



Thornbury Pier Resurfacing Project

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that Brook Restoration Ltd. has resumed work on the Thornbury Pier Resurfacing Project after a temporary shutdown due to COVID-19 Public Health Protocols.

As a result of this unexpected delay, the project is now scheduled to be completed by June 25, 2021. Project updates will be posted on the Thornbury Pier Resurfacing project webpage on the Town website: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/thornbury-pier.cfm>

"I would like to thank all residents for their understanding and patience caused by this unexpected delay," explained Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services. "Although there is an understandable delay in the original project schedule, the contractor is confident that the new schedule is achievable, which will open the pier ahead of the summer season."

Landfill Site

788090 Grey County Rd 13, Clarksburg

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents of various operational changes that are being implemented at the Town's Solid Waste Disposal Site beginning this week.

Hours of Operation

Starting, Saturday, May 8th, the hours of operation on Saturdays will be extended from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The new hours of operations will be as follows:

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Friday: Closed
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed

COVID-19 Vaccine Booking Expanding to Ontarians 18+ Ahead of Schedule

Province Invites All Adults to Schedule Their First Dose Appointment

As the pace of Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine rollout continues to accelerate with 2.2 million doses scheduled to arrive this week, the government is extending booking eligibility at mass immunization clinics to individuals aged 18 and over. This high number of doses is due to an early delivery of the week of May 24 shipment, to accommodate the long weekend, and is an opportunity for the province to offer an appointment to receive the vaccine to more Ontarians ahead of schedule.



As of 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, individuals aged 18 and over in 2021 across Ontario will be eligible to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment through the provincial booking system and call centre, or directly through public health units that use their own booking system. On May 3, 2021, the government expanded booking eligibility to those 18 and over in 2021 and who live in one of the 114 hot spot communities.

Individuals who are 17 years old and are turning 18 in 2021 will also be eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccination appointment only for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine is currently the only COVID-19 vaccine that has been authorized by Health Canada for use in youth aged 12 and over. The provincial booking system will note which clinics are not offering vaccines for those who are 17 years old.

Ontario is experiencing very positive trends in vaccine demand. The province and public health units will continue to make appointments available as vaccine supply is confirmed.

In addition, the province continues to work with public health units, First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities and boards of education to ensure youth in Ontario between 12 and 17 years of age will be eligible to book an appointment through the provincial booking system beginning the week of May 31, 2021, to receive their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine. We are also working to encourage eligible family members who have not received a vaccine to attend these clinics to get youth and their families vaccinated as quickly as possible.

As of Tuesday, May 18, 2021, public health units may choose to provide vaccines to those aged 12 and over in pop-up and mobile clinics, as well as for walk-in appointments where the Pfizer vaccine is offered. This will include First Nations, Inuit and Métis clinics that offer the Pfizer vaccine. There will also be dedicated clinic times for youth during the weeks of June 14 and 21, 2021.

The province achieved a significant milestone on May 12, 2021, having administered a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to over half of all Ontarians aged 18 and over, and is on track to reach 65 per cent of adults by the end of the month. As of May 15, 2021, over seven million doses have been administered provincially.

Across the province, the government is continuing to expand access to the vaccine through a variety of channels. On May 14, 2021, over 500 additional pharmacies in all 13 hot spot public health regions began administering the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

As of May 16, 2021, at 8:00 p.m., over 7.2 million vaccine doses have been administered across the province, with over 93 per cent of Ontario residents aged 80 and over and more than 92 per cent of residents aged 75 to 79 having received at least one dose.



Election Voting Public Survey

The next Municipal & School Board Election is October 24, 2022.

A public survey has been launched to gain feedback regarding the preferred method(s) of voting for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election. The Town is considering a hybrid method that could include more than one method of voting.

- Online • Mail • Telephone • In Person

Survey Closes May 31, 2021
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More than 55 per cent of the population aged 18 and over have received at least one dose and more than 432,000 Ontarians are fully immunized, including 96 per cent of long-term care residents.

In May, Ontario expects to receive approximately 4.3 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines. Approximately 4.7 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine are expected in June. Vaccine allocations for July have not been provided at this time.

Eligible groups can use Ontario's vaccine booking system to find out how to schedule an appointment, or can call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line number at 1-833-943-3900. For general inquiries, individuals can call the Provincial Vaccine Information Line number at 1-888-999-6488 or TTY service is also available by calling 1-866-797-0007

Ontarians who are now eligible to book their vaccine appointment are asked to be patient, as it could take time to receive their vaccine appointment. Public health units are responsible for managing and overseeing the distribution and administration of vaccines for their entire region, and public health units may have different vaccine administration rates based on local context.

As of May 11, 2021, following the advice of Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. David Williams, the province paused the rollout and administration of first doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine. The decision was made out of an abundance of caution due to an observed increase in an adverse reaction, known as vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT), linked to the AstraZeneca vaccine. Second dose planning is currently underway and guidance will be provided in advance of individuals who received a first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine needing to receive their second dose.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) provided strong recommendation for extending the vaccination dose interval up to four months for all Health Canada approved two-dose COVID-19 vaccines while maintaining a strong and sustained level of protection from the virus. Ontario accepted and has followed NACI's recommendation as of March 10, with some limited exceptions.

Collingwood Festival.com

Leading up to the Collingwood Summer Music Festival is an outdoor event to be held Wed June 16 comprising of a musical trio and soloist at the Georgian Hills Vineyards.

The actual Summer Music Festival will be digital (with indoor seating if permitted) from July 10 to 16. Early-bird pricing for tickets will be in effect until June 1, 2021.

Visit www.collingwoodfestival.com for details



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COVID-19 VACCINE PROGRESS

in Grey Bruce
May 17, 2021

PHASE 1 GROUPS

ALL ADULTS IDENTIFIED IN PHASE 1 REMAIN ELIGIBLE

- Residents, staff, and essential caregivers in long-term care and retirement homes
- Adults who are First Nations, Métis, and Inuit
- Health care workers
- Adult chronic home care recipients

If you would like to receive a COVID-19 vaccine contact your organization, employer or make an appointment through the [local booking system](#) or to book using the provincial booking system call the Provincial Vaccine Information Line at 1-888-999-6488 or visit ontario.ca/bookvaccine. If you are homebound, please email covid19.vaccine@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca

PEOPLE WHO ARE 40 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER IN 2021

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INDIVIDUALS WITH HIGHEST AND HIGH RISK HEALTH CONDITIONS

To book an appointment call the Provincial Vaccine Information Line at 1-888-999-6488 or visit ontario.ca/bookvaccine or make an appointment through the [local booking system](#). Specific clinics are available in the local booking system for certain immunocompromised and pregnant people.

INDIVIDUALS WITH AT RISK HEALTH CONDITIONS

To book an appointment call the Provincial Vaccine Information Line at 1-888-999-6488 or visit ontario.ca/bookvaccine or make an appointment through the [local booking system](#).

GROUP ONE - PEOPLE WHO CANNOT WORK FROM HOME

To book an appointment call the Provincial Vaccine Information Line at 1-888-999-6488 or visit ontario.ca/bookvaccine or make an appointment through the [local booking system](#).

GROUP TWO - PEOPLE WHO CANNOT WORK FROM HOME

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ADULTS WHO MAY ATTEND A WORKPLACE VACCINE CLINIC

- Health care workers in hospitals
- High-risk congregate settings, including those for migrant workers
- Certain large employers with workers who cannot work from home

Employees in these settings who would like to receive a COVID-19 vaccine should contact their employer. Your employer will communicate when and how to receive a vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccines may be available through select Primary Care and Pharmacies

Visit ontario.ca/pharmacycovidvaccine to find a participating pharmacy and contact the pharmacy to make an appointment. Do not call your primary care office to book an appointment, participating primary care practitioners will contact eligible patients.

COMING SOON

PEOPLE AGE 18+

Eligible to book in the Provincial Booking System on May 18

PEOPLE AGE 12-17

Anticipated to be eligible to book in the Provincial Booking System the week of May 31

In Progress
and Eligible to Book

Upcoming

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May 17, 2021

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May 4, 11, 18, 25 | 1:00pm
Creator Space | Registration
Join cinematographer Tom Strnad on this multi-session workshop that will explore the entire 360 video production & post-production process. More courses available on our Event Calendar.



Author Talk with Sheila Balls

May 18 | 7:00pm
BMPL Zoom | Registration
Local author, Sheila Balls, shares inspiration and insights from her most recent novel. All Right So Far is the true story of an ordinary couple, at a not so ordinary time in the life.



Nutrition & Lifestyle Strategies for Burnout

May 25 | 7:00pm
BMPL Zoom | Registration
Learn easy nutrition and lifestyle strategies to keep stress down, prevent and recover from feelings of burnout with Registered Dietitian and Nutrition Health Coach, Alexa Jackson.



Need Help Booking a Vaccine Appointment?

Give us a call at 519-599-3681
Don't have a computer? Need help booking a vaccine appointment? If you are having difficulties calling into the registration portal, and do not have access to internet, then give us a call and we can assist you with this process.



REGULAR PROGRAMS

Seniors Exercise

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Bedtime Story Time

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BMPL Facebook & YouTube



Virtual Story Time

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Museum From Home

Mondays | 12:30pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter

Local Fact or Fiction

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CHD Facebook & BMPL Insta

Favourite Fossils

Fridays | 5:00pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter

Cluesday Tuesday

Tuesdays | 12:30pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter

Digital Book Club

Thursdays | 1:00pm
BMPL Facebook

Trivia Game Night

Fridays | 7:00pm
BMPL Facebook

Kids Clubhouse

Tuesdays | 4:30pm
BMPL YouTube



Teen Group

2nd Thursday | 5:00pm
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Photo Feature

Saturdays | 11:30am
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Wired Wednesday

Wednesdays | 1:00pm
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Town Launches New GIS Mapping System

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that a new Interactive Cemetery Map has been developed to assist families in finding loved ones in the Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

Developed by the Town's GIS staff for genealogical research, the map will provide information on those who have been deceased for more than 30 years, as per Freedom of Information legislation.

To view the Interactive Cemetery Map, please visit: <http://cemetery.tofbm.ca/>

The GIS map offers enhanced functionality and provides the ability to search for a specific site name or the name of a person who may be located within the cemetery.

"This new tool will provide families with the historical archives necessary to reconnect and find to loved ones who have passed away," says Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services. "As the tool continues to evolve, the Interactive Cemetery Map will also help to increase staff efficiency by providing the ability to instantly search through our archive files and quickly locate information. This will help address questions families may have regarding their loved ones."

Residents are reminded that COVID-19 guidelines in place may limit the number of attendees allowed at the cemetery, and if you are planning to visit, please contact the Town's Community Services department to discuss all current guidelines before your anticipated visit.

For information regarding the Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery and services, please visit: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/thornbury-clarksburg-union-cemetery.cfm?is=25>

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For more information, please contact:

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Notice of Study Commencement and Public Comment Invited

The Corporation of the Town of Blue Mountains Transportation Master Plan

The Town of Blue Mountains (Town) is facing significant growth pressures and increased tourism activity alongside the broader South Georgian Bay region and will likely continue to see this growth into the foreseeable future. To strategically prepare for this continued growth and enhance our existing transportation network, the Town is undertaking the development of a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan (TMP).

The TMP will be an important resource for the Town as it continues to adapt to changing needs, growth and development, and new opportunities. The TMP will shape how we travel, help us further understand and define our regional connections, and support the movement of goods and services throughout the region. As part of the TMP study process, a vision will be established, actions and policies will be defined, and a financial strategy will be developed to address the short, medium, and long-term transportation needs of the community.

The Process

This study is being undertaken in accordance with Approach #1 of the Master Planning Process, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) As such, the TMP will generally address Phases 1 and 2 of the MCEA process and will form the basis for the recommended Schedule B and C transportation infrastructure projects identified within the TMP report.

Consultation

A comprehensive engagement process is being undertaken as part of the TMP process, and your participation is encouraged to ensure a thoughtful approach is taken to transportation planning. You are invited to visit the study webpage ([Transportation Master Plan | Your View The Blue Mountains](#)) to subscribe to receive updates on this study, to review relevant study information, and to participate in an upcoming online web map and survey to identify and comment on specific areas of interest or concern within the Town’s transportation network. Further updates will be provided when the online web map and survey are made available in early June 2021.

Additional opportunities will be offered to review information and provide your feedback as this study progresses. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated physical distancing requirements, the format of these future public consultation events is not confirmed at this time.

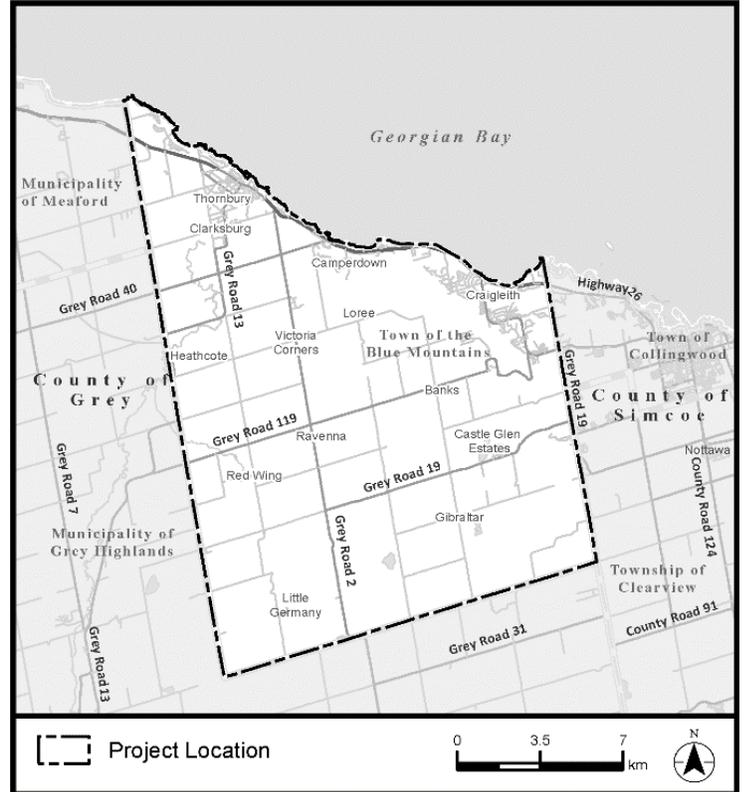
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This notice was issued May 14, 2021.

Ontario Supports Innovation in Virtual Learning

Province provides postsecondary students with more flexibility and access to high-quality education and retraining opportunities

TORONTO – The Ontario government is transforming virtual learning by supporting nearly 400 innovative projects at colleges, universities and Indigenous Institutes. These projects are part of the province's Virtual Learning Strategy and will provide students with more flexibility and access to high-quality postsecondary education and retraining opportunities.

"Ensuring that Ontario's postsecondary institutions offer responsive and flexible digital courses and programs will help students build the skills and competencies they need to be competitive in today's economy," said Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities. "Our Virtual Learning Strategy is aimed at creating a platform that will allow all postsecondary institutions to compete in the new and necessary environment of learning from home. These projects will help ensure institutions and their faculty have the tools they need to create great curriculum online and that students can access education where and when they need it."

Projects will support partnerships between colleges, universities and Indigenous Institutes in key priority areas that include creating or adapting digital content, equipping faculty and students with skills and resources to teach and learn online, identifying educational technologies to support online courses and programs, and targeting supports to address virtual programming at Indigenous Institutes.

Projects include:

A partnership between OCAD University and the University of Windsor's Law Faculty to create a new online course in intellectual property (IP) literacy. The certificate will help students learn about IP strategy, copyright law, trademarks, industrial and graphic design law.

University of Waterloo, in partnership with the University of Ottawa and Western University, will create simulated reality experiments in their organic chemistry labs to introduce students to standard equipment, procedures and experiments.

Durham College, in collaboration with Georgian College, Humber College and Sault College, will create a four-course, competency-based micro-credential to help small business entrepreneurs and their employees learn how to manage sales activities, position products, support customer needs-based solutions, develop virtual relationships and network across the business community.

The province is investing more than \$70 million to implement Ontario's Virtual Learning Strategy, including \$21.4 million announced in the 2021 Ontario Budget, Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy.

"These investments build on our Government's plan to make Ontario's postsecondary education system not only sustainable but competitive," said Minister Romano. "These projects will help small and rural schools who previously had limited virtual learning infrastructure, compete on the world stage. In addition, the projects build on other investments made by our government to support the competitiveness of our postsecondary sector, such as the creation of virtual micro-credentials programs that will give students access to these programs when and where they want. The advantages of building 'digital-by-design' programming extends far beyond resolving the challenges of training that have been dictated by these current unprecedented times, but even more importantly, these projects will transform the future of learning at our institutions and further cement Ontario's position as a global leader in postsecondary education."

In December of last year, the province launched a Virtual Learning Strategy through Ontario Onwards: Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government to improve access to high-quality postsecondary education and retraining opportunities that are market-responsive and globally competitive.

"As part of our Ontario Onwards Action Plan to deliver simpler and easier services for the people of Ontario, our government is building the postsecondary education system of the future," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, President of the Treasury Board, Minister of Finance, and Minister Responsible for Digital and Data Transformation. "Through the innovative projects in our Virtual Learning Strategy, we are expanding access and choice to high-quality, responsive and

dynamic education at colleges, universities and Indigenous Institutes in Ontario. We will continue to invest in our students as we prepare them for the competitive global economy of today, and the jobs of tomorrow."



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Virtual concert, adventure series to help raise the roof

Meaford United Church has teamed up with classically trained fusion electric violinist Victoria Yeh in a fundraiser that is both a unique experience and a bright note during these long days of isolation. Yeh has created a six-part Travel by Sound Virtual Concert & Adventure Series, six virtual concerts that she describes as a “ground breaking musical adventure.” Travel by Sound features six different bands and more than 20 world-renowned artists. Yeh invites her viewers to join her on bold adventures to explore the hidden gems of the Bruce, Grey, and Simcoe Counties while she learns to fly fish on the Rocky Saugeen, snowshoes on the Bayview Escarpment, kayaks the Beaver River, flies over Lake Couchiching and Lake Simcoe in a float plane, and performs in the Orillia Opera House, Collingwood’s Simcoe Street Theatre, Southampton Town Hall, Meaford Hall and the Heartwood Hall in Owen Sound.

Yeh is offering six virtual concerts and adventures for \$60 to view at home on demand with unlimited replays until the end of 2021, with 92 per cent of the sales to go to the Meaford United Church’s Raise the Roof Campaign.

The iconic church is 112 years old and its roof trusses need to be replaced, according to the campaign committee chair Ross Kentner. “The Raise the Roof Campaign was launched in 2018 with a goal of 250-thousand dollars to replace the roof trusses, to fit the church for it’s next 100 years,” he says. “We’re on the home stretch and expecting the work to be done later this year.

To purchase passes to the Travel by Sound Virtual Concert & Adventure Series, contact the Meaford United Church at 519-538-3416 or email muc@bmts.com.



Partnership to establish one of Canada’s largest Public Health vaccination centers in Peel Region

Hockey Hub will provide the Region a capability to administer thousands of additional vaccines daily

On May 12, 2021, Bruce Power announced a new partnership with Peel Public Health to bring together a coalition of organizations to establish what could be one of Canada’s largest vaccination centres.

The regional clinic, operated by Peel Public Health at the CAA Centre in Brampton, will use a ‘Hockey Hub’ model in an NHL-sized rink. It will provide the region the capacity for thousands of daily vaccines, building on a model used in Grey-Bruce that set a daily national record in April.

“The Region of Peel is pleased to partner with Bruce Power to offer another location for Peel residents to get their vaccine,” said Dr. Lawrence Loh, Region of Peel Medical Officer of Health. “This unique partnership is another way that we’re working together in the fight against COVID-19. Vaccination of as many residents as possible is essential.”

A number of organizations are providing support to set up and run the Centre which is expected to operate for one month, including: Alectra Utilities, Nordion, the Power Workers’ Union, Framatome, Kinectrics, SNC-Lavalin, NPX, CGI Inc., LiUNA, BWXT, E.S. Fox, Energy Solutions, the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario, and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

“We are all in this together and this is an example of how our province comes together in a very special way during challenging times,” said James Scongack, Bruce Power’s Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs & Operational Services, and Co-Chair of the Ontario Vaccination Support Council. “Bruce Power, along with many committed organizations, remains dedicated to working with public health and all levels of government to assist in the historic vaccination effort that will put an end to the pandemic.”

“To date, we have supported the establishment of a number of Hockey Hub vaccination clinics across the province,” Scongack continued. “We are pleased to work with Peel Public Health and this partnership of organizations to stand up new capacity that could be one Canada’s largest vaccination centres to one of Ontario’s hardest hit regions as quickly as possible.”

The Hockey Hub model was developed by Dr. Ian Arra, Medical Officer of Health at the Grey Bruce Health Unit. This model uses a streamlined flow-through process, which can administer more vaccines with fewer clinical staff than traditional mass vaccination clinics.

“The Hockey Hub model really is a game changer in terms of efficiency and safety as we make every effort to get as many people vaccinated in as short as time as possible,” said Dr. Arra. “Public Health has been the leader in managing the pandemic. This innovation is yet another example of how Public Health saves lives. The Grey Bruce Health Unit team has supported a number of jurisdictions in adopting this model and customizing it to their local needs. We are thrilled to be part of this new partnership with Peel Public Health and Bruce Power to develop the Hockey Hub in Peel and the Greater Toronto Area.”

“We commend Bruce Power for taking the initiative to establish a large vaccination centre to protect communities,” said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. “Every vaccine administered is a step toward reducing COVID-19 transmission and we are grateful for this partnership in helping make vaccines more accessible.”

The Peel Region Hockey Hub at the CAA Centre in Brampton will be open to the public, and residents 18+ can book their appointment through the Peel Public Health booking system or the provincial online booking portal.

As part of the effort to administer the most vaccines in a week in Peel, the Region ran a “Doses After Dark” 32-hour marathon clinic at the International Centre in Mississauga May 15 through May 16.

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Home Sales surge to highest April on record

Residential sales recorded through the MLS® System for the Southern Georgian Bay region totaled 616 units in April 2021. This was more than double the levels from a year earlier, jumping 254% from April 2020. This was also a new sales record for the month of April.

Home sales were 48.6% above the five-year average and 48.6% above the 10-year average for the month of April.

On a year-to-date basis, home sales totaled a record 1,866 units over the first four months of the year. This was a jump of 81.9% from the same period in 2020.

The Southern Georgian Bay region comprises two distinctive markets.

Home sales in the Western Region, which includes Wasaga Beach, Clearview Township, Collingwood, The Blue Mountains, the Municipality of Meaford, and Grey Highlands, numbered 321 units in April 2021. This was more than double the levels from a year earlier, jumping 339.7% from April 2020. This was also a new sales record for the month of April.

Home sales in the Western Region were 48.5% above the five-year average and 44.9% above the 10-year average for the month of April.

On a year-to-date basis, home sales in the Western Region numbered a record 973 units over the first four months of the year. This was a jump of 99.4% from the same period in 2020.

Meanwhile, **home sales in the Eastern Region**, encompassing the Towns of Midland and Penetanguishene, the Townships of Tay and Tiny, Severn, and Georgian Bay Townships, numbered 295 units in April 2021. This was more than double the levels from a year earlier, jumping 192.1% from April 2020. This was also a new sales record for the month of April.

Home sales in the Eastern Region were 48.7% above the five-year average and 52.8% above the 10-year average for the month of April.

On a year-to-date basis, home sales in the Eastern Region numbered a record 893 units over the first four months of the year. This was a jump of 66% from the same period in 2020.

“Home sales have reached a new April record, reaching above 600 for the first time in this month in history,” said Matthew Lidbetter, President of the Southern Georgian Bay Association of REALTORS®. “Regionally we’re seeing the same trends play out in the Western and Eastern Districts. A sustained influx of new listings has been spurring higher levels of sales but almost all that new supply is getting eaten up. As a result, overall inventories have stopped declining but are still trending at record lows, keeping the market in some of the tightest conditions on record.”

The number of new listings more than doubled the levels from a year earlier, jumping 106.7% from the lows in April 2020. There were 893 new residential listings in April 2021. This was the largest number of new listings added in the month of April in more than five years.

New listings were 31.2% above the five-year average and 8.1% above the 10-year average for the month of April.

Active residential listings numbered 550 units on the market at the end of April, a big decline of 58.4% from the end of April 2020. Active listings haven’t been this low in the month of April in three decades.

Active listings were 48.2% below the five-year average and 70.6% below the 10-year average for the month of April.

Months of inventory numbered 0.9 at the end of April 2021, down from the 7.6 months recorded at the end of April 2020 and below the long-run average of 5.2 months for this time of year. The number of months of inventory is the number of months it would take to sell

current inventories at the current rate of sales activity.

The dollar value of all home sales in April 2021 was \$513.4 million, more than double the levels from a year earlier, increasing 482.3% from the same month in 2020. This was also a new record for the month of April.

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

The Southern Georgian Bay Association of REALTORS® represents more than 600 REALTORS® registered with its member offices. The geographical area served by the Association includes the Towns of Midland and Penetanguishene, the Townships of Tay and Tiny, and parts of Severn and Georgian Bay Townships; Wasaga Beach, Clearview Township, Collingwood, The Blue Mountains and portions of the Municipality of Meaford and Grey Highlands.

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Damage From Trespassers at Tomahawk

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that there will be enhanced patrols and enforcement efforts at the Tomahawk Golf Course and Recreational Complex by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Town By-law Enforcement Officers in response to increased incidents of trespassing and vandalism.

The Town reminds residents that the Tomahawk Golf Course and Recreational Complex remains closed until further notice under the Provincial Stay-at-Home order and that there is zero-tolerance for trespassers that violate the Provincial or Public Health regulations.

"Despite posted closed signs along the grounds, we continue to see damage caused from trespassers in the area," says Ryan Gibbons Director of Community Services. "Town Staff have installed additional signage to further clarify that the facility remains closed due to the current Provincial Stay-at-Home order."

In addition to an increase in signage, the OPP will be enhancing patrolling efforts in the surrounding area of the Tomahawk Golf Course and Recreational Complex, where any violators of the Provincial Order will be ticketed.

The Town reminds residents to keep up-to-date on current Public Health guidelines before heading outdoors and to visit the Town's COVID-19 Interactive Map to view open and closed recreational areas during this period.

The Tomahawk Golf Course and Recreational Complex, along with other closed Town facilities, will be re-opened following the conclusion of the Stay-at-Home Order or modification of the Order by the Provincial government. When Town facilities are permitted to re-open, the Town will do so following the guidance of the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit. For information, contact: 519-599-3131 ext. 281

ST. GEORGE'S ANNUAL PLANT SALE

The St. George's Anglican Church annual COVID Plant Sale is planned for Saturday, June 12, at the church in Clarksburg. Starts at 7 am. 519-599-3811.

Details on the 141st Garden Party to follow

Time to catch up?

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INTERESTED IN JOINING A BAYVIEW PARK TENNIS GROUP?

Local tennis enthusiast, Wayne Coulter, is hopeful that outdoor tennis will again become possible when the Stay at Home order is lifted. Currently planning for 3 groups.



Men Doubles - Thursday at 1pm
Women Doubles - Tuesday at 1pm
Mixed Doubles - Sunday afternoon

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