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Craft CIDER & BEER



U.S. Open Cider Grand National Champion - Thornbury Craft Co. Cider & Brew House

Oxford, Ohio - In 2015, U.S. Open Beer Championship's judging director, Jon Downing suggested adding several cider categories to the U.S. Open Beer Championship. More and more ciders were popping over the United States and Canada. The first year, there were 8 categories and in 2024 there were 33 categories ranging from Heritage Cider to Pie/Cobbler Cider. Today, the U.S. Open Cider Championship is one of the largest cider competitions in the world.

U.S. Open Cider Championship Medals and Grand National Champion

Thornbury Craft Co. Cider & Brew House from Thornbury, Ontario, has been crowned Grand National Champion at this year's U.S. Open Cider Championship, winning four gold medals. After finishing a close second to the two-time champion Woodchuck Cider last year, Thornbury triumphed with top honors in the Modern Cider Dry, Rosé, Raspberry, and Blueberry cider categories. This historic win makes Thornbury the first Canadian cidery to secure the overall title.

Arsenal Cider House from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, earned second place, while Glacial Till Vineyard & Winery in Palmyra, Nebraska, claimed third for the second consecutive year.

1. Thornbury Craft Co. - Ontario

- 2. Arsenal Cider House Pennsylvania
- 3. Glacial Till Nebraska
- 4. 2 Towns Ciderhouse Oregon
- 5. Sapsucker Farms Yellow Belly Cidery Minnesota
- 6. Blakes Hard Cider Michigan
- 7. Cider Corps Arizona
- 8. Ciderboys Cider Co. Wisconsin
- 9. Vala's Orchard Cider Co Nebraska
- 10. FX Matt Brewing Co. New York



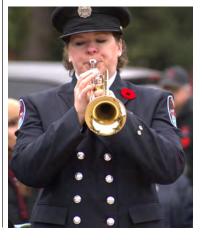


Remembrance Day Ceremonies were held at

The Thornbury
Cenotaph Jack
Acres Park and
at the Ravenna
Cenotaph on
November 11th.

photos by Robert Burcher and Chris Burton







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Residential Parking Registration Process 2025

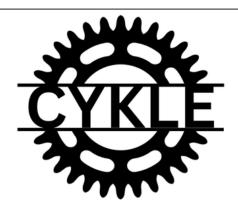
For discussion at the November 18th Committee of the Whole Meeting

Proposal from staff is to proceed with the digital residential parking pass program that aligns with the Town's new parking software and direct staff to implement that all veteran and accessible parking permits/passes park for free at any paid parking area in the Town.

No physical parking passes are planned for 2025 and moving forward.

The report presented will be to obtain direction from Council in relation to moving forward with the residential parking program for 2025. Although it was a process that the residents were required to adjust to, we have had an overwhelmingly positive response to the digital plate registration process. There was a small number of residents that did not approve of the digital process, but overall staff believe the digital process was a success. With the new parking enforcement software in place, residents will be able to register their plates through an online portal on the Town's website. This process will lead to a significant reduction in staff time for the residential plate registration.

The physical parking passes also required staff to keep track of the passes that were issued to certain residents as the limit was two (in accordance with council's directive) and residents were coming back on different dates to try to purchase additional Since the parking passes have been implemented by council in May 2024 to September 2024, there have been 355 people attending at the counter to purchase the passes, there have been 573 parking passes sold. Approximately 75% of the 573 parking passes sold to residents have also registered their plates and have indicated that the passes are for family and friends. This was the work around for the residents to be able to have the passes in addition to registering their plates. There have been approximately 5,800 vehicle registrations



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since January 2024. The registration process will be very easy and effective with the parking enforcement software. For those residents, who do not have access to the internet, staff will be able to register their plates for them.

Campus of Care Project Update

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that a report regarding the Campus of Care project was to be presented at the November 12, 2024, Council meeting.

Due to time constraints, the Staff Report was not heard at the meeting on November 12. It is now scheduled to be presented on Monday, November 25.

The report can be viewed on the town website: FAF.24.144 - Termination of 125 Peel Street Campus of Care Negotiations

The report explains that the Campus of Care project located at 125 Peel Street in Thornbury has been terminated due to unsuccessful negotiations with Skyline Development Acquisitions Inc. and peopleCare Communities Inc.

"Unfortunately, after months of active negotiations, the negotiation process related to the land sale has been unsuccessful due to current economic realities and recent Provincial and Town level changes related to development charges," explained Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "I would like to thank Town staff and representatives from Skyline and peopleCare for their dedication throughout the negotiation process. Although a deal was not reached, the Town remains focused and committed to increasing access to long-term care for residents".

In addition to the termination of the project, no further advancement related to the installation of municipal services for the Campus of Care property will be made. Any further consideration for the installation of municipal services at the 125 Peel Street property will be brought forward to Council in the future; however, no plans are in place at this time.

Additionally, the allocation of 160 Long Term Care Beds through the Ministry of Long-Term Care will not be impacted by the termination of the project. The allocation will be retained by peopleCare Communities Inc. The Town will continue to work with peopleCare Communities Inc. towards the goal of a future long-term care facility in The Blue Mountains.

Lastly, the Town would like to confirm that no land was sold through the negotiation process and the Town will continue to own and maintain the 125 Peel Street property in Thornbury. The property was purchased in 2021 as a strategic property of interest and was initially identified as a key property for a range of potential uses. Any future use of the land will be brought forward to Council in the future; however, no plans are in place at this time. For more information, please contact:

Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer, The Blue Mountains, (519) 599-3131 ext. 234 www.thebluemountains.ca

Ontario Expanding Ability to Process Cancer Fighting Medical Isotopes

The Ontario Government and Bruce Power announced the construction of a new hot cell in Bruce County to process the cancerfighting medical isotope lutetium-177 which is used as a targeted therapy, including for prostate cancer and neuroendocrine tumours. By repatriating medical isotope processing to the province and building provincial capacity to process the isotopes produced at our nuclear stations, Ontario is cementing its position as a leader in this cutting-edge medical field.

"Life-saving medical isotopes produced in Ontario's nuclear generating stations are one of the most consequential tools doctors have available to diagnose and treat the more than 247,000 Canadians who are diagnosed with cancer each year," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification. "My own family, like that of so many Canadians, has been impacted by cancer, so I know that this initiative will save lives and further cement Ontario's place as a global leader in the production and processing of cancer-fighting medical isotopes."

Bruce Power will partner with Isogen to construct this new hot cell which will support increased production of lutetium-177 and reduce overall processing time. Bruce Power will also work with the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON), which will have the opportunity to build upon the existing Gamzook'aamin aakoziwin isotope partnership to expand the hot cell to support localized isotope production in SON territory. In addition, Bruce Power will begin the refurbishment of Unit 4 on February 1, 2025, while refurbishment of Unit 3 is already underway. In total, Ontario is planning to refurbish a total of six Bruce units (Units 3 to 8) by 2033, which will extend their operating lives for at least another 30 years. Bruce Power's refurbishment and long-term operation will increase employment and help to meet the province's growing electricity demand and secure the long-term supply of lifesaving medical isotopes from the facility.

"The exciting part of this is that when we have all of the infrastructure in place with our Isotope Production System and the new hot cell fully operational, the sky is the limit on our production and research of new medical isotopes for doctors and patients around the world, allowing a breakthrough in cancer treatment" said Eric Chassard, Bruce Power's President and Chief Executive Officer. "This is a true made-in-Ontario and made-in-Canada success story that Bruce Power, the nuclear industry and our supplier partners can be extremely proud of."



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Ontario Building More Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The Ontario government is building over 1,300 new electric vehicle (EV) charging ports in small and medium-sized communities, marking a major milestone in the province's plan to increase access to EV chargers outside of large urban centres and support the electrification of transportation across the province. As the province continues to see substantial job creation and investment in the growing EV and EV battery manufacturing sector, these new charging stations will provide critical supporting infrastructure in communities across the province, including for EVs made right here in Ontario.

The new chargers are part of the government's \$63 million investment to build publicly accessible charging stations in communities with less than 170,000 people, as well as in any Indigenous community in Ontario. The chargers will be located at 270 sites across the province, such as arenas, hospitals, parks and recreation centres. This includes 190 charging ports in northern Ontario, providing drivers across the north with more options when travelling.

Each new EV charging site will include Level 2 charging stations, Level 3 charging stations, or a combination of the two. In addition, the government has also launched a new Ultra-Low Overnight Electricity Price Plan and is exploring options for an Electric Vehicle Charger Discount Electricity Rate to further support EV adoption and reduce emissions. The new Ultra-Low Overnight Electricity Price Plan is helping customers who use more electricity at night, including those who charge their electric vehicle, save up to \$90 per year.

"Having attracted \$45 billion in new electric vehicle and EV battery investments over the last four years, our government is delivering on a plan to build a fully integrated end-to-end EV supply chain in Ontario" said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "By expanding access to charging infrastructure beyond urban centres, we're ensuring workers and families across the province can feel confident in their adoption of EVs."



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Third Annual Conference Empowers Grey Bruce Youth For Climate Action

On November 7, over 130 elementary students and more than 30 educators from 27 schools across Grey and Bruce counties gathered at the Harmony Centre in Owen Sound for the third annual Youth Climate Action Conference (YCAC). The event provided a platform for students, educators, and community organizations to come together, learn, and collaborate on climate action initiatives.

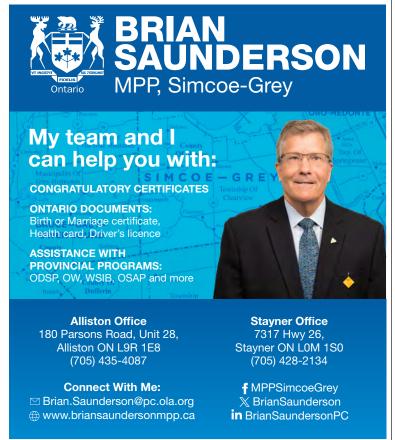
The conference featured a keynote presentation by two Grade 8 students from Arran-Tara Elementary School, Jana Lott and Nina Pieterman.

"Leaving YCAC last year, we were inspired by the speakers and the other students," said Lott and Pieterman. "This motivated us to start the Trees for Tara project. We teamed up with other classes at our school and planted 100 trees and shrubs."

Over the course of the day, students attending the conference participated in hands-on workshops that explored various climate topics such as how to make shorelines more resilient, composting, and how to use state-of-the-art climate modeling to experiment with different factors that impact climate change.

At lunch, youth visited interactive booths from community organizations, such as the Grey Bruce Public Health, Owen Sound Field Naturalists, Georgian Bluffs Climate Action Team and Stewardship Grey Bruce. In the afternoon, students began planning their school and community action projects. In a very energized session at the end of the day, students shared their project ideas, such as planting trees, starting or revitalizing school gardens, or starting a composting program at their school. Each school that attended will receive \$500 from Learning for a Sustainable Future towards implementing this project and students will have an opportunity to share their work at Owen Sound's Earth Day event in April 2025.

While students were in their sessions, teachers participated in a full day of professional development on how to connect climate to



their curriculum, led by Learning for a Sustainable Future. One of the event organizers, Samantha Gawron from Learning for a Sustainable Future shared, "We are excited to have the opportunity to work with so many local educators, who will shape and inspire students for years to come, amplifying our impact."

The conference was made possible through financial support from the Government of Canada as well as over \$10,000 raised by The Sustainability Project in sponsorships from local community organizations, climate action teams, municipalities, and individuals.

To learn more about Grey County's Climate Action Plan, Going Green in Grey, visit grey.ca/climate-action. For more information on the conference, visit the Sustainability Project's website at <u>ycac.info</u>.







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Notice of Complete Applications and Public Meeting Application for Official Plan Amendment (P3457), Zoning By-law Amendment (P3458), Draft Plan of Subdivision (P3459), and Draft Plan of Condominium (P3460)

Property Location: 496857 Grey Road 2

Date of this Notice: October 31, 2024 File No: P3457, P3458, P3459, P3460

Hinds Brook (Homefield) Rol#: 000011063010000

Public Meeting: November 26, 2024 at 9:30 am Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

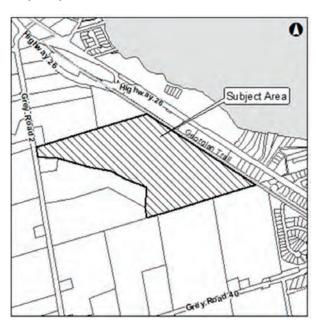
What is being proposed?

The above-captioned applications have been received and deemed complete as of October 16, 2024. This proposal seeks approval to:

- Change the Official Plan designation of the subject lands from Rural, Hazard and Special Agriculture to Community Living Area, Hazard and Special Agriculture with site specific permissions for a maximum density of 39 units/HA resulting in a maximum of 376 rowhouse and back-to-back units;
- Rezone the lands from Rural, Hazard and Special Agriculture to:
 - Introduce 6 sets of site specific and relaxed zoning standards to apply to the corresponding units depending on type;
 - Introduce new standards for back-to-back and rowhouse units:
 - · Revise Hazard zone boundaries; and
 - Assign Open Space zoning to proposed park and amenity space
- Subdivide and create lots for each of the proposed 376
 rowhouse and back-to-back units and create private roads, a
 stormwater management facility, park or amenity areas and
 two hazard land blocks;
- Create a common elements condominium excluding hazard lands:
- Remove significant woodlands from the portion of the lands proposed for development.

The effect of the proposed Subdivision and Condominium applications would also allow for either or both of a land lease and/or a freehold common element condominium on the subject lands.

Key Map



What happens at the Public Meeting?

No decision will be made at the 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 proposed amendment.

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. If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council you must make a written request to the Town Clerk.

Questions? Want more information? Ask the Planner!

Adam Farr, Senior Planner, Town of The Blue Mountains Ph: (519) 599-3131 ext. 283 or Toll Free (888) 258-6867 Email: planning@thebluemountains.ca Becky Hillyer, Senior Planner, Grey County, Ph. (548) 877-0715 Email: Becky.Hillyer@grey.ca



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Written comments received by November 22, 2024, will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting and will be included as part of the public record.

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Written comments may be sent to the County:

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Fax: (519) 376-7970

Email: becky.hillyer@grey.ca

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 **November 19, 2024, at 12:00 pm**.

Contact the Town Clerk to pre-register: Email: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca Call: 519-599-3131 extension 232

Fax: (519) 599-7723

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

Providing comments in person or in writing before a decision is made impacts your rights of appeal and/or ability to be involved in future appeal proceedings.

Where do I find more information?

Our website contains background studies, reports, plans and drawings. They are available for viewing or download at www.thebluemountains.ca/hindsbrook, www.grey.ca, or scan the QR code below:

Or visit Planning Services, at Town Hall during regular office hours, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or contact the planner for this file.







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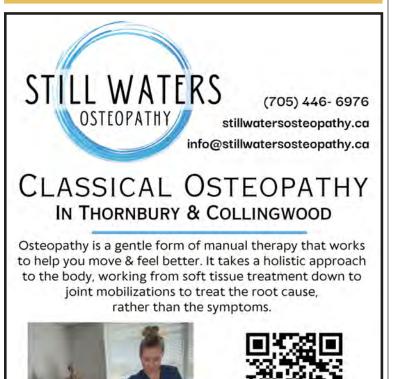


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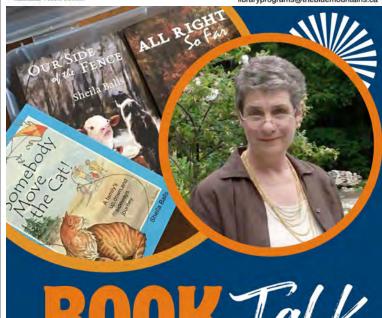
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Why Attend? Sustainability is more than a trend - it's a powerful strategy for your business and community. CCAT, along with Green Economy Canada, is launching this pilot project to empower businesses like yours to take meaningful action on greening your business.

What's in it for your business? Real stories, real results: hear firsthand from businesses in our region who are already embracing sustainable practices and discover why they chose to join the pilot project.

Networking Opportunities: Connect with other forward-thinking businesses in our community.

Q&A: Bring your questions and receive direct answers from our team of experts.

Registration: FREE. For more information and to register visit https://www.collingwoodclimateaction.com

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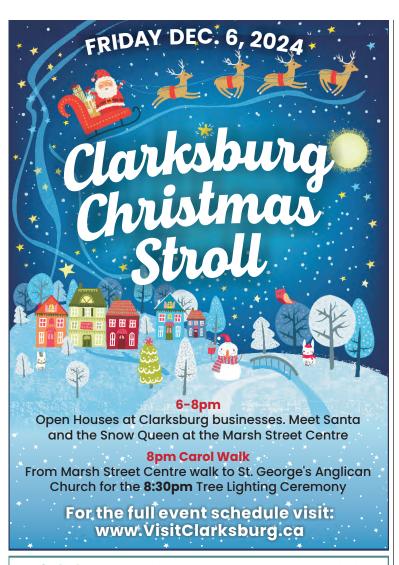
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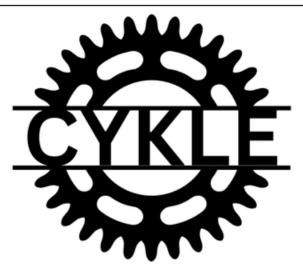
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