



Another great day in the neighbourhood

Gateway Project Request for Proposals concludes without an award of contract

The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation (BMAHC) has concluded the Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a Design-Builder for the Gateway Project without awarding a contract.

"The high cost of borrowing, labour and construction materials combined with reduced government funding have had a profound impact on the financial viability of housing projects across Canada, including the Gateway Project," said Jennifer Bisley, Executive Director.

The BMAHC was seeking a Design-Builder to undertake the design and construction of the Gateway Project, a mixed-use attainable housing development proposed at 171 King Street E. in Thornbury. The plan was for construction to be primarily funded through capital grants and financing from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation with the Town contributing land, relief from development fees and charges, and a loan for working capital.

The RFP was issued to four prequalified proponents in June 2022 with the intent to enter an agreement for preliminary design development work based on the proposed design concept. One proposal was received from Buttcon Limited by the revised submission deadline of December 2, 2022. The proposal met all mandatory and technical requirements, but the funding proposal exceeded the stated budget. In accordance with the RFP, Buttcon Limited was invited to commence negotiations to determine options to reduce costs.

"We are disappointed with the outcome," said Gavin Leitch, BMAHC Chair. "I want to thank Buttcon Limited for their efforts to work with us on a solution, but ultimately, we were unable to make the financial model work."

The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation will be considering its options to proceed with the Gateway Project given the ongoing urgent need for attainable housing in the community.

The public may submit questions by email to info@thebluemountainshousing.ca and make a public comment at a BMAHC Board meeting. The BMAHC is scheduled to make a deputation at the March 6, 2023, Town of The Blue Mountains Council meeting to provide an update and respond to questions from Council.

www.thebluemountainshousing.ca

International Women's Day

(IWD) first took place in March 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. Over 1 million women and men attended events to show support. The idea grew via labour unions over the years to support garment and textile workers for better hours and pay. The UN recognized the day in 1975 and the date was set for March 8.

Amnesty International started highlighting the human rights of women many years ago. Thornbury Group 82 has been part of that program. This month the group has a display and suggestions for action in the L.E. Shore Library.

Three women are being profiled:

Dorgeleese Nauessan (Cameroon) was jailed for attending her first protest to raise concerns about the economy of the country.

Chow Hang-tung (Hong Kong) was jailed for asking people via social media to light candles to remember those killed in the Tiananmen Square crackdown.

Aleksandra Skochilekabout (Russia) was arrested and charged for replacing price tags in a supermarket with labels that gave information about the invasion of Ukraine.

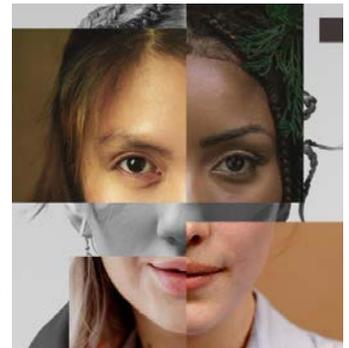
For further information call Norine 519-599-2442



Wed Mar 8, All day

Celebrate local women on International Women's Day!

We will be highlighting women who have had a community impact here in The Blue Mountains. Each hour a woman's story will be shared; acknowledging 24 women in 24 hours. Join us on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media channels! Tel 519-599-3681 x 6
Email depot@thebluemountains.ca



The majority of Canadians will adjust their clocks forward an hour on March 12, 2023, marking the beginning of eight months of extended daylight into the evening. Before you go to bed on the evening of March 11, make sure to manually set any analog clocks and watches in your home an hour ahead. Your digital and Wi-Fi connected devices should make the switch automatically, but it doesn't hurt to double-check them the morning of March 12, just to be sure.

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Black History Map of Grey County Launched by Grey Roots

An interactive map of significant Black history sites in Grey County has been launched online by Grey Roots Museum & Archives. The map highlights numerous locations across Grey County, including the Old Durham Road Black Pioneer Cemetery, Negro Creek Road, Mudtown in Owen Sound, and many more. Each entry features archival and modern photos, as well as detailed historical information and links to further resources. Black communities took root and flourished in Grey County from the earliest days of non-Indigenous settlement. Communities were established in Priceville, Ceylon, Nenagh, Negro Creek, and in Owen Sound, which served as a terminal point of the Underground Railroad. The Black History Map of Grey County connects users to this important and lesser known history.

"Black communities and families have been here since before the County of Grey was established," says Stephanie McMullen, Community Historian for Grey Roots Museum & Archives. "Many experienced significant challenges in settling here, and their stories and history are as vital now as ever. With this map, we've put together an easy-to-use platform for visitors and residents of Grey County to learn about and contribute to Grey County's Black history."

Users are invited to submit locations to the Black History Map through an online submission form.

"This map is community focused. Inviting the community to help expand it is a great opportunity to improve not just the map, but our understanding of local Black history," added McMullen.

The Black History Map of Grey County is available for public use now. It can be used as a research tool at home, an educational tool in the classroom, or as a navigation aid when undertaking a driving tour of Black history sites in Grey County.

Explore the map at greyroots.com/black-history-map.

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.

For information, please email info@thebluemountainsoccer.com
Contact: Jen bluemountainsoccer.com



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Grey County seeking public members for advisory committees related to agriculture, planning, and economic development

Grey County is seeking applications for public membership on two advisory committees to council. Applications for the Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committees are now available online at www.Grey.ca.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee considers matters related to the agricultural sector. Individuals involved in any aspect of agriculture who are interested in contributing local knowledge and their expertise on emerging issues and new initiatives are encouraged to apply. This committee meets virtually.

The Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee provides advice on planning policies and considers issues and opportunities related to economic development, tourism and culture strategies and initiatives. Applications are welcome from anyone with interest and experience related to any aspect of the committee's mandate. Both committees are volunteer positions and are expected to meet 4 to 6 times per year. Interested applicants can find the application forms online at www.grey.ca/advisory-committees. **The application deadline is March 16, 2023.**

Bluewater District School Board 2023-2024 Budget Public Consultation Survey

The survey will be open until March 8

Members of the public are being invited to share their feedback as part of Bluewater District School Board's annual budget planning process. Students, parents/guardians, staff, and other stakeholders can participate in a short online survey to assist the Board of Trustees in identifying priorities for the efficient, effective, and equitable use of board resources in 2023-2024. The survey is now open and will be available until Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. on Bluewater District School Board's website at www.bwdsb.on.ca

Interested participants who require another survey format are asked to please contact Bluewater District School Board at budget_consultation@bwdsb.on.ca or 226-908-5753. Members of the public may also present their ideas for the 2023-2024 budget at the Business Committee of the Whole Board meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. For further details on making a presentation, please contact Bluewater District School Board, as outlined above. Members of the public who wish to present, must confirm, and provide their presentation by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023.

Expert Plant Diggers Available to Divide & Pot-Up Perennials for the St. George's Plant Sale.

The date for the annual Giant Plant Sale is set for Saturday June 3rd 2023 beginning at 8 am at the church. Last year, over 1,000 prize perennials, shrubs and trees were donated and sold. To ensure there are lots of plants for sale this year, St. George's is organizing teams of Diggers who will come to homes where people are not able to divide, dig and pot up perennials from their garden for the St. George's Plant Sale. Anyone who donates 15 or more plants will receive an Income Tax Donation Receipt for the amount their plants sell for. A total of \$6,174 in Income Tax Receipts were issued by the church last month for last year's plant donations. To arrange for someone to come and assess your plants for dividing and digging, please call the church office at 519-599-3047

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Coming Soon to Napier Street East More Tree Trust Legacy Tree Care

Tree Trust TBM collects donations to make sure older trees in TBM receive restorative pruning conducted by knowledgeable arborists. These older, "senior" trees are irreplaceable beautifiers of our landscape and carbon capturing heroes – a mature tree captures as much carbon as an estimated 269 saplings.

Since our inception in August of 2020, Tree Trust TBM has performed life-extending tree care on seven senior trees in TBM, some of which are estimated to be in the range of 150 years old. These trees were very much in need to restorative pruning, which helps to reduce limb loss and encourages balanced and sustainable future growth.

This year, Tree Trust TBM will be completing life-extending professional tree care for three legacy sugar maple trees, each with an estimated age of more than 100 years. The three trees are in close proximity to one another on Napier Street East and Russel Street East. Hydro line access and arborist scheduling will be streamlined by grouping these trees together for conservation care. Residents in this area have been asked to refrain from tapping the trees for maple syrup as this can add extra stress in a year of anticipated pruning.



Stay tuned for an announcement of the date for this conservation work. The public will be invited and welcome to visit throughout the day to watch the Arboreal Tree Care arborists at work, performing their high canopy, aerial feats of tree care.

Tree Trust TBM is a charitable organization that collects and applies donated funds to maintain and extend the lives of significant legacy trees and grow new generations of trees in TBM. We are still fundraising for care of these trees so please consider supporting this effort. Donations can be made at www.tree trust.ca (specify TBM chapter in the drop down menu associated with the donate button). For further information or assistance, contact tbm@tree trust.ca

Beaver Valley Sustainable Tourism Strategy

An application was submitted to the Tourism Economic Development & Recovery Fund in April 2021, with approval received in August 2022. In December 2022, following a request for proposals process, Bannikin was awarded the contract to develop the region's first Beaver Valley Sustainable Tourism Strategy and Action Plan.

The Beaver Valley Corridor is located at the southern tip of Georgian Bay, and cuts into the Niagara Escarpment. It begins near the Village of Flesherton at the south end, and includes the communities of Kimberley, Eugenia and Thornbury-Clarksburg in the north. The Corridor includes the Bruce Trail, Beaver River, and several natural landmarks including Old Baldy, Duncan Crevice Caves and Eugenia Falls. Visitor amenities and tourism infrastructure are limited, there is no consistent branding and positioning, and there is confusion between the multiple public and private landowners, user groups and land stewards around role and responsibility, creating barriers to making the area market-ready.

To date, limited attention has been focused on realizing the Corridor's place as a strategic regional and provincial asset for rural economic development and diversification. As such, an opportunity exists to research and develop a Sustainable Tourism Strategy and three-year Action Plan. As a biosphere reserve, this strategy seeks to

find alignment among stakeholders, understanding that biosphere reserves focus on balancing nature conservation with sustainable development for and with communities. To guide the process, the project partners with guidance from the Bannikin team have set the following project goal:

By late-Fall 2023, project partners Grey County, RTO7, the Town of The Blue Mountains, and the Municipality of Grey Highlands, alongside regional stakeholders, have co-developed a sustainable tourism strategy to envision the desired future state of the Beaver Valley Corridor along with a three-year action plan to initiate first steps.

The project involves four phases; the team is currently on step one:

1. Project Initiation, Management, and Communications (Begins Q1)
2. Research and Engagement Planning (Begins Q1)
3. Market Research and Landscape Assessment (Begins Q2)
4. Strategy Development and Implementation Planning (Begins Q3)

As per the contribution agreement, work is expected to be complete in Q4 of 2023 with final reports submitted by December 31, 2023.

Funding of \$50,000 for this project was included in the 2023 budget. Partner revenues of \$40,000 from Grey Highlands, Town of The Blue Mountains, RTO7 and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport will offset the majority cost.

In Memoriam

SHARON LYNN HARBOTTLE

It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that the family of Sharon Lynn Harbottle of Clarksburg, ON announces her passing on February 20th, 2023 at the Meaford Hospital following her short battle with cancer. Sharon was surrounded and supported by her loved ones the entire time.

Sharon is survived by her husband Dean and her four loving children Madelene, Hillary, Scott and Grant. She will be dearly missed by her mother Linda Scott and was predeceased by her father Johnston Scott in 2019.

She was the dear sister of Karen Strong (husband Craig), John Scott, and Pamela Scott-Bovens (husband Mike). Sharon will be missed by her sister-in-law Deborah Harbottle, brother-in-law Dale Harbottle (partner Lori), and by her nieces and nephews.

To family and friends Sharon was known as a devoted mother, cherished daughter, beloved sister, and patient wonderful wife; always supporting and uplifting those around her. Her beautiful smile, kind soul, and witty humour were infectious. The door was always open and whether it be for a home cooked meal or a place to stay, her home and her heart were always full. Sharon's primary focus was her family and raising her 4 children along with owning/running her farm and a successful business for 30 years with husband Dean. Sharon was close with all of her family members and loved hosting family gatherings; a true culinary genius.

Brilliant and honest with an uncanny ability to see possibilities over obstacles, Sharon turned everything into a fun adventure. When not working Sharon enjoyed spending time with her many horses, a lifelong dream of hers, and could often be found on the coldest of nights out in the barn brushing her horses with a smile on her face. Many fond memories were made at the family cottage on Lake Eugenia where Sharon enjoyed boating, paddling, and floating on the water.

Sharon will be lovingly missed by all those who knew her, and she will forever and always be in our hearts.

Thank you to the amazing nurses at the Meaford Hospital for the care and compassion you've shown Sharon and her family, your kindness will never be forgotten.

Cremation has taken place. A private funeral service will be held in Sharon's honour. The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support; but does ask for privacy during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers the family kindly requests that donations be made to either of the following charities: the Glioblastoma Foundation or the Meaford Hospital Foundation, 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



JANET MARY BENNETT

On February 25, just shy of her 86th Birthday Janet Mary Jane Bennett (nee Cottrell) passed away peacefully in her sleep at hospice with her family by her side. Beloved wife of John Bennett for over 63 years (July 4, 1959), Jan lived a full and exciting life. She will be remembered with love by her children Richard (Betty), Sue (Paul) and Steve



(Marina), her grandchildren, Claire (Alex), Owen (Louise) and Ellen (Vivek) and her great-grandson, Rory.

Jan travelled extensively throughout her life. Born and raised in Southampton, England, she lived in Hong Kong from age 17 to 21, (her father was a Hydrographer, and he was stationed in HK to help construct the Kai Tak airport,) before going on a working holiday to Australia in 1958 where she met and married her life-long 'partner in crime' in Perth, on July 4, 1959. They returned to the UK in 1960 to meet their respective in-laws for the first time and have their children.

While raising the children, she went back to college and became a teacher.

In 1975 the family moved from Stafford to Canada (Mississauga) and after a brief stint as a supply teacher, Jan pursued a successful career in real estate, before retiring to Collingwood in 1998.

Favourite pastimes included regular family camping and boating trips to the French River to experience the Canadian wilderness, boating on Lake Ontario out of the Oakville Power Boat Club and Tennis at the ORC.

Post retirement Jan and John wintered in Mexico for many years. They loved their time there and developed some great friendships. She was always active and engaged in her community: golf, tennis, the arts (she loved painting and was an active volunteer at Blue Mountain Foundation of the Arts), Probus Club (an early member of Probus Gateway), Bridge, Book Club, you name it. Fortunately, Jan's diagnosis with Parkinson's in 2019 didn't slow her down too much, she remained well read and stayed sharp with her daily crossword and Jeopardy, and she remained an avid gardener.

Jan loved her friends and family; she would cook up a storm to host their annual Christmas party. She loved to keep busy and was notoriously late for everything, including her own (and Richard's) wedding. Jan was a great wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother – funny, caring, generous. She is loved deeply and will leave a large void in our lives.

We'd like to thank Dr. Wells and the staff at both Campbell House, and CGMH for their care.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Campbell House (<https://hospicegeorgiantriangle.com>) and/or to 'Living Better with Parkinson's' (Collingwood) (<https://livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca>).

A Celebration of Jan's Life will be scheduled in early May, once the flowers are out!

Friends may visit Jan's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com where you can learn more about Jan and a life well lived.

DONNA "RUTH" WHITE

Ruth died peacefully at home Thursday February 9, 2023 in her 86th year. She was a daughter of the late Bruce and Alma (nee Parker) Hodgkinson. Beloved wife of the late Donald White. Proud and loving mother of Steve Dawson, Sherry (Mike) Fiske, Dan (Patti) Dawson and Len Dawson. Adored grandma of Erika, Angie (Joel), Tracey (Brad), Mandy (Dan), Dan and Luke and great grandmother of Audrey, Hudson, Jona, and Blaze.

She will be missed by her sister Shirley (Vern) Watson, brother Merle Hodgkinson, and sister in law Lyn Hodgkinson. Ruth was predeceased by her brothers Bryan and Ron.

Ruth was born in Goring and lived in Kimberley until the age of 12. The family then moved to Thornbury where she remained until she suffered a stroke. Ruth then moved to Collingwood to be near family. She enjoyed the outdoors, oil painting and had a great love for all animals. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A graveside service will be held in the spring. As an expression of sympathy donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation in Ruth's memory. Friends may visit Ruth's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com



*Remembering our parents Wilma Woodhouse
who we lost Mar 14, 1998 and Arnold
Woodhouse who we lost May 17, 2007.
Your legacy, your love lives on.
Remembered by Bernie, Sharon, Janet,
Julie, Randy and families.*

PRAYER

*What wings are to a bird, and sails to a ship,
So is prayer to the soul.* (Corrie Ten Bloom)

by Alice Otrysko

You don't need to believe in God to pray. Prayer can be a reflection, a meditation, a musing, a plea, or thoughts of gratitude.

I believe in God so prayer for me is important and a crutch, if you will, at times of difficulty and sadness. It also stirs up hope: hope that someone or some being is actually listening to me or at the very least my words or my thoughts which have allowed me to express what I am feeling at the moment. That in itself is therapeutic—just putting into words what you feel at the moment. (It wasn't very therapeutic when as a child, I had to kneel on the bare floor beside my bed to pray before bedtime. I said those prayers very quickly.)

With Ash Wednesday (the day after Pancake Tuesday), the holy season of Lent begins for all Christians. It culminates in Easter Sunday which marks the resurrection of Jesus and to all believers, underlines that Jesus is God. For me growing up in a Christian home, Lent was a time of sacrifice, prayer and performance of good deeds.

It was a strict time in our family when meat was banned for 40 days and meals became simpler and everyone was encouraged to give up something for Lent or perform some kind of good deed. Giving up sweets was the most common and the hardest for kids.

My grandfather was a very religious man having survived Siberia and all that followed and lived to be in his 80's. He attributed his survival to God. As a result the entire family, uncles, aunts, cousins were under his strict rule to honour Lent as it should be honoured. He himself went to Mass every single morning and encouraged us to do the same. I managed to get to Mass on Fridays before school.

Group prayer is the most powerful prayer so attending church or praying with others makes a big difference in the blessings that are received. We also believe that praying together is more effective. I don't doubt that as in my own experience I remember asking for prayers from my friends and acquaintances for a specific reason and sure enough, it worked! I was overjoyed. I think a unity in spirit is a powerful thing just like support from family and friends can be at times.

I went to a Catholic school, elementary and secondary and was a teacher and principal in the Catholic School Board in Toronto so I was immersed in all that revolved around prayer. The day began with prayer in each classroom and attending Mass as a school once a month was par for the course. Every day included prayer. I think it worked as it made ourselves and the students believe in the power prayer has on us. It was also a few minutes of peace amidst the constant noise of a classroom and school.

Being with nature and surrounded by nature allows us to commune with it and that is prayer. The trees, the birds, the feel of the sun, the noises of the wind allow us to nurture our souls and meditate. That is prayer. Recently a friend gave me a booklet: "I Said a Prayer for You". I started to go through it and recognized several prayers that were part of my life and began to recite them to myself again.

I love the prayer on the back cover which I would like to give you and perhaps you can read it now and again if for nothing else but the joy of it.

*I said a prayer for you today,
And know God must have heard,
I felt the answer in my heart
Although he spoke no word.*

*I asked that he'd be near you
At the start of each new day,
To grant you health and blessing
And friends to share your way.*

*I didn't ask for wealth or fame,
I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind.*

*I ask for happiness for you
In all things great and small,
But it was for His loving care
I prayed for most of all.*



GBPH marking National Nutrition Month

www.dietitians.ca

March is Nutrition Month in Canada. To mark this annual occasion, Grey Bruce Public Health is shining a spotlight on both the important work Registered Dietitians do in the community and at GBPH and the potential of food to enhance lives and improve health.

"Registered Dietitians in Grey-Bruce can assist residents to unlock the potential of food in a variety of ways and throughout the lifespan and are a trusted source of nutrition information all year long. They can also help to connect residents to the supports they need.

"On a population level, Public Health Dietitians work with community partners to create supportive food environments, reduce health inequities, and address food insecurity."

Registered Dietitians can help to unlock the potential of food to:

- Provide the nutrients and energy for proper growth and development;
- Prevent, delay, or manage the symptoms of chronic diseases and other health conditions;
- Maintain muscle strength and balance to reduce the risk of falls;
- Support or improve mental health;
- Move toward a more plant-based and sustainable diet; and
- Bring people together to decrease the risks of isolation and loneliness.

Clinical Dietitians, who work with individual patients or groups, can be accessed through Family Health Teams, Community Health Centres, hospitals, and in private practice. Grey-Bruce residents who do not have access to a Registered Dietitian locally can receive free nutrition information and advice via Health Connect Ontario (formerly Telehealth) by calling 811.

Throughout Nutrition Month, Grey Bruce Public Health will be utilizing its social media channels to provide information on tools, recipes, and resources that are available to help residents unlock the potential of food at different ages and stages in life.

Please follow GBPH on social media to learn more about the themes and activities during the National Nutrition Month:

Grey Bruce Public Health on Facebook

@GBPublicHealth on Twitter

Dietary Intakes in Ontario

Public Health Ontario's (PHO) report What's on the Plate? looks at the mean dietary intake of Ontarians according to food groupings that align and do not align with Canada's Food Guide (CFG), and what types of foods are most consumed.

The report found that on a single day in Ontario, vegetables and fruits made up 29% of the volume of all foods consumed, whereas protein foods made up 22%, whole grain foods made up 8%, and 41% was made up of non-whole grain and other foods. Overall, the report found that the vast majority of meals were made up of non-whole grain and other foods – food types that are not aligned with the 2019 CFG recommendations.



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 to get your own copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



Things to do in and for your garden in March

- Start tuberous begonias & caladiums corms in pots.
- Plant brassicas (the cabbage family) seeds and hardy annuals for late May planting outdoors.
- Start tomatoes, lettuce and other fast growers from seed in late March to early April.
- Make a list of spring chores in the order they should be done, if you haven't already done so.
- Order summer flowering bulbs. Try www.botanus.com
- Order/buy seeds for summer planting NOW!
- Check, repair and sharpen your gardening tools.
- Apply combination dormant oil spray to fruit trees & pest-prone shrubs when above-freezing weather permits.
- Bring Spring indoors. Start forcing branches of spring-flowering shrubs like Forsythia.
- If you can find them, buy narcissus bulbs and grow them in gravel with water
- Prune summer-flowering shrubs and vines.
- When the snow is gone from your garden beds and they are still wet, but before the new leaves emerge, apply triple-19 agricultural fertilizer liberally. Midwest Co-Op, Markdale at \$37.40 a 55 lb bag.
- Plan to plant a few bird-attracting, native berry plants and shrubs, plus pollinator perennials for bees and butterflies.
- When the snow goes, loosen up and dig in packed down winter mulch and press any perennials that have heaved, back into place.
- If there are any students out there who are Interested in garden work after school this spring and this summer, please get in touch now. There are lots of jobs available. Contact John Hethrington john@casacarole.com



Pop Whiz, Canada's Pop Culture Trivia Game Show, is Now Casting for Season 2!

Back by popular demand, GameTV and Carpe Diem Media are proud to announce the renewal of Pop Whiz for its second season with 15 all-new half hour episodes.

Pop Whiz brings all the wow factor you'd expect from a studio show to our redesigned mobile stage. Our travelling trivia game show tests teens aged 13-17 across Canada on their knowledge of all things pop culture! Teens will have a chance to be on National television, win great prizes and earn bragging rights as Pop Whiz Champion!

Pop Whiz is excited to announce the return of internet sensation Andrew Gunadie, aka 'Gunnarolla,' as the host of Pop Whiz Season 2. Gunnarolla has travelled the globe for GameTV, Travel Channel and HGTV and will explore communities across Canada with Pop Whiz.

Pop Whiz is filming in Niagara Falls, Blue Mountain, Barrie, Ottawa, and Halifax, commencing May through July 2023. "In Season 1, our contestants unanimously had a fantastic experience, and we are now recruiting contestants for Season 2." Ryan Vickers, Creative Director.

If you've ever dreamed of getting your face on National TV, casting for contestants is now open on our Virtual Audition Portal. We encourage everyone aged 13-17 to audition for a chance to become the new Pop Whiz Champion!

Pop Whiz is produced with the funding support of the Canada Media Fund and will premier across Canada on GameTV. Please contact Aidan Bertolas Production Director | Carpe Diem Media Email: a.bertolas@outlook.com , Phone: 647-982-5645

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Blue Mountain Village Foundation Winter/Spring 2023 Grant Funding Program Open for Applications

Applications are now being accepted for The Blue Mountain Village Foundation (BMVF) Winter/Spring 2023 Grant Funding Program. Non-profit organizations and community groups are encouraged to apply for funding before the application deadline on **March 17th**.

The BMVF awards grants to charitable organizations in the South Georgian Bay Region (including Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Stayner, Town of the Blue Mountains, Meaford, Duntroon, Singhampton, Kimberley & Creemore) whose programs & activities address social gaps in our community. Through community engagement & advocacy, program delivery, and fundraising, the BMVF supports areas of health, education, the arts, the environment, family support, recreation, and more.

Support is given through cash grants to provide funding for specific projects that meet the Foundation's mandate and criteria. Operational costs or salaries are not considered. Once the application review is complete, the Selection Committee will make recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Directors for final approval. The Foundation Selection Committee reviews applications twice a year.

Winter/Spring 2022/23 Grant Funding

Criteria and guidelines for submissions have been developed to reflect the most pressing needs identified in our community and by local social service agencies. The guidelines include the following:

Basic Criteria:

- Programs must address identified social gaps, and service the South Georgian Bay Community, programs should be delivered between March 2023 & February 2024, and financial requests not exceed \$5000.
- Social gaps include:

- Gaps in services and supports for seniors;
- Limited access to housing and other workforce challenges;
- Food insecurity;
- Economic barriers faced by individuals and families (e.g., impacts of inflation and rise in the cost of living);
- Rise in mental health challenges;
- Reduction in access to health care services;
- Increase in family problems such as domestic abuse;
- Diversity of programs to support youth;

- All Basic Criteria outlined above (dates, programming timeline, one or more social gaps identified) must be met for grant applications to be reviewed by the selection committee.

Please complete the application form found here:

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and submit it along with any additional information that you think would be helpful. Submissions are not to exceed 10 pages including attachments.

Please submit your applications to BMVF by **March 17, 2023**, to foundation@bluemountainvillage.ca. Our Selection Committee will assess all grant applications and disburse funds by March 31, 2023. If you would like, you can donate to our efforts and all funds raised will receive a tax receipt, and help us to increase the amount of grant money we can provide. Direct donations can be made at: www.bluemountainvillage.ca/foundation/donate

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Grey County Meeting Highlights February 23

Grey County Council met on February 23, 2023 in the Council Chamber and virtually on Zoom. The meeting was immediately followed by a session of Committee of the Whole. Recordings of the meetings can be found on Grey County's YouTube Channel.

Committee of the Whole

- Council discussed a notice of motion from Paul McQueen regarding the expansion of Grey Gables. Grey County received preliminary approval for an additional 62 bed licenses for the home in 2020. After considering additional information about redevelopment costs and complexity of the projects in 2021, the Council of the day voted to continue moving forward with the redevelopment of Rockwood Terrace and pause the expansion of Grey Gables. Councillor McQueen's motion raised concerns about the possibility of losing the allocation of the new beds and directed staff to bring back a report for Council to revisit the decision. Current Ministry timelines will require significant design work to be completed and a project to be tendered by the end of August of this year to be eligible for additional funding announced in November of 2022. After much discussion, Council voted to defer the motion until the tender process for Rockwood Terrace redevelopment has been completed.
- Council heard a delegation from resident Alan Wisniewski regarding proposed enhancement plans for Grey Road 19 in the Town of The Blue Mountains. Mr. Wisniewski expressed concerns with the widening of the road and the addition of a roundabout. The delegation requested Council not support a recently completed environmental assessment for the project.
- Council approved the advanced purchase of two ambulances for 2024 due to 20-month delivery timelines.
- Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act was passed by the province in late November 2022. One of the key changes in Bill 23, which came into effect on January 1, 2023, was to limit conservation authorities' role in the planning and development review process. Conservation authorities are no longer able to provide natural heritage review comments. Council discussed the gap left by this change and directed staff move forward with hiring an additional

staff member to take on this responsibility. In addition, Grey County will collaborate with interested member municipalities who are interested in accessing this service.

Council previously approved \$3 million to support Lutheran Social Services in building a 40-unit affordable housing building.

LSSOS is a non profit housing provider that provides affordable housing for seniors, those with low income or living with disabilities. The organization has been in operation for over 30 years and is governed by a board of directors. LSSOS is applying to the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Initiative for capital funding for a 40-unit affordable housing build on property they currently own located at 3rd Avenue East in Owen Sound. As part of the National Housing Strategy, the Rapid Housing Initiative provides funding to facilitate the rapid construction of new permanent affordable housing units for people and populations who are in severe housing need. The RHI program provides upfront capital for a build so low rental amounts can be achieved to meet the needs of residents in lowest income brackets.

CRITERIA FOR RHI FUNDING

Affordability: All units must be affordable (household is paying less than 30% of their before-tax income on housing costs or the shelter component of any provincial income assistance). It is estimated rents will be \$350-400. Affordability must be maintained for a minimum of 20 yrs.

Target Populations: All units will be dedicated to targeted people and populations who are vulnerable and who are also in severe housing need or people experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness. They must be eligible to be on Grey County community housing waitlist.

Energy Efficiency: New construction projects must meet the energy efficiency standards set out in the National Energy Code for Buildings (NECB) or National Building Code (NBC).

Accessibility: New construction projects must exceed the local accessibility requirements in their jurisdiction by at least 5%. Projects must be able to start by August and be completed within 18 months.

Financial Viability: Non-profits must provide confirmation from a government source that operating and/or program/support subsidies have been secured to support the project's long-term viability. A minimum \$1,000,000 capital contribution must be provided.

Project Description: The build will be a six floor apartment building. There will be 35 one bedroom units and five 2 bedroom units. The units will be energy efficient with the use of energy saver appliances, high levels of insulation in the building to reduce heating and cooling costs and consideration is being given to ground source heat pumps for heating (near zero CO2 emissions). Universal design will be followed for accessibility and there will be 30 accessible units.

Project Cost and Timeline: Lutheran Social Services worked with local firm G.M. Diemert Architect Inc. to determine a cost estimate for the build. The total cost for the 40-unit apartment building is estimated to be \$17,310,000. Hard costs \$16,300,000 and soft costs \$1,431,000. To maintain a financially viable project and meet the Requirements of the Rapid Housing Initiative, an operating subsidy must be provided.

Grey County Affordable Housing Fund: In 2021, the Affordable Housing Committee approved \$3,000,000 from the Affordable Housing Fund towards the build to be used as capital. Lutheran Social Services Affordable Housing Proposal Up front capital funding and ongoing operating subsidies are required for an affordable housing project to be sustainable. Increasing costs to construction, land and higher interest rates make building affordable housing a challenge.

Staff are proposing the funds be divided so that \$1,600,000 will be used as up front capital funding and \$1,400,000 will provide an annual subsidy for 20 years to assist with operating costs. The \$3,000,000 will be used in a different manner than previously approved by council, if LSSOS is successful in obtaining capital funds through the RHI.

Currently the Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) reserve balance is expected to total to \$3,342,030 at year end.

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Ravenna Area Beef Farmer Receives Mapleseed Pasture Award

The Beef Farmers of Ontario, Mapleseed and the Ontario Forage Council, sponsors of the Mapleseed Pasture Award, are pleased to announce that Tom Aikins of Ravenna is the recipient of the 2022 Mapleseed Pasture Award. The award was presented at the Beef Farmers of Ontario Annual General Meeting in Toronto, Feb 22nd for his environmental improvements and exceptional pasture management.



photo from March 2022 Farmers Forum

This year's Beef Pasture Award recipient is a relatively new farmer. Neither of Tom's parents farmed but as a young teenager, he developed a keen interest in agriculture. The "Co-op Programs" during high school, his enthusiasm, respect, and willingness to apply himself, has brought him a long way.

At age 19, he rented his first farm. Tom says, "I am reliant on rented land while developing my beef herd and building equity. I have focused on rebuilding the soil to improve production." He is quick to recognize neighbouring farmers who have taught him a lot, and also provided part time employment on their farms.

Aikins has a beef herd consisting of 45 cows, 5 replacement heifers and also custom feeds 30 calves.

Rotational grazing is a key part of his management-plan, and he feeds round bales on pasture fields during winter to improve organic matter and fertility, while reducing labour costs.

Tom lists his top five Pasture Management Practices to best utilize his resources are Rotationally grazing small paddocks; Electric cross fencing to manage paddock size; Runways to move cattle through to further pastures; Winter feeding pasture and Hauling manure onto pastures to increase fertility.

Scott Fisher, Sales Manager, (Western Ontario) with Mapleseed comments, "It's wonderful to watch a new farm enterprise evolve and develop. With a concern for stewardship, combined with an appetite for knowledge, it is great to see that passion rewarded."

Ray Robertson, Manager of the Ontario Forage Council says, "The recipient is a great example of a young farmer who has followed his dream and has demonstrated his ability to effectively manage his beef and pasture operation."

Grey Highlands Joins a Growing Network of Environmentally Responsible Municipalities in Ontario

To increase its waste diversion and lower its carbon footprint, the Municipality of Grey Highlands has expanded its network of recycling points to recycle used household batteries from the public.



Convenient drop-off buckets have been installed at all arenas and libraries in Grey Highlands. This offers each community a safe and easy way to dispose of and recycle household batteries in addition to the Municipality's Waste and Diversion Sites. Items accepted for recycling include rechargeable and single-use batteries weighing 5kgs or less each. All battery types in Ontario require proper end-of-life management, meaning they must be recycled at a municipal hazardous waste depot through an approved service provider or a retail take-back program. In 2019, Raw Materials Company, with tremendous support from its dedicated collection network, recycled 50% of all the available primary batteries sold in Ontario.

The batteries collected from the Grey Highlands locations will be processed at RMC's Port Colborne, Ontario facility using North America's most environmentally responsible technology. Battery components are crushed and separated into various metals, minerals, plastic, and paper. 100% of each battery is recovered and reused, and no materials enter the landfill.

Recycling batteries in Ontario hasn't always been convenient. In 2009, less than 5% of all single-use batteries were recycled. In 2019, Ontario recycled 50% of all the available single-use batteries sold in the province. For Grey Highlands, 675 kilograms of batteries were diverted from landfills in 2022. "We hope to see that number increase with these added locations throughout the municipality," said Shawn Moyer, Director of Environmental Services for Grey Highlands.

Batteries should never be tossed into the garbage. In Ontario, all battery types are designated as either hazardous or special waste requiring proper end-of-life management.



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Notice of Public Meeting Potential Establishment of a Lobbyist Registry

April 18, 2023 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?

At the January 30, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council received Staff Report FAF.23.021 entitled "Potential Establishment of a Lobbyist Registry". At the corresponding Council meeting on February 13, 2023, Council directed staff to schedule a Public Meeting to gain feedback regarding the creation of a Lobbyist Registry for the Town of The Blue Mountains.

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=15304>

At the Public Meeting scheduled for April 18, 2023, the public will have the opportunity to provide comments and feedback regarding the draft Lobbyist Registry By-law and associated Lobbyist Code of Conduct (Schedule A).

The draft By-law outlines how the Town intends to establish and maintain a Lobbyist Registry for The Blue Mountains.

A copy of the draft Lobbyist Registry By-law, including the Lobbyist Code of Conduct (with revised formatting) is available at the following link:

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=15660>

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the potential establishment of a Lobbyist Registry has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting.

After reviewing the proposed By-law and comments from the public, Staff will bring a recommendation forward to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting.

Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by **1:00 p.m. on Friday April 14, 2023**, 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 Monday April 10, 2023**.

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

Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk if you would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal to:

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

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

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

(519) 599-3131 ext. 234 or cao@thebluemountains.ca

Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information provided for, or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record, including resident deputations. This information may be posted on the Town's website. and/or made available to the public upon request.

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Call for Applications for Provincial Appointee to The Blue Mountains Police Services Board

The Ministry of the Solicitor General are seeking applications from members of the public for one appointment to the Town of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board as the Provincial Appointee.

Appointees to the Police Services Boards should be active members of their community with a general knowledge of Police Services Boards duties and responsibilities, and awareness of community safety issues and programs within their local community. Members appointed by the Province of Ontario must be residents of Ontario and cannot be a judge, justice of the peace, a current police officers or a person who practices criminal law as a defence counsel. There is no limit in the Police Services Board Act with respect to the term of the Provincial Appointee.

Per the Police Services Act a minimum of 4 meetings per year are held, plus an additional Joint Town of Collingwood and Town of The Blue Mountains meeting is held once per year. Meetings are generally once per quarter on the third Wednesday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Meetings are held in-person at Town Hall, Council Chambers at 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, N0H 2P0.

Meetings for the 2023 Calendar Year are scheduled as follows:

- January 18, 2023
- April 19, 2023
- July 19, 2023
- October 18, 2023

All Applications should be submitted online at www.ontario.ca/page/public-appointments. This posting will remain active until filled.

*Questions regarding the Police Services Board, can be directed to Colleen.T.Wansbrough@ontario.ca. Applicants must meet legislated eligibility. Police Services Board applicants are encouraged to visit: www.ontario.ca/page/public-appointments for details on screening and interviews.

Personal information provided by the applicant is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for the purpose of candidate selection. The Town of The Blue Mountains is an equal opportunity organization. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code. This document can be made available in other accessible formats upon request and as soon as practicable.

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Discussing Bill 23 Issues with our MPP Brian Saunderson



The Province's "Build More Homes, Faster" proposal, known as Bill 23, was introduced with the objective of spurring the construction of 1.5 million new residential units in Ontario over the next decade to address current housing shortages. The Bill has been the focus of much debate and concern. There remain many unanswered questions about Bill 23 - the detailed regulations behind it have not yet been released - but the issues raised regarding its anticipated impacts include;

- reductions to funding and role for local conservation authorities
- apparent lack of protection for valuable agricultural lands
- cuts to Development Charges for Attainable and Rental housing, paid by developers, potentially posing infrastructure funding challenges for the Town of Blue Mountains
- lack of tools for municipalities to mandate increases to the supply of attainable / rental housing

Given its importance, and the community's level of interest regarding Bill 23, the BMRA reached out to our riding's MPP, Brian Saunderson, to request that he meet with a group of community stakeholders. We were looking to Brian to explain the government's position, and receive input and questions from the group. Brian agreed to do so, and the meeting was held from 3-5 pm on Friday February 17 at the Marsh Street Centre. The participating community representatives included;

- Bruce Harbinson - Niagara Escarpment Alliance
- Chris Mifflin - Blue Mountains Watershed Trust
- Sally Leppard - Climate Action Now Network
- Larry Hogarth - Institute of Southern Georgian Bay
- John Ardiel, Brian Gilroy - TBM Agricultural Sector
- Andrew Seigwart - Blue Mountain Village Association
- Jennifer Bisley - Exec. Director, BM Attainable Housing Corporation
- Jim Torrance, John White, John Relihan - BMRA Board Members
- Scott Findlay - BMRA, Infrastructure
- Janet Findlay, Pamela Spence - BMRA Planning Subcommittee
- Gavin Leitch - TBM Chamber of Commerce

Areas of Discussion

1) Environmental - Two primary issues were raised.

Reducing the resources allocated to Conservation Authorities will make it more difficult to ensure necessary environmental reviews are conducted, thereby raising the prospect that vulnerable areas, especially floodplains, could become development targets. Changes to the classification of wetlands, that will reduce the number of areas designated as provincially significant wetlands, will present challenges to protecting those vital natural resources. Brian acknowledged the Authorities will experience funding cuts, which could pose a challenge for smaller municipalities which do not have those capabilities on staff, and this will need to be considered. He stated that the Bill's intention is to streamline the role of Conservation Authorities, more in line with their originally established purpose.

The question of pulling land out of the greenbelt was also covered. *Brian stated that while 7200 acres is being removed from the greenbelt, which will allow for the construction of 50,000 homes, there are 9400 acres being added back in. Brian also informed the group that since 2005, Provincial governments have taken land out of the greenbelt sixteen times, so it is not unprecedented. He did note that expanding urbanization will necessitate the protection of other areas.*

2) Agricultural

It does not appear that Bill 23 contains sufficient protection for Ontario's valuable farmland. It was referenced that 1 in 10 jobs in Ontario are connected to the agriculture sector, and that the Ontario government is committed to its support. Brian will follow up on the question of Bill 23's potential impact on Ontario agriculture. It was

suggested that the Province should do more to promote population growth outside of the GTA and to better preserve prime agricultural land, more residential development in Central, Eastern and Northern Ontario should be supported. *Brian stated that assisting economic growth and population gains in northern communities is a priority for the government.*

3) Attainable Housing

Ensuring the right mix of housing means that more attainable and rental units are required, to rebalance the housing stock which, particularly in TBM, has skewed far too much towards single family, detached homes - 90% of the residences in the Southern Georgian Bay area fall into that category. Bill 23 has a couple of aspects that are intended to promote development of attainable and rental housing, including proposed "inclusionary zoning" that requires 5% of new developments be attainable and/or rental. It is not clear at this time whether this policy will be applied outside of urban communities with major transit systems.

But if the standard is set at 5% for new developments in a community such as TBM, achieving a meaningful supply of attainable units would take a very long time. The BMRA suggested that for municipalities which do not already have the 5% targeted level, the mandated level of attainable units in new developments should be materially higher than 5% until the objective is achieved. Development Charges are to be waived for affordable units, and reduced by 25% for rental units.

Brian agreed that Short Term Accommodations (STAs) don't help address the housing crisis, and conversions of existing properties to STAs only worsen the problem. Bill 23 should acknowledge that fact, and the waiving of development charges on rental units should not be applied to purpose-built Short Term Accommodation dwellings.

It was stated that the Town's Official Plan can play an important role in driving attainable housing. However, it is our understanding that municipalities currently lack the tools to mandate the building of housing needed in our community. It seems that there must be closer, more effective coordination between the Province and Municipalities to create workable solutions to the problem. The potential to create more efficient regional governance models between upper and lower tier municipalities - such as Grey County and TBM - as in Prince Edward County was discussed. This approach is consistent with what the BMRA encouraged in our presentation to the Provincial Budget Consultation Panel on February 10.

4) Development Charges and Infrastructure Funding

While the final details have not been released, reductions in Development Charges (DCs) are anticipated. As stated, one aspect will be reduction of DCs for attainable, and rental units, which is welcomed. However, further reduction of DCs on all builds are being contemplated in Bill 23. Ostensibly, this would be to reduce housing input costs so that final selling prices will be lowered. That seems too much of a leap of faith. Plus, the definition of "attainable" has initially been set at 80% of the average market sales price. For TBM, that would mean houses below about \$800,000 would be classified as "attainable". That would clearly not be effective in addressing the housing supply challenge. The BMRA recommended that local standards be enacted to define "attainable" for all areas.

Reductions in DCs, if not supported by some other form of infrastructure funding for Municipalities, could result in the need for higher property taxes to fill that gap. High construction inflation rates will only exacerbate the problem. We will be closely monitoring how this infrastructure funding issue plays out.

Summary

It was encouraging that our MPP was prepared to meet with TBM community representatives so we could share our concerns about Bill 23. He left the door open for further discussion, and Brian certainly left the session with a much better understanding of the issues specific to TBM. That should position him to more effectively represent our interests going forward.

Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association Submission to the Provincial Budget Consultation Panel - February 10th

I'm Jim Torrance, appearing today in my role as President of the Blue Mountain Ratepayers' Association. Our Association has almost 500 members, and unlike traditional ratepayer groups, our focus extends beyond typical planning issues to include Town and County infrastructure development, budget management and housing strategy.

In my remarks, I would like to address one financial issue that is of great importance to the Town of the Blue Mountains. As you may be aware, our Town is the second fastest growing in Ontario. And as is always the case, if growth is to be sustainable, it requires investment - investment in infrastructure, investment in housing, investment that assures growth won't have negative impacts on a community's quality of life.

I believe our Town has been responsible in terms of how it has managed its resources;

- our reserves are solid
- the Town's physical assets comparatively well maintained

However, the Town estimates the need for over \$200 million in infrastructure spending to support our projected future growth.

That is clearly the Town's most significant fiscal challenge, and our regional governing structure severely limits our ability to address it.

The Town of the Blue Mountains is part of Grey County, although we have little connection to the rest of the County due to limited shared geography, transportation systems, or economic activity. As a result, our Town's ability to work in a logical and efficient shared service model with Grey is severely compromised.

Our unproductive County model would be easier to accept if not for the financial burden that it places on the Town. Fully 40% of our property taxes go to Grey, and in conjunction with the 20% directed to the School Board, our Town is left with just 40% of our tax levy to devote to our own needs.

We contribute about 28% of the total Grey tax levy, with 15% of County population - and the proportion of our tax levy heading to Grey County could increase significantly in 2024 due to the anticipated introduction of updated MPAC assessments, and the fact that our property values have increased at a much higher rate than other Grey municipalities.

Now, we support Canada's progressive tax system, but without some action being taken to mitigate this financial strain on our town, our budgets are exposed to a substantial risk, and we may well be unable to fund our growth.

We are not suggesting that we have a simple answer to address this issue, but whether it will require a substantial restructuring of regional governing models and the elimination of redundant layers, or dramatic changes to the ways in which services are delivered at the Municipal and County levels, the need for more efficient government operations in this area is inarguable.

We know that the Province launched a review of regional governing structures early in its first term, with the objective of capturing major cost savings. Our understanding is that the exercise did make solid progress, but it did not in the end "hit the ground".

We urge the Province to revisit that work, as Ontario desperately needs to find ways to reduce expenditures, and our Town finds itself in an untenable position that will become even more difficult to manage.

We look to the Province for leadership in this regard.

Not Your Average Piano Trio - April 18th

Joe Trio do not want to be categorized, but instead strive for diversity and more than a little humour. Their repertoire consists of classics from Papa Haydn and Uncle Shostakovich, new works by contemporary composers and their own arrangements of Pop, Jazz and Rock tunes. They are not afraid to mix together many styles of music into a single piece, that will make your head spin. More than virtuosi, the trio members are fantastic performers who engage the audience in a way few musicians can. They are witty, charming, and tremendously musical. Joe Trio leaves audiences with a new appreciation of Classical Music.

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Grey County Budget Highlights

Grey County covers a large geography of more than 4,500 km² and serves a permanent population of over 100,000. Grey County's annual budget supports the operation of provincially mandated programs and services, local initiatives necessary for the development of vibrant healthy communities and maintains assets valued historically at over \$497 million. The 2023 Budget has operating and capital expenses of \$225.1 million. After operating and capital revenues, reserves and capital financing are calculated, \$67.9 million needs to be raised through taxes to maintain and enhance existing services. Growth across Grey County has generated new assessment of \$1,591,700. This is included in County revenue, bringing the net levy increase for 2023 to 1.48% or \$993,600.

From Blue Mountains Staff Report FAF.22.148

Residential properties assessed at \$500,000 across Grey County paid the following property tax in 2022.

The funds for the County and the School Board are equal across the County for those with the same assessed property value.

Property assessments for the 2023 property tax year will continue to be based on January 1, 2016 current values as the Province has postponed a province-wide property assessment update due to the pandemic.

Municipality	Municipal (Local Tax)	Grey County (Upper Tier Tax)	Public School Board (Education Tax)	Total Tax
Chatsworth	\$3,599.00	\$1,870.03	\$765.00	\$6,234.02
Georgian Bluffs	\$2,987.24	\$1,870.03	\$765.00	\$5,622.27
Grey Highlands	\$3,223.20	\$1,870.03	\$765.00	\$5,858.22
Hanover	\$4,546.01	\$1,870.03	\$765.00	\$7,181.03
Meaford	\$4,304.38	\$1,870.03	\$765.00	\$6,939.40
Owen Sound	\$6,574.30	\$1,870.03	\$765.00	\$9,209.33
Southgate	\$4,097.00	\$1,870.03	\$765.00	\$6,732.03
The Blue Mountains	\$1,893.72	\$1,870.03	\$765.00	\$4,528.75
West Grey	\$3,453.95	\$1,870.03	\$765.00	\$6,088.98

Table 2: Number of Residential Properties by Municipality in Each MPAC Assessment Band

Municipality	Less Than \$250K	\$250K to \$500K	\$500K to \$750K	\$750K to \$1M	1M to 1.5M	1.5M to 2M	2M to 3M	More Than 3M
Chatsworth	1,403	947	73	4	0	0	0	0
Georgian Bluffs	1,900	2,150	371	56	14	4	0	0
Grey Highlands	2,230	1,598	368	85	31	4	0	0
Hanover	1,756	681	7	1	0	0	0	0
Meaford	2,065	1,905	312	75	41	11	1	0
Owen Sound	4,766	1,496	32	7	2	0	0	0
Southgate	1,467	1,035	66	7	2	0	0	0
The Blue Mountains	1,135	2,856	1,516	571	448	134	40	10
West Grey	2,614	1,593	139	19	4	2	0	0
Total	19,336	14,261	2,884	825	541	155	41	10
Share of County	50.8%	37.5%	7.6%	2.2%	1.4%	0.4%	0.1%	0.00%
TBM Share of County	5.9%	20.0%	52.6%	69.2%	82.8%	86.5%	97.6%	100%

2023 Budget Expenditures

Transportation: \$22.3 Million

Grey County maintains 887 km of roads and 192 bridges. In 2023, we're increasing infrastructure spending to make repairs where they are needed most. Projects are planned for Grey Roads 2, 7, 18, 19, 28, and intersection upgrades at 3 and 4 and 19 and 21.

Paramedic Services: \$8.3 Million

Grey County paramedics receives to nearly 30,000 annual calls for response or standby. Innovative programs like community paramedicine are improving quality of life and helping people stay out of hospital and in their homes longer. The 2022 budget also includes funding to allow for night coverage at the Chatsworth base seven days per week.

Ontario Works and Early Learning and Child Care: \$3.4 Million

Ontario Works is a provincial program delivered by Grey County that provides financial and employment assistance to residents in need. Grey County also offers programs, subsidies, and information to parents with young children. In 2023 we are preparing to see an increase in our Ontario Works caseload as certain pandemic supports end. As well, we are adapting to Provincial changes that impact service delivery and funding.

Long-Term Care: \$8.3 Million

Grey County currently operates 319 long-term care beds at three locations. Grey County continues moving forward with the redevelopment of Rockwood Terrace in Durham to a 128-bed home. In 2023, additional hours are being funded by the Province to support an increase in direct resident care.

Affordable Housing: \$8.1 Million

Grey County maintains 997 units of affordable housing and supports the operation of an additional 500+ units of non-profit housing. Grey County also supports those experiencing homelessness. In 2023, Council is committing 1% of the levy to the Affordable Housing Fund. In addition, Grey County is creating multiple units of supportive house at a new location in Owen Sound.

Administration, Healthcare and Education: \$12.2 Million

The corporate services budget ensures our programs and services are delivered efficiently and professionally. This budget includes the cost of administration, compliance with regulations, information technology, building costs (electricity, maintenance), and Grey County Council. This budget also captures commitments made to initiatives such as the Marine Emergency Duties Training Centre.

Economic Development, Tourism and Culture: \$3.8 Million

COVID-19 Recovery and workforce attraction and retention are priorities for Grey County's economic development department in 2023. The Sydenham Campus is growing into a skills training, trades and innovation centre to support entrepreneurship and workforce development. Grey Roots Museum and Archives continues to expand programming. Grey County is making investments in infrastructure to support sustainable tourism.

Planning, Forestry and Trails: \$1.4 Million

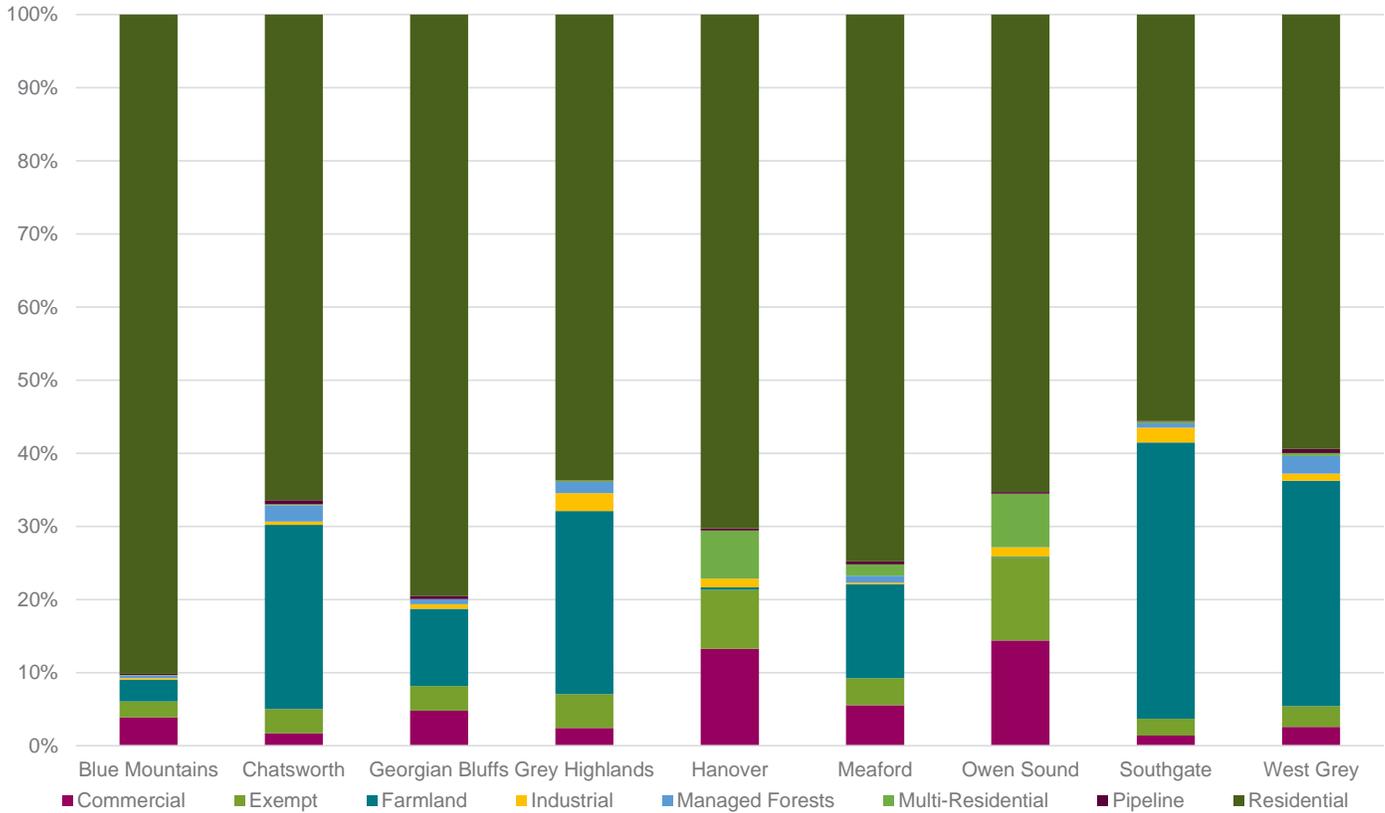
Grey County continues to grow and there's no sign of building activity slowing down. Investments are being made in our forest properties and trails.



MUNICIPAL SHARE OF GREY COUNTY'S 2023 BUDGET OF \$225.1 million = \$67,932,700			
	Assessment Value in 2022 = \$20,261,866,389	Assessment Value Jan 1, 2023 = \$20,656,605,824	Allocation of 2023 Levy
	Allocation of 2022 Levy		tbd
Chatsworth	\$ 3,320,434.00	\$ 1,189,072,800.00	
Georgian Bluffs	\$ 6,898,438.00	\$ 2,091,443,818.00	
Grey Highlands	\$ 7,544,276.00	\$ 2,655,396,900.00	
Hanover	\$ 3,193,668.00	\$ 873,424,000.00	
Meaford	\$ 7,171,314.00	\$ 2,216,088,118.00	
Owen Sound	\$ 8,558,464.00	\$ 2,395,183,227.00	
Southgate	\$ 3,913,289.00	\$ 1,606,736,309.00	
The Blue Mountains	\$ 18,283,629.00	\$ 5,217,637,953.00	
West Grey	\$ 6,475,562.00	\$ 2,411,622,700.00	
	Total Net Levy \$65,359,072	increase of 1.4%	Total Net Levy \$ 67,932,700

The total County assessment is calculated by combining the assessment from each lower tier municipality. The following graph represents each lower tier's base assessment as a total percentage.

2023 Broad Based Assessment - Lower Tiers



Register for a Seniors Centre Without Walls session:
Call BVO at 519-599-2577 Ext 126

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Seniors Centre Without Walls

March 2023

Speaker Info	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Munishi Desai Canada Revenue Agency Diana Dolmer, GB Homeshare Monica Norris – Craigleith Depot	6 2:00pm Check-in & Chat 2:30 BINGO!	7 11 a.m. Georgian Bay Homeshare- Diana Dolmer 2 p.m. Our Apple industry- Monica Norris	8 International Women's Day!!!! 10:00am Chair Exercise and Stretching	9 11:00am Mindful Meditation - Adrienne Corti 1:00 – 3:00pm Personal Income Tax for Seniors Part I –at LE Shore Library	10
McMaster Optimal Aging Series Diana Zarzosa, Georgian Learning	2:00pm -Check-in & Chat 2:30 BINGO!	11:00 14 Georgian Learning Adult Programs incl. Tech Training- Diana Zarzosa	15 10:00 am Chair Exercise and Stretching	16 11:00 am Anxiety - Signs and finding help.	17 11:00am Trivia -with Ann G.
Shannon Fry - Pharmacist/Owner	20 2:00pm Check-in & Chat 2:30 BINGO!	21	22 10:00 am Chair Exercise and Stretching	23 1:00 – 3:00pm Personal Income Tax for Seniors Part II –at LE Shore Library	24 11:00am Talk with the Pharmacist -- Shannon Fry
SCWW Volunteers – Ann G., Norine B. Debbie Oakley	27 2:00pm Check-in & Chat 2:30 BINGO!	28	29 10:00 am Chair Exercise and Stretching	30 11:00 Food Safety + Best Before Dates, What Do They Mean? Norine B., Debbie O.	31 11:00 am Trivia – with Ann G.

Volunteer Fair and Recognition Program

National Volunteer Week is celebrated annually during the third week of April and this year it will be observed from April 16 to 22. This week-long celebration is about placing a spotlight on inspiring figures whose invaluable seeds of kindness through volunteering are bettering the community and our world in general. This significant celebration which was established in 1974 provides the perfect opportunity to say thank you. It also challenges us to do better and look for ways to be active participants, joining hands to impact our local communities and calling for more support.

In 2023 the Town will be partnering with the Seniors Network Blue Mountains to host a volunteer recognition event, immediately followed by a volunteer fair, **Saturday, April 22.**

Through regular communication with our community partners that rely on volunteerism, they have asked for opportunities to engage residents and let them know what opportunities exist. A volunteer fair will include promotion for the event and an in-person "job-fair" style engagement opportunity for both potential volunteers as well as organizations seeking volunteers.

Award Categories

1. Arts & Culture Award: awarded to an individual and/or group for contribution to the development, support, preservation or promotion of culture, music, visual, performing, or literary arts.
2. Sustainability Award: awarded to an individual and/or group for contribution to the protection, preservation, beautification, awareness and/or promotion of our local environment.
3. Heritage Award: awarded to an individual and/or group for contribution to heritage preservation, architectural conservation, research and/or interpretation of local heritage.
4. Sports and Recreation Award: awarded to an individual and/or group for contribution to the promotion, development and/or support of recreation and/or sport in the community.
5. Good Neighbour Awards: awarded to a Blue Mountains resident for their outstanding efforts and actions that have enhanced or improved our community.
6. Blue Mountains Community Builder Awards (adult 26 and over, youth 25 and younger): recognizes one individual in each age category who have made an outstanding voluntary contribution to the well-being of our community over a number of years. This award recognizes local champions who build communities and show us all what can be achieved with passion and determination.
7. Outstanding Community Group Award: recognizes a community group for its outstanding voluntary contribution to the well-being of our community

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MP Terry Dowdall Celebrates Local Excellence with the Simcoe-Grey MP Community Leader Awards

Terry Dowdall, Member of Parliament for Simcoe-Grey, is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the Simcoe-Grey MP Community Leader Awards. The Awards honour exceptional constituents who, through their outstanding volunteer work, have made a positive difference in the community. The awards are presented to a youth, adult, senior, business, and service club or religious organization.

"I am proud to recognize hardworking, dedicated and selfless volunteers through this award," said MP Dowdall. "I know I will receive many great nominations because I see firsthand everyday how volunteers make Simcoe-Grey the best place to live."

Nomination forms can be picked up at one of his constituency offices, located at 503 Hume St., Collingwood, or 452 Victoria St. E., Alliston. Also available by email to Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca

The deadline to nominate a great volunteer is **March 31, 2023**

For further information please contact: Office of Terry Dowdall

Member of Parliament for Simcoe-Grey 1-866-435-1809

Ontario Senior of the Year Nominations Open

The Town of The Blue Mountains is encouraging residents, local service clubs and community groups to submit a nomination for the Province of Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

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. Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed to any number of fields such as the arts, literature, community service, volunteering, education, environment, fitness and humanitarian activities.

"The Blue Mountains is a great community, and we owe a large debt of gratitude to the outstanding seniors who contribute their time and effort to make our Town special," said Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "Their contributions are invaluable, and the Ontario Senior of the Year award is a way to put a well-deserved spotlight on the tremendous individuals in our community. If you know a senior who has gone above and beyond, please consider submitting a nomination."

To be considered for the award, all nominations must be submitted to the Town Clerk by **Friday, March 24, 2023**, at noon. To submit a nomination, please contact the Town Clerk using the information below:

Email: Corrina Giles, Phone: 519-599-3131 ext. 232

The Town of The Blue Mountains Council will consider the nominations at the March 27, 2023, closed session Council Meeting. The selected nomination will be sent to the Province following the meeting. If the nomination criteria are met, a certificate will be provided by the Province of Ontario and presented to the honorary recipient by Mayor Matrosovs and Council.



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Exhibit Launch: Diverse Perspectives from the Bay

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The show showcases the art of four artists, Barbara Simmons, Dee Hutton, Jennifer Keskikyla and Pauline Jennett. First and foremost friends, these artists were brought together through art, but their perspectives are as diverse as their art. Using diverse materials, from oil to acrylic and encaustic mediums, they use colour, form, light and unique perspectives to share their individual stories. When all these stories are woven together into a dynamic, colourful group show, the impact is...truly magical!



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Income Tax for Seniors I - Thurs Mar 9 & 23, 1-3pm

A New Territory for Seniors presentation from Canada Revenue Agency. Tips for seniors for preparing your income tax returns. There will be another session with additional information on Thursday March 23 from 1-3pm. To register email seniors@bvo.ca or call 519-599-2577 ext. 126 Location: L.E. Shore Library

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ACC Presents: Juggling the Notes - A Musical Event

Tuesday, March 14, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

The Gallery at L.E. Shore

Join Will Henry for a musical evening centered around his book about fiddle culture, "Juggling the Notes"! The evening will be filled with live traditional dance tunes and compositions from his book (accompanied by Henry's wife, Lynda Henry – concertina player -, and their long-time musical partner, Dan McGee – Irish flute and clawhammer banjo player) and a fascinating overview of fiddle culture. Henry has followed this movement for the last 40 years and will share insights about fiddle culture and how it has changed over the decades. Sign up and learn more about this event, on our website! www.thebluemountainlibrary.ca/art-gallery



The Toronto All-Star Big Band

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Sunday March 12th, 2-4pm

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			7pm AfterHours Teen Night	

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L.E. Shore Library, Thornbury

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Website: <https://bluemountainsoccer.com>

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For more information go to www.bmbtc.org under News and Events or email Christine Lasky at: btclubeevents@gmail.com

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New this year we are offering two options:

1. A 2 Day Hike for those looking for a big challenge
2. Or a 3 Day Hike for those who want to spread the End-to-End Hike over 3 Days

Event	Date	Approx. Distance	Fee
2 Day End-to-End	Saturday – Sunday May 27 and 28 th	34.5 km/day	Members \$70.00 Non-Members \$80.00
3 Day End-to-End	Saturday, Sunday and Monday May 27 th , 28 th & 29 th	23 km/day	Members \$80.00 Non-Members \$90.00

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