award for the Town of The Blue Mountains.

Established in 1994, the Senior of the Year Award honours one outstanding local senior in each municipality in Ontario. The nominee must be over the age of 65 and have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the community.

Brian received the award from Mayor Matrosovs and Council at the June 24 Council Meeting. "Brian was humble in accepting this nomination because like many volunteers in our community, he serves without expecting recognition," said Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "Brian was a member of the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club for over a decade, including terms as Treasurer and President. He is a board member of the community-owned North East Grey Health Clinics, where he began as treasurer and has now served as Chair for the last eight years. He is the secretary of the Meaford Hospital Foundation, and he is a good neighbour too. Brian volunteers his time to provide leadership with both the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association and the Lora Bay Community Association." Mayor Matrosovs continued: "Brian is a doer in our community and all of Council is proud to select him as our Town of The Blue Mountains Senior of the Year. We want to thank him for everything he does."

A video of the award presentation is available on the Town's website. www.thebluemountains.ca

To learn more about the Ontario Senior of the Year Award, please visit: www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community#section-3



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The Blue Mountains Cultural Map Live

The Craighleith Heritage Depot, the Blue Mountains Public Library, and the Town of The Blue Mountains are excited to announce the launch of an interactive Cultural Map. The map is designed to celebrate the rich heritage and diversity of the community. It is a one-stop resource for residents and visitors to explore the cultural, natural, and intangible heritage that defines the area. Staff have been working closely with the public over the last few months to identify over 75 sites for the July launch.

"We thank the Museum for their leadership in launching this cultural journey. Our Town is rich in cultural and natural heritage, and it is so important to collect and document the traditions and stories that enriches our community far beyond a geographical map." – Mayor Matrosovs

"There's been a lot of excitement and interest in the project," says Museum Curator Alessia Farris, "We're always looking for creative ways to work with the community to preserve and share cultural landmarks, traditions, and stories for future generations, and with the Cultural Map, we're both collaboratively protecting and making history."

The Cultural Map goes beyond simply pinpointing locations. It delves into the stories, traditions, and natural wonders that make up the unique identity of the Town of The Blue Mountains, including:

Cultural Heritage: Historic sites, buildings, landmarks, and artifacts that are significant to the community.

Natural Heritage: Breathtaking landscapes, geological formations, and natural habitats that define the region's beauty.

Intangible Heritage: The traditions, folklore, festivals, and social practices passed down through generations that capture the essence of The Blue Mountains' spirit.

Whether you're a long-time local or a curious visitor, the Cultural Map offers an engaging way to explore the Town of The Blue Mountains. A physical copy is in development and will launch at a later date. Members of the public are encouraged to continue to contribute and help the map grow and evolve.

To access the Map and learn more about the project, visit <https://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/museum/tbm-cultural-map>

SAVE the Date –

The Seniors Network, Town of Blue Mountains, has set the date for its annual Seniors Fair. **Mark Wednesday, September 18th, from 10 – 2**, in your fall calendar. Representatives of lots of services and groups for seniors will gather at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. To learn more, call the Seniors Network representative at BVO (519 599 2577, ext. 6)

Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) is now available for applications from Seniors (65 or older), Adults with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate (as of June 27, 2024) and Children under the age of 18 (as of June 27, 2024). For more information, you can call the CDCP assistance line: 1 833 537 4342. Also remember that, from July 8th on, oral health care providers can bill the CDCP program for services to patients even if they have NOT joined up the program. They can choose to bill the program.

BVO's Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW) starts its summer schedule as of July 1st: This will give time to plan for the autumn/winter activities, including finding new service providers for its phone-in program. Meanwhile, BVO's SCWW phone program will be on summer vacation.

BVO's Answers4Seniors will continue to be available throughout the summer. Have questions, need information, want to find out about services you need? Call 519 599 2577, ext. 6. If no one is in the office when you call, leave a voice message or send an e-mail: seniors@bvo.ca.

BVO's New Territory4Seniors, in person information presentations return in mid September.

BVO 'pop-up' summer events - check BVO's website (BVO.ca), Facebook page or add your name & contact information to BVO's e-mail or regular mail list



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Giant Hogweed

is a member of the carrot family and its resemblance to Queen Anne's lace caused it to become a garden ornamental. It spreads easily and can establish along roadsides, ditches, and streams. Giant hogweed has a thick bright green stem (3-8 cm in diameter) with dark reddish-purple spots and coarse white hairs at the base of the leaf stock. The plant can be 2-5.5m tall with broad leaves that are deeply-lobed and serrated. From late spring to mid-summer, giant hogweed produces a large upside-down umbrella-shaped head, up to 80 cm across, with clusters of tiny white flowers. Giant hogweed has a phototoxic sap that, when exposed to light, can cause severe burns on human skin. Removing hogweed can be dangerous because of this sap; it should also not be burned or composted for this reason. The easiest way to remove giant hogweed is to pull it when it is still very young and small and store all plant components in sealed black garbage bags until the plant is dried and seeds are no longer viable.



Tree Trust TBM Upgrades Tree Nursery

Tree Trust TBM has broken ground on a new native tree nursery at the Tomahawk Golf Course in Thornbury. As you may know, the Tree Trust Nursery has focused on producing small tree seedlings harvested from underneath the canopy of older, resilient, and well-adapted trees, with seed sources utilized from Ravenna, Heathcote, Thornbury, and the Windfall development. Supported by numerous volunteers assisting in seed collection, planting, watering, and weeding, and Town of Blue Mountains staff, the project has thrived on community involvement.

Now, the project is expanding, relocating approximately 50m south of its current location at the Tomahawk Golf Course. This move brings much-needed upgrades such as a larger footprint to accommodate more seedlings, permanent fencing options, and a natural windbreak from surrounding trees. Gratitude is extended to Gerbe Botden from the Blue Mountain Fruit Company for tilling the site and to Tobias Effinger from Arboreal Tree Care and to Sarah Waggott for their unwavering support.

As the new nursery takes shape, the next steps involve enriching the soil with compost and constructing a visually pleasing fence. We are currently seeking donations to acquire fencing and shading materials for our new Tree Trust Nursery at the Tomahawk Golf Course, essential for protecting young tree stock. Please get in touch with us if you would like to contribute to the success of this project.

Contact program@treetrust.ca for more information or to enquire about donations for the relocated nursery.

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