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## Construction Notice - Victoria Street Water Tower Rehabilitation

On behalf of the Town of The Blue Mountains, CIMA+ Canada Inc. has completed the design and engineering for the Victoria Street Water Tower Rehabilitation.

The project has been tendered and the contract has been awarded to BGL Contractors Corp.

Start Date: March 27, 2023; End Date: October 27, 2023 (est.)

#### **Project Scope**

- Mobilization and setup of temporary construction facilities, and signage Construction of a temporary scaffolding and hoarding structure at the tower, including lead abatement procedures
- Complete removal and replacement of the interior and exterior coating systems
- Roof upgrades including replacement of ventilation system, guard rails and unistruts
- Replacement of interior pedestal ladder safety cages and ladders
- Health and safety system upgrades including installation of tie-off columns, D-ring anchors, davit bases and grab ladders
- Installation of new unistrut supports within the pedestal and the access tube
- Upgrades to the valve chamber, including new access hatch and ladder
- Installation of new process piping within the pedestal and valve chamber
- Installation of new interior pedestal and access tube lighting and replacement of aging electrical infrastructure within the valve chamber and pedestal
- Testing, commissioning, and handing over of the completed system to Town of The Blue Mountains

The rehabilitation work will take place on Town's property. The tower will be fully enclosed by the scaffolding structure and all work will be completed within. Upon completion of work, the scaffolding will be removed, revealing the newly painted and upgraded tower.

While impacts to the residents are expected to be minimal, you may experience loud noise while the existing coating is being stripped from the tower, and while the new coating is being applied. This phase will last approximately 6 to 8 weeks and is expected to occur during the summer period. The Town will make efforts to reduce the impacts. We appreciate your patience.

Works will be occurring within Town property. Should you have any concerns during construction, please contact the Site Superintendent or Contract Administrator. The Town will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on Town property.

Work will generally take place Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The contractor has informed Town staff that they would like to appeal for relief from the Town's Noise By-Law to allow them to complete specialty work from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays as required.

Staff Report CSOPS.23.014, "Relief of Noise By-Law for Rehabilitation of the Victoria Street Water Tower," is schedule to be presented to the Town's Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

#### **Service Interruptions**

Water service may be temporarily interrupted at times throughout the duration of the project. Impacted residents will be notified in writing in advance of any interruptions.

Learn more about the project and sign up for construction updates on the project web page. <a href="www.the.bluemountains.ca">www.the.bluemountains.ca</a>

## Blue Mountain Film Festival Returns For Its Second Edition

Blue Mountain Village, Southern Ontario's premier four-season destination announced Blue Mountain Film Festival (BMFF), led by



Festival & Artistic Director, Helen du Toit, returns to the Blue Mountain Village Conference Centre from June 1-4. Once again, BMFF invites film-lovers and filmmakers to connect, be inspired, and escape into the idyllic mountains to enjoy the very best in international and Canadian cinema. **EARLY BIRD TICKET PRICING EXTENDED TO APRIL 15TH** by visiting the BMFF website.

Recently awarded the Best New Festival by Festival & Events Ontario, BMFF plans to showcase 25 feature films from around the world for its film-loving public, with a showcase on Ontario-based productions. Joining du Toit in the programming of this year's lineup is veteran film curator Penelope Bartlett, most recently the Director of Programming for the Criterion Channel. Both du Toit and Bartlett previously worked together at the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

Additionally, BMFF welcomes back industry professionals for a second year of the Creative Forum, which includes 6 Industry Sessions over two days. The inaugural conference last year hosted some of the industry's most sought-after leaders including Patricia Rozema, Jennifer Baichwal, Dan Bekerman, Shant Joshi, Jane Tattersall, Sheila Hockin, Karen Harnish, Phillip Barker, Elisa Sauvé, Nyla Innuksuk, Danny Iron, and Allison Black.

"Watching BMFF launch into the welcoming arms of the public and industry last year will always be a special highlight of my career. Penny and I are currently deep in programming to bring audiences a vibrant new edition and we can't wait to share it with our patrons and peers," said Helen du Toit, Festival & Artistic Director. "The locals and visitors who come to escape into the magic of the film festival are deeply curious about culture and storytelling from around the world. You don't need to spend too much time in the Blue Mountain area before realizing what a majestic place it is, from the location to the community - we couldn't ask for a more enthusiastic locale to showcase the BMFF 2nd edition." <a href="https://www.bluemtnfilmfest.ca">www.bluemtnfilmfest.ca</a>





Planting season is just around the corner.

People need to be aware of farm vehicles using TOBM roads. Farm vehicles are sometimes very long and very large and often require more distance to turn and stop. Operators may have poor visibility due to loads and equipment in tow. Please share the road and be extra careful approaching and passing.

Slow-moving vehicle signs are for slow moving vehicles only. It is illegal and dangerous to use them as driveway markers if they can be seen from the road.

Ontario Highway Traffic Act

76.4 No person shall place a slow moving vehicle sign on or near a fixed object where it is readily visible from a highway



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Covid Shot #6 to those eligible as per NACI Guidelines 6 months since last shot

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Older people in Canada are living longer and healthier lives than previous generations and most say they want to age at home in their communities. The National Seniors Council wants to hear from you! It has launched a consultation on how to support people who want to age at home for as long as possible. Fill out the survey and share your thoughts from now until April 14: <a href="http://ow.ly/bChq50Nn6j5">http://ow.ly/bChq50Nn6j5</a>

## Share Your Perspective for Beaver Valley's Sustainable Tourism Strategy!

Grey County, The Municipality of Grey Highlands, the Town of The Blue Mountains, and RTO7 are working together to develop the first Sustainable Tourism Strategy for Beaver Valley. The goal of the project is to co-develop a sustainable tourism strategy to envision the desired future state of the Beaver Valley Corridor, along with a three-year action plan to move toward this vision. A key component of the research process is to gather insight, input, and feedback directly from a variety of stakeholders in Beaver Valley whose perspective and experience is extremely important to this process.

If you are a resident of Beaver Valley, operate a visitor-facing business, work at an organization related to tourism in Beaver Valley, or have another interest in tourism in Beaver Valley, we would like to invite you to complete an online questionnaire by using this link <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BVTourismcommunitysurvey">www.surveymonkey.com/r/BVTourismcommunitysurvey</a>

The questionnaire is made up of 13-20 questions and will take you around 10 minutes to complete. The survey will remain open until **Friday April 14th at 5:00pm EST.** The information you share will remain private and confidential. Thank you for taking the time to share your perspective with us, it's greatly appreciated.

#### **BID EUCHRE**

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## Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC)

announces that its Executive Director, Bob Barnett, is stepping away from his leadership role with the conservancy. Bob is a founding EBC director. Bob and his wife, Anna Barnett, have selflessly



devoted their professional lives to EBC since its inception in 1997. Bob and Anna have been easing this transition, by remaining as two of EBC's most active and steadfast supporters.

Everyone at EBC, including its Board, staff, supporters, and donors, are fiercely proud of Bob and Anna's contributions to EBC over the years and wish them every happiness moving forward.

Bob founded EBC with the aim of expanding the protection of natural lands on and near the Niagara Escarpment, including along the tributaries and in wetlands of the area. Bob believed strongly that escarpment lands should be conserved throughout Ontario, including Manitoulin Island. It was a shoestring beginning, eventually securing 22 acres in Tobermory, a site with the endangered Queensnake.

Under Bob's leadership, EBC secured some of Ontario's most spectacular natural sites.

These include the Cup and Saucer (Michigiwadinong), Heaven's Gate (Kitchitwaa Shkwaandem), Fossil Hill, Michael's Bay, SE Shore of Lake Wolsey, Barrie Island East Shore, lands adjoining the Queen Mother and Misery Bay Provincial Parks on Manitoulin, Alvar Bay, Sadler Creek on the Bruce Peninsula, and Long Swamp and Trout Hollow in Grey County. Overall, EBC has successfully protected 225 nature preserves, spanning over 22,500 acres of land, 125 kilometers of trails, and 25 kilometers of Lake Huron shoreline. These preserves are crucial habitats for 70 endangered species, and attract over 100,000 hikers annually. By safeguarding these areas, EBC is also ensuring the protection of numerous other vulnerable habitats that might otherwise be threatened.

Bob and Anna's example of altruism and philanthropy will leave a lasting legacy, not only in terms of acres conserved, but also the legions of enthusiastic conservers they have inspired. EBC honours their public service and sacrifice – we are committed to fulfilling their mission of preserving natural habitats for future generations and will continue to grow and strengthen our organization to achieve this goal. To learn about EBC's operations, visit website: escarpment.ca

#### Call for Big Band Musicians

The Georgian Sound Big Band has issued a Call for Musicians experienced in playing big band repertoire especially sax, trombone and keyboard players.

The Band is in it's 35th year, performing in the south Georgian Bay area. It boasts 100's of charts by well known arrangers such as Dave Volpe, Neil Hefti and Sammy Nestico. Annually the band provides a music scholarship to local young musicians continuing their music studies post-secondary. Whether you are new to the area or looking for new playing opportunities, please contact Rob Chambers at georgiansoundbb@gmail.com.







## GO GREEN for a BETTER BLUE GIVE THE EARTH A GIFT OF TIME VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We at Climate Action Now Network (CANN) in The Blue Mountains are looking for people to join us. No experience necessary! Are you a protector of trees and animals? A community member wanting to do your part for the climate? An educator? A science nerd who loves to talk recycling? Someone who trips out on hiking in the woods? or Participates in neighbourhood cleanups? These are just a few of the activities CANN members do to preserve and improve our beautiful Town. Come to a meeting! You won't be sorry. And the local beavers, owls and bats will thank you.

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\*Sales Representatives

## Clearview Township Withdraws Costly Plan on Sideroad 26/27

Save91 applauds major step towards ensuring County Road 91 stays open and Sideroad 26/27 is permanently protected.

CLEARVIEW – Save91 is celebrating Clearview Township's decision to withdraw their appeal of the Niagara Escarpment Commission's (NEC) decision to develop and expand Sideroad 26/27. Had Clearview succeeded with its appeal, County Road 91 would be closed and sold to Walker Aggregates, over the objections of local residents, nearby municipalities, and business owners.

On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, one of the Township's lawyers wrote to the Tribunal asking to withdraw the development permit application and NEC appeal, closing the files. While this pauses the current attempts to close the well-used and recently resurfaced County Road 91, Clearview has yet to unequivocally state they will not proceed with closing the major east-west thoroughfare.

"We congratulate Clearview for making this long overdue decision, which temporarily protects taxpayers and the Niagara Escarpment," said Wendy Franks, founding member of the Save91 campaign. "Many voices in the community have been calling for this for a long time. Our citizens, and our environment, will permanently benefit when Clearview finally steps back from this unnecessary plan to close County Road 91."

Franks, along with many local residents, organizations, and neighbouring municipalities, have led the charge opposing Clearview's plan due to the environmental harm to forests and wetlands, unnecessary spending of taxpayer money, and impact on the regional transportation network. In December 2022, the province responded to Save91's formal request to "bump up" the environmental assessment to a more rigorous review of the Sideroad 26/27 expansion. That request included three expert reports, all pointing to the necessity of carefully reviewing the proposed redevelopment of Sideroad 26/27 and closing of County Road 91. The new "Schedule C" assessment includes the consideration the "status quo" of keeping County Road 91 open, and leaving Sideroad 26/27 and the Escarpment alone.

"Our recent correspondence to the OLT made it clear that Clearview should no longer be allowed to drag out their appeal after Ontario's Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks ordered such a fundamental change in the environmental assessment requirement for this project," said noted environmental lawyer David Donnelly. "This appeal has dragged on since 2015, environmental regulations, the public's attitude towards climate change, and traffic patterns have significantly changed since. This plan did not make sense then, and it certainly does not make sense today."

The plan to close the road is even older, having been executed in 2010, as part of the Road Settlement Agreement and subsequent quarry site plan approval which stated that Walker Aggregates was not to ship aggregate east along County Road 91 through Duntroon until the road projects were complete. In fact, shipping has occurred without major incident for the past six years indicating that the current road situation is working just fine, and does not require extraordinary measures like closing a major arterial road.

"The plan to close County Road 91 and replace it with a seasonal road like Sideroad 26/27 is simply not needed and is contrary to any current community need," continued Franks. "Walker has use of both of their quarry pits. There is no need for this costly project – and it benefits the region to have County Road 91 open. We've never heard from a single business, except for Walker, that thinks closing County Road 91 is a good idea. We look forward to Clearview confirming they will finally end their impractical plans to close County Road 91 and develop Sideroad 26/27."







## Are you looking for a Health Care Provider?

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## Notice of Public Meeting Proposed Telecommunications Tower

April 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
Hybrid Format
In-Person AND Virtual/Online
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

#### What is being proposed?

SJSB Network Consulting, on behalf of Bell Mobility Inc., is proposing to relocate an existing telecommunication tower on the subject lands. The proposed new tower is planned to be a 22m monopole style tower. A fenced in compound 10m x 10m in size would also be constructed at the tower base. The property location is 164 Craigleith Road, Craigleith. The geographic coordinates for the proposed site are as follows: Latitude: 44.515161, Longitude: -80.330067

The establishment of new telecommunication facilities is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Government. Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada is the approval authority for telecommunication towers and requires all proponents of new facilities to consult local planning authorities to ensure local protocols and surroundings are considered during the mandated site selection process. The Town of The Blue Mountains Protocol for Establishing Telecommunication Facilities requires public consultation for all new telecommunication facilities.

#### When will a decision be made?

A decision on this proposal has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at the Public Meeting. After reviewing the application and any comments received, Town staff will bring a recommendation on this project to a future council meeting. You must make a request in writing if you wish to receive a notice of any decision of Council on this proposal.

#### What happens at a Public Meeting?

The public meeting is your chance to hear more about the proposal and make your views about it known. You may also speak at the meeting or submit written comments. Information from the public will help Council in their decision-making process, so make sure to have your say! Any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments either in support or in opposition to the proposal.

#### 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.

#### Where do I find more information about the proposal?

The Town website contains background studies, reports, plans, and drawings. They are available for viewing or download at www.thebluemountains.ca/craigleithtower.

Carter Triana, Planner (519) 599-3131 ext. 262 or planning@thebluemountains.ca

SJSB Network Consulting on behalf of Bell Mobility Inc. Email: sean@sjsbnetworkconsulting.com

Phone: (416) 732-5069

File: W4203

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#### Notice of Application and Public Meeting Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment

April 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
Hybrid Format
In-Person AND Virtual/Online
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

**Property Location:** Portions of 122 Hamlet Road, 124 Hamlet Road, 126 Hamlet Road, 128 Hamlet Road, 136 Hamlet Road, 140 Hamlet Road and the Vacant Lot on Hamlet Road (Plan 807, Lot 9, Lot 8, Lot 7, Lot 6, Lot 5, Lot 4, and Lot 3).

#### What is being proposed?

The Town has brought forth a complete application for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the application is to re-zone a portion of the subject lands from the Open Space (OS) zone to the Residential One (R1-1) zone of the Town of The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65.

The Open Space (OS) Zone was established as a result of the approval of the new Blue Mountains By-law 2018-65. The (OS) Zone recognizes the presence of Escarpment features on the lots and limits development potential for residential uses. It is noted that the subject lands were established as residential lots in 1964 under Plan of Subdivision No. 807. The lots have been zoned for residential purposes since that time, and the effect of this application is to re-zone a portion of the subject lands from the Open Space (OS) zone to the Residential One (R1-1) zone.

#### When will a decision be made?

A decision on this proposal has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at the Public Meeting. After reviewing the application and comments received, Town staff will bring a recommendation on this project to a future council meeting.

#### What happens at a Public Meeting?

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#### 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 April 13th, 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.

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#### Want more information?

The Town website contains background studies, reports, plans, and drawings. They are available for viewing or download at www.thebluemountains.ca/swissmeadowszba

#### Nicole Schroder, Planner

(519) 599-3131 ext. 288 or email planning@thebluemountains.ca

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## The Blue Mountains Volunteer Recognition & Awards Ceremony





## April 22, 2023 at the Beaver Valley Community Centre

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Visit the Volunteer Fair to learn about local volunteer opportunities in the Town of The Blue Mountains from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Light refreshments will be provided.



For more information, visit:

www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards or call (519) 599-3131 ext. 254

## "PITCH-IN WEEK" COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS



Friday, April 21, 2023 Little River Park, Thornbury 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Saturday, April 22, 2023 Lions Park, Clarksburg 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Saturday, April 22, 2023 The Blue Mountains Town Hall 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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#### Potential Establishment of a **Lobbyist Registry**

**Public Meeting** 

April 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Hybrid Format In-Person AND Virtual/ Online Town Hall, Council Chambers 32 Mill Street, Thornbury

#### Staff Report, January 30, 2023

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.23.021, entitled "Potential Establishment of a Lobbyist Registry";

AND THAT Council endorse the Draft Lobbyist Registry By-law and Draft Lobbyist Code of Conduct as outlined in this report;

AND THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a Final Lobbyist Registry By-law, and Final Lobbyist Code of Conduct as well as the proposed staff resource structure, policies and proposed Public Consultation Plan for Council consideration.

#### Overview

This report provides a recommendation for Council to consider the potential establishment of a formal Lobbyist Registry including a Draft By-law and Code of Conduct.

#### **Background**

At the March 22, 2021, Council meeting, the Town received correspondence from Roland Gosselin that requested that the Town consider the establishment of a Lobbyist Registry. In June 2021, Staff Report FAF.21.096 Communication and Customer Service Overview was considered by the Committee of the Whole. This staff report also included the recommendation to direct staff to develop a draft Lobbyist Registry for future Council consideration. This report provides follow up materials as a result of the direction that was formally approved by the previous Term of Council at the June 14, 2021, Council meeting. This staff report was significantly delayed due to conflicting Town priorities.

#### **Analysis**

Staff have utilized the Town Collingwood's Lobbyist Registry Program as a resource and greatly appreciated the cooperation that Town of Collingwood staff had provided during the preparation of this report. The Draft Lobbyist Registry Bylaw and Draft Lobbyist Code of Conduct, are essentially duplicates of the Town of Collingwood's Lobbyist Registry documents.

Staff suggest that potential Lobbyists registered with the Town of The Blue Mountains may be similar to those registered with the Town of Collingwood and having similar processes could be seen as beneficial.

During the development of this report, staff reviewed options that would allow for the provision of appropriate resources manage, administer, and maintain the Lobbyist Registry Program over the long term. The Draft By-law presented in this report identifies the Town Clerk as the staff that would be appointed as the



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Lobbyist Registrar. Staff recommend that a fulsome structure be considered through the Corporate Organizational Structure Review that will be completed later in 2023. The preliminary work, including the Public Consultation process, to have the Lobbyist Registry considered would be initiated in advance of the Final Corporate Organizational Structure Review.

"Lobby" or "Lobbying" means any communication with a public office holder by an individual who is paid or who represents a business or financial interest with the goal of trying to influence any legislative action including development, introduction, passage, defeat, amendment or repeal of a by-law, motion, resolution or the outcome of a decision on any matter before Council, a Committee of Council, or a staff member acting under delegated authority.

#### "Lobbyist" means:

- a) "consultant lobbyist": an individual who lobbies for payment on behalf of a client (another individual, a business, partnership, organization or other entity):
- b) "in-house lobbyist": an individual who is an employee, partner or sole proprietor and who lobbies on behalf of their own employer, business or other entity; and
- c) "voluntary unpaid lobbyist": an individual who lobbies without payment on behalf of an individual, business or any other for-profit entity for the benefit of the interests of the individual, business or for-profit entity.



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#### On April 11, join us for a talk about the Pollinate TBM project!

Pollinate TBM is a grassroots communitybased initiative supported by volunteers from various communities of The Blue Mountains (TBM). Its objective is to make TBM a pollinator (bee, butterfly and other beneficial insects) friendly community by creating a series of pollinator habitats across this geographically large community, while educating residents on the environmental benefits and the need for bee/butterfly friendly sustainable gardens. The work of Pollinate TBM has resulted in the community receiving a "Butterflyway" designation from the David Suzuki Foundation Butterflyway Project, Learn more about Pollinate TBM on their website: www.pollinateTBM.ca

Come and learn about the issues facing pollinators, why this project is important and how you can make an impact in your community! Register with Franz 519 599 3681 ext. 142, TheGallery@TheBlueMountains.ca





## Trivia Nightll

Tuesday, April 18th, 2023

Beaver Valley Community Centre

Doors open at 6:30pm Questions start at 7:00pm

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- Maximum 8 players per team
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## Sat. May 13



Treetrust TBM, Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary and The Town of The Blue Mountains will be sponsoring a spring community tree sapling care event on May 13. Last year over five hundred tree seedlings were planted along two sections of the Georgian Trail. This year we are going to focus our volunteer program on making sure these baby trees get the tender loving care they need to thrive. Community volunteers will be asked to help by trimming away competing vegetation, applying compost, mulch and water. Community tree care activities will start at Northwinds beach section of the Georgian Trail at 10 am and 2 pm at 10<sup>th</sup> line (across from Goldsmiths). To help us plan, volunteers are asked to register their interest by sending an email to csadmin@thebluemountains.ca indicating the location/time and the number of people who will attend.



#### **Loree Forest Spring Adventure Run** Saturday, April 29, 9am - noon

Dontgetlost South Georgian Bay is a new local group organizing navigation events in the Collingwood, Blue Mountains, Wasaga Beach and South Georgian Bay areas. This event will appeal to first-timers and experienced navigators alike. Find as many flags as you wish in one hour as you run or walk in beautiful Loree Forest. All ages are welcome (children aged 12 and under to be accompanied by a parent) and no orienteering experience necessary. We will provide a free intro clinic one hour prior to the event start. Two courses to choose from: a Novice course with all flags on trail or in open areas, and an intermediate chooseyour-own-adventure course for those who want more challenge. For more details and to reserve your map, see the race web page. See you in the woods!

Contact: Angus Doughty

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6:30 pm at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 165 Russell St E., Thornbury

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