



Ontario Expanding Choices for Prospective Nursing Students Georgian College Launches Independent Degree

The Ontario government is providing a new pathway for nursing education with the launch of Georgian College's new stand-alone four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

The new program builds on Ontario's recent changes allowing both publicly-assisted colleges and universities to offer a baccalaureate degree in nursing to increase opportunities for students to access a high-quality education. This includes stand-alone Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs offered at universities, colleges, and through collaborative university-college partnerships.

Georgian College will welcome the first cohort of new nursing students starting in September 2022.

"This is a bold, progressive move by the Ontario government, that will provide our students the opportunity to complete a highly sought-after degree – right here in our community," said Dr. MaryLynn West-Moynes, Georgian College President and CEO. "Georgian is well-positioned to offer all four years of a truly exceptional Honours Bachelor of Science – Nursing degree program with some of the latest in high-fidelity nursing simulation lab technology and highly skilled faculty."

As part of the government's recently announced \$35 million investment to increase enrolment in nursing education programs in publicly-assisted colleges and universities across the province, the province is also providing up to \$564,308 to help increase enrolment in nursing education programs at Georgian College, supporting the training of 62 new practical nursing students.

Quick Facts

To become a registered nurse in Ontario (and be registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario), individuals must obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Investing in nursing education supports the government's Long-Term Care Staffing Plan that was launched last year.

At the centre of this plan, the hours of direct care for residents in long-term care will be increasing to an average of four hours per day over four years. To implement this initiative, the government will be making overall investments of \$1.9 billion annually by 2024-2025.

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Contact: Craigeleith Heritage Depot, Phone: 519-599-3681 ext. 6
Email: depot@thebluemountains.ca

BMAHC Announces New Executive Director

The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation (BMAHC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Bisley as the Corporation's new Executive Director, effective November 8, 2021. As Executive Director, Jennifer will provide strategic leadership to progress the development of attainable housing opportunities in The Blue Mountains and oversee management responsibilities of the BMAHC.

Rob Sampson Chairperson of the BMAHC states, "Jennifer joins us having previously worked with the Canmore Community Housing Corporation to expand rental and ownership options for employees and locals in the resort community. She brings more than 15 years of experience in leadership positions dedicated to housing strategy, development, programs, and community engagement in the public and non-profit sectors."

The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to provide attainable housing for working families of modest means. It has become evermore apparent that there is a need for attainable housing for the "missing middle" of our community and particularly after the covid-19 pandemic.

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Testing and case counts reported as of 23:59 hrs, October 12th

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- 2 new cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce;
- 2360 confirmed cases
- 2310 resolved cases
- 23 active cases
- 178 active high-risk contacts
- 1 confirmed local active case(s) hospitalized in Grey Bruce
2 confirmed cases hospitalized outside of Grey Bruce
- 15 deaths in Grey Bruce
+1 death related to a Grey Bruce resident that acquired the infection and was treated outside of Grey Bruce
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- 120 cases reported in health care workers; workers living in Grey Bruce and working both in and outside Grey Bruce

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THE BLUE MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY OCTOBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Exhibit Launch: Naked Truth

October 5 | L.E. Shore Gallery & Online
Featuring the works of the Studio XX with Janice Cummings
Exhibit runs October 5 to October 31, 2021.



Adventures in Digital Arts: Youth

October 16 | 10:00am | L.E. Shore Gallery | Registration Required
The Blue Mountains Creator Space and BMPL present a digital arts workshop for youth ages 8-13 years old. Learn photography, editing, and how to cartoon. Limited numbers, so sign up while you can!

Apple Tasting Passport Challenge

October 1-31 | Registration Required
The Blue Mountains Public Library has teamed up with Goldsmith's for an Apple Challenge. Swing by L.E. Shore or Craigeleith Depot to pick up a tasting passport, try the apples (if you drop by Goldsmith's they are free!) and drop off the ballot to win a Goldsmith's gift basket.



JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY Author Talk with Natalie Jenner

October 19 | 7:00pm | BMPL Zoom | Registration Required
Kick off Ontario Public Library Week with a Virtual Author Talk with Natalie Jenner, bestselling author of The Jane Austen Society. Hear the inspiration behind the story and her favourite public library memories. Register online.

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

October 30 & 31 | 10:00am-2:00pm L.E. Shore Library & Craigeleith Heritage Depot
Drop in to L.E. Shore on the 30th or CHD on the 31st for a super fun Halloween Scavenger Hunt and a spooky TREAT! All you have to do is find all the hidden ghouls, ghosts and goblins in the library. Wear a costume for an extra treat.



Seniors Exercise
Mondays | 10:00am
Facebook



Digital Book Club
Thursdays | 1:00pm
Facebook

Teen Group
Oct 14 | 5:00pm
L.E. Shore

Museum From Home
Mondays | 12:30pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter

Outdoor Story Time
Fridays | 11:00am
L.E. Shore Lawn



101 Things about CHD
Thursdays | 9:30am
Zoom



Kids Clubhouse
Tuesdays | 4:00pm
Zoom

Favourite Fossils
Fridays | 5:00pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter

TwAG
Oct 28 | 4:00pm
L.E. Shore

Wired Wednesday
Wednesdays | 1:00pm
Facebook & YouTube



Trivia Game Night
Fridays | 7:00pm
Facebook



Truth About Credit
Oct 27 | 6:00pm
Zoom

Bedtime Story Time
Wednesdays | 7:00pm
Facebook & YouTube

For more information or to register for events visit the **Event Calendar** on our website. www.TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca



STRAT PLAN CEO DROP-IN

STOP IN TO L.E. SHORE AND CHAT WITH OUR CEO ABOUT ANY ISSUES, SERVICES, PROGRAMS, OR GOVERNANCE MATTERS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED IN OUR NEXT STRATEGIC PLAN.

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 27 | 5:00PM- 7:00PM



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Notice of Public Meeting – Development Charges

Grey County Council is holding a public meeting on October 28, 2021 at 3:00 PM to discuss proposed development charge rates and policies that will be applied throughout the County. Council will be considering the approval of an updated development charges by-law(s) on a date following this public meeting.

Development charges are fees on new developments that fund growth-related costs to a municipality. They are used across parts of Ontario and are governed by the Development Charges Act, 1997. County capital services include Land Ambulance, Social Housing, Children's Services, Provincial Offences, Parks Services – Trails, Public Health Unit, Long-Term Care, Development-Related Studies and Services Related to A Highway (Public Works and Roads & Related).

The public meeting is an opportunity for the public to review and provide comments on the 2021 Grey County Development Charges Background Study and the proposed Development Charges By-law(s), as required under The Development Charges Act, 1997.

All interested parties are invited to join the electronic public meeting or to attend in person by registering in advance. The public meeting will be held on:

Thursday, October 28nd, 2021 at 3:00 PM
595 9th Avenue East, Owen Sound, ON N4K 3E3
 The Public Meeting can be viewed live online at
www.Grey.ca/council/live-stream.

To participate in the meeting, or to register to attend in person, please email communications@grey.ca by **October 20, 2021** or call 519-372-0219 x1232.

The proposed development charges by-law will not be considered by Council at this meeting. The by-law will be considered by Council at a future meeting, after considering comments received as part of the public meeting and the consultation process.

The Development Charges Background Study and the proposed Development Charges By-law will be available on the County website at <https://www.grey.ca/development-charges> on **October 9, 2021**. You can also contact the Planning Department at planning@grey.ca or you can call (519) 372-0219 x1232 to arrange an appointment to review a hard copy of the documents.

Any person may attend the public meeting and make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the Study. Registration to speak and written comments should be directed to Randy Scherzer, Deputy CAO. Comments can be sent electronically to planning@grey.ca (link sends e-mail), or to the address below. Comments received before and at the public meeting will be considered by Council before making any changes to the development charges by-laws.

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We are looking for seeds or small saplings from older trees that have demonstrated successful adaptation to the area. We are hoping to source trees that are native to our area including sugar, red, silver and black maple, white, burr and northern oak, American basswood, paper and yellow birch and ironwood.

If you are able to collect seeds from older, well established local trees this fall, please store them in a dry container or bag, label the source location and contact Tree Trust TBM. If you have small saplings that are growing within the canopy of an older, established tree, please let us know if you are willing to let us come by and dig up a few for transplant to the nursery.

Contact Tree Trust TBM townofthebluemountains@tree-trust.ca or call the Review at 519-599-3345

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Notice of Virtual Public Information Centre

September 16th – October 18th, 2021

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

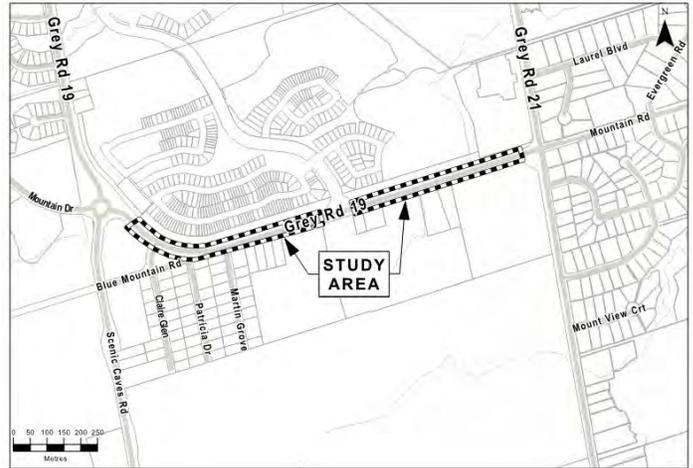
Grey Road 19 Widening between Grey Road 21/ Mountain Road/Simcoe Road 34 and Grey Road 119/Gord Canning Drive

The Study

Following a recent Traffic Study, Grey County (County) has identified the need to widen Grey Road 19 between Grey Road 21/ Mountain Road/Simcoe Road 34 and Grey Road 119/ Gord Canning Drive to meet the needs of increased traffic demand. The County is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to consider options for improvements, with consideration for active transportation. The site location and approximate extent of the Study Area are shown on the map.

Alternative solutions for improvements include:

- 1) Do Nothing
- 2) Widen to 4 lanes
- 3) Widen to 4 lanes with active transportation



The Process

The Study will follow Schedule C of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, & 2015), which is an approved process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The Study will evaluate alternative solutions and design alternatives with consideration of the natural, cultural, technical and financial environments and recommend a preferred solution in consultation with the public, Indigenous communities and agencies. At the conclusion of the Study, the process will be documented in an Environmental Study Report (ESR), prepared for public review.

Comments Invited

The County would like to ensure that anyone interested in this Study has the opportunity to provide input into the planning and design of the project. A **virtual Public Information Centre (PIC)** will be available on the County website to describe the Study, the proposed alternative solutions, the design alternatives, identify next steps in the process and gather public comments. PIC materials pertaining to the Study are available online at <https://www.grey.ca/news/notice-municipal-class-environmental-assessment-grey-road-19-widening-between-grey-road-21> starting **September 16th, 2021**. Your comments on the project and information materials are encouraged by **October 18th, 2021**. Following the PIC, and in consideration of comments received, the final preferred solution will be identified.

Please contact either of the following Project Team members if you are unable to access the online information concerning this Study or if you would like to be added to the Project Contact List to receive future project notices:

Trevor Ireton, Project Planning Engineer
 Grey County
 595 9th Ave East
 Owen Sound ON N4K 3E3
 519-372-0219 ext. 1246
 trevor.ireton@grey.ca

Paul Hausler, Project Manager
 R. J. Burnside & Associates Limited
 3 Ronell Crescent
 Collingwood, ON L9Y 4J6
 705-797-4289
 paul.hausler@rjburnside.com

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. Project and notice information will be made accessible upon request in accordance with the Accessibility Standard for Information and Communication under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*. This Notice first advertised on September 16th, 2021.



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NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF LAND

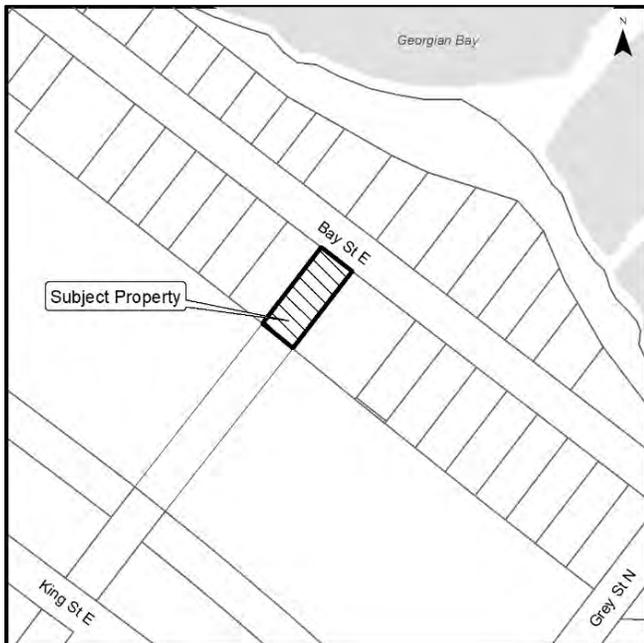
Unopened Wellington Street North Road Allowance

Be advised that on **September 21th, 2021**, Council considered Staff Report PDS.21.105, entitled "Consideration of Sale of Town Lands – Wellington Street Road Allowance (P3021)". Council has resolved in part to undertake the following:

That Council deems a portion of the unopened Wellington Street North Right-of-Way as surplus to the needs of the Corporation; and That Council direct staff to proceed with all necessary processes required to consider disposal of a portion of the unopened Wellington Street North Right-of-Way in accordance with the Town's Sale and Disposal of Land Policy (POL.COR.07.02); including Public consultation.

The Town is providing the public this Notice of Disposition of Land regarding a portion of the unopened Wellington Street North Right-of-Way as set out on the illustration provided below. This portion of unopened Right-of-Way is located on Bay Street East and is situated between two (2) low-density residential properties municipally known as 151 Bay Street East and 161 Bay Street East. Under the Town's Notice Policy and the Town's Sale or Other Disposition of Lands Policy, Public Notice will be provided for two consecutive weeks in the newspaper.

Comments about the proposed disposition can be provided using the contact information below. Comments are requested by no later than **October 22, 2021**



Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

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Town Initiates the Development of a Comprehensive Fire Master Plan

To ensure that The Blue Mountains Fire Department continues to meet the needs of the community, a comprehensive review of operations and services is being completed through the development of a comprehensive Fire Master Plan.

The plan will include a review of existing operations and services and will establish an actionable path forward in planning and preparing for future emergency challenges, as well as focusing on enhancing overall public education and safety.

To launch the project, a dedicated webpage has been created where residents can keep engaged with the project's details and key dates. To view the project webpage, please visit:

yourview.thebluemountains.ca/fire-master-plan

The Fire Master Plan will be completed in phases, beginning with a Town-wide Community Risk Assessment which is used to identify and evaluate all risks to public safety to better inform decision-making within the Town's fire services. "As the Town continues to see significant growth in population and development, it is important our Fire Department is equipped with the tools and resources necessary to ensure and enhance the safety of our community," says Mayor Alar Soever.

"The development of a comprehensive Fire Master Plan will give the Town a strategic and actionable path forward for our fire services and ensure they remain sustainable well into the future."

Through research and community consultation, the Fire Master Plan will examine the people, processes, and technology of the Town's Fire Department and will address key items by recommending industry best practices, current standards, and applicable legislation as the foundation for all work going forward.

The final plan is scheduled to be received by Council in February 2022. For more information, please contact:

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Notice - Council Compensation Review Committee Welcomes Public Feedback

On behalf of the Council Compensation Review Committee, the Town would like to provide an update regarding the 2021 Council compensation review process.

As directed by Council, the Committee has reconvened to review the recommendations previously approved by Council in 2019 to ensure that the compensation structure continues to reflect the best interests of both ratepayers and elected officials.

A report with preliminary recommendations will be presented by Committee members at the **October 28, 2021**, Council Compensation Review Committee meeting. To provide feedback, the Committee has extended an open invitation for members of the public to review the preliminary report and provide feedback.

The preliminary report will be available on the Town website for public review on **October 20, 2021** on the Agendas, Minutes Reports webpage:

www.thebluemountains.ca/agendas-minutes-reports.cfm

Following the report, the recommendations will be considered by Council through the 2022 budget process. If you are interested in submitting comments but are unable to attend the October 28, 2021 meeting, you can submit a letter of correspondence to the Committee for review. Correspondence must be submitted to the Executive Assistant by October 22, 2021.

In addition, members of the public are invited to submit comments to the Executive Assistant which will be read during the public comment period of the Committee meeting. Comments can be submitted using the contact form below prior to the meeting on October 28, 2021.

About the Council Compensation Review Committee

The Council Compensation Review Committee is an advisory committee of Council for the purposes of reviewing relevant municipal models and recommending a compensation package for elected officials that is fair and reasonable to both Council and ratepayers. The Committee will present a report to Council outlining a proposed compensation package at the Council Compensation Review Committee meeting on October 28, 2021.

To learn more, please visit:

www.thebluemountains.ca/council-compensation-review-committee.cfm

For more information, please contact:

Shawn Everitt
Chief Administrative Officer

Executive Assistant
Committees of Council

Ontario Forage Council is pleased to bring back the Forage Focus conference!

This year we will be hosting one webinar per day for three days during the first week of December. Please share

Forage Focus: Field to Feed; November 30 - December 2, 2021

Free webinars - Registration:

www.events.eventzilla.net/e/forage-focus-2021-2138832593

Tuesday, November 30:

Dr. Renato Schmidt (Lallemand) – Minimize losses to get the most out of your silage

Wednesday, December 1:

Anita Heeg (OMAFRA) – How to use your forage analysis on-farm

Thursday December 2:

Dr. Kim Cassida (Michigan State University) – Alfalfa quality and lessons from forage trials

www.onforagenetwork.ca/ontario-forage-council/forage-focus

Recipes for Life

This is the perfect time and place to share 'recipes for life' and we invite you, the reader to do the same.

Throw open the sashes! That is what they did in days gone by.

They cleaned and de-cluttered top to bottom twice a year, spring and fall. Ever since I was a child I was fascinated by the ways of the pioneers, people whose lives embraced resilience, common sense, interdependence and the domestic arts - cooking, gardening, sewing and housework. I have always fallen short on at least two out of four of these, but I keep trying.

I disagree with Marie Kondo. What brings you joy one day may bring you grief the next, so why employ that criteria? For someone who was raised going to yard sales, thrift stores, flea markets and antique stores minimalism has no appeal to me whatsoever. I like being surrounded by the things I love.

These bargains hold priceless memories that mean absolutely nothing to anyone else. As I am a writer I refer to de-cluttering as editing. I don't need any expert to help me. You learn by going through the process.

We all have too much stuff.

I employ this simple rule-box to give away, a box to repurpose, a box to sell. When you change up your life you make way for new things to happen. Throw open the sashes, the leaves are about to fall.

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THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS

OCTOBER 2021

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All Things Apple!

The Fall season in The Town of The Blue Mountains is characterized by one important fruit, APPLES! This October, The Blue Mountains Public Library is celebrating All Things Apple, including a fun Apple Tasting Challenge and the premiere of the latest [REEL History Film](#) entitled Apple Harvest.

Join special guests on Friday October 8th at 7:00pm for the launch of this new film. Focusing on a year in the life of an apple, you will get a taste of the process that takes place to bring apples to your table.

[Register online](#) to join in the virtual film launch on our [Event Calendar](#).



BMPL has teamed up with [Goldsmith's Orchards](#) for the Apple Tasting Challenge. Try 4 local varieties of apples for your chance to win! [Register online](#) using our [Event Calendar](#). Pick up a Tasting Passport at L.E. Shore Library or Craigleith Heritage Depot and get out there to taste the different apples listed in the passport for your chance to win great prizes, including a gift basket from Goldsmith's. This is an all-ages event that runs October 1-31, 2021. Winners will be announced in early November 2021.

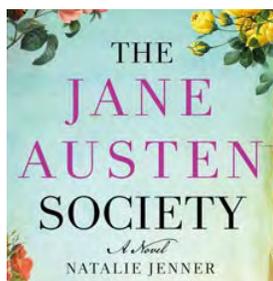
Celebrate Ontario Public Library Week with BMPL

October is Canadian Library Month, which includes [First Nations Public Library Week](#) and [Ontario Public Library Week](#)! In Ontario, we celebrate our public libraries during Ontario Public Library Week from October 17-23, 2021. This year to celebrate join us for a [Virtual Author Talk with Natalie Jenner](#) as she talks about her international bestseller novel, "[The Jane Austen Society](#)". The event will occur on Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Natalie is the author of two fictional books, "The Jane Austen Society" (2020) and the forthcoming "Bloomsbury Girls" (to be released in Spring 2022). "The Jane Austen Society" was a #1 National Bestseller and has been sold in twenty countries. Natalie will be discussing her inspiration for the novels, her writing process, Canadian publishing, and how she found success through

writing fiction. We will also talk about her past career as a independent bookstore owner, public libraries, and her own favourite library memories. The evening will end with a brief Q&A session. Register online for the event. Interested in reading "The Jane Austen Society" before the big event? It can be found in our [catalogue](#).

Interested in First Nations Public Library Week? See inside for information on [Truth and Reconciliation](#) and a [book list of Indigenous works](#).



Spooky Scavenger Hunt

Hey all you ghosts, ghouls, and goblins! Head on down to the L.E. Shore Library October 30th anytime between 10:00am-2:00pm or and the Craighleith Heritage Depot October 31st between 12:00pm-4:00pm for a super fun Halloween Scavenger Hunt! All you have to do is find all the hidden ghouls, ghosts and goblins in the building. Submit your Scavenger Hunt Card at the circulation desk for a chance to win a prize! Remember to grab a yummy treat before you leave BMPL. Costumes are encouraged! This is a drop-in program so no registration is required. Masks, Physical distancing, and all health measures will be in effect.



This Month In the Gallery

Exhibit Launch: Natured Truth Runs Oct. 5 - Oct. 31, 2021. Featuring the works of the Studio XX with Janice Cummings. Studio XX painters are beckoned by nature and everyday miracles. They showcase the delights, mystery, beauty and wonder found in landscapes, flowers, rocks, waves, birds - the world that surrounds us and often goes unnoticed. Enjoy the magic that this talented and diverse group of painters reveal as they share their love of nature and the wonderful world that is there for all to enjoy and marvel in - when we mindfully slow down and become aware.

This exhibit is available in-person at L.E. Shore and online on our [Exhibits webpage](#). All purchases can be taken in-person at L.E. Shore, via phone by calling 519-599-3681 ext. 5, and by emailing TheGallery@TheBlueMountains.ca.

Congrats CHD!

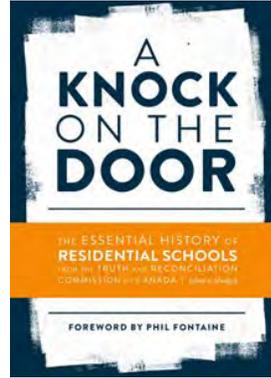
UNESCO Chair of Water, Heritage and Sustainable Development has selected Alessia for the *Beyond Museums - Tools for Promoting the Natural and Cultural Water Heritage*. This certificate will assist Alessia with our many environmental and natural history programs including the Jr. Naturalist Program. This experience will also be invaluable in CHD outreach with the Watershed Trust, Bruce Trail Association, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, Dept. of Oceans and Fisheries, Ontario Provincial Parks and our other environmental partners. Way to go Alessia!



Alessia, Museum Technician

Indigenous Reads

The National Day for Truth & Reconciliation took place on September 30th. This day, and every day, we have the opportunity to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. BMPL urges everyone to read the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action, have the conversation at home, borrow a book by an Indigenous author, buy Indigenous, support Indigenous, listen, be an ally, and donate if you can. First Nations Public Library Week is October 4-8, 2021.



A Knock on the Door by Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (NF). Published in collaboration with the National Research Centre for Truth & Reconciliation, this book presents the essential history and legacy of residential schools in a concise and accessible package.

Five Little Indians by Michelle Good. Chronicles the desperate quest of 5 young residential school survivors to come to terms with their past and, ultimately, find a way forward.

Moon of the Crusted Snow by Waubgeshig Rice. A daring post-apocalyptic novel from a powerful rising literary voice.

Secret Path by Gord Downie and Jeff Lemire (GN). Chanie was a young boy who died walking the railroad tracks, trying to escape from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. Secret Path acknowledges a dark part of Canada's history, the long suppressed mistreatment of Indigenous people, with the hope of starting our country on a road to reconciliation.

Sevan Fallen Feathers by Tanya Talaga (NF). Award-winning investigative journalist delves into the history of a small northern city where seven young Indigenous students were found dead and the long struggle with human rights violations against Indigenous communities.

Up Ghost River by Edmund Metatawabin (NF). A memoir about the abuse a First Nations chief endured in residential school in the 1960s, the resulting trauma, and the spirit he rediscovered within himself and his community through traditional spirituality and knowledge.

Speaking our Truths: a Journey of Reconciliation by Monique Gray Smith (JNF). Examines how we can foster reconciliation with Indigenous people at individual, family, community and national levels.

Family History Month - Get Scrapbooking!

At the end of October, the Craighleith Heritage Depot is publishing a new online exhibit, Family Scrapbook. This online exhibit will feature various local families from our large historical photograph collection. The month of October is marked as Family History month, this celebration encourages people to explore their family's past! The online exhibit will include photographs, diary entries, letters, and scrapbooks, piecing together family's pasts. We also will be including a section of unknown people, in hopes that someone will be able to identify them. Check out our online exhibits at the end of October to check out some of the amazing photographs and items we'll have on display!



"Don't move, don't move, don't move"
(Lucy & Eva Atkins)



Bumpits circa 1880s
(unknown woman)



"Dude, are we done yet?"
(unknown man)



"Wait... where are the cookies?"
(Unknown Toddler)

Truth and Reconciliation

On this first annual National Day of Reconciliation (and after) your BMPL has resources to assist you to work towards the 94 Calls to Action. In September the TRC Calls to Action Booklet were distributed with family friendly activities. If you missed this, you can find the [94 Calls to Action online](#).

While Truth and Reconciliation seems a mammoth task, we can each do our part by bringing it down to the basics that **Truth** is learning, or unlearning what we have been told. **Reconciliation** is taking actions to make change.

BMPL has been an advocate for Land Acknowledgments, supporting our Indigenous members, providing programs towards citizenship building where our community can learn about our Indigenous peoples and matters-historic and contemporary. We will continue to bring this matter forward to our community, whether it is hanging ribbons for the thousands murdered children

at the hands of their educators, hanging red dresses for the Murdered and Missing Women and Girls, or bringing vetted Indigenous materials to our community. Let's all work towards a day when we no longer require reconciliation!



Harriet Prince of Sagkeeng First Nation.
Residential School Survivor.

Trick-or-Treat Safety

If you're planning to trick-or-treat this year, plan and be safe.

- Wear a mask (and not just the costume kind).
- Limit the group size. Keep the group to just siblings.
- Limit the houses you visit.
- Look for contactless trick-or-treat houses on Municipal websites.
- Leave lots of space between other trick-or-treaters.
- Take precautions while prepping candy. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after prepping.
- Practice good hand hygiene. Remember to use hand sanitizer in between homes to further reduce risk.
- Stay home if you or anyone in the house might be sick.

Happy Trick-or-Treating!

Creator Space Programs

[The Creator Space](#) is your space to create and learn digital arts including digital video, digital sound, digital photography, and digital design in a state of the art digital lab, with programs, events and workshops led by award-winning digital artists and industry experts.

Webinars are free with your BMPL library card! Check out their programs both in-person and online on our [Event Calendar](#). New programs are posted monthly. During your next visit to L.E. Shore, stop by and check out our Digital Arts Lab in partnership with the Creator Space.

Amateurs

If you or a loved one are living in or considering moving to a Retirement Home, you should read this book. The author wrote it while living in a Collingwood Senior's Residence, and all of the action (some of it real) involves the residents or the staff.

Everyday activities, described with heart and humour, take place while Ted and Beth, two octogenarians, help police solve a murder on the Georgian Trail and a serious drug smuggling operation on Lake Huron.

All of this is spiced up by the challenges of Covid 19 and a tender romance that grows between the two seniors. If you think that life in a Retirement Home is dull and unexciting, read *Amateurs* and learn that adventure is on your doorstep.

Amateurs can be purchased from the author, Norman Paterson, on line at amazon.ca and other on-line retailers, or from Jessica's Book-Nook in Thornbury. normanreedpaterson@gmail.com.



Ontario Providing Financial Relief to Employers

Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) is cutting premium rates in 2022 by \$168 million, bringing the total reduction in premiums since 2018 to \$2.4 billion. In addition, the government is intending to introduce legislation that, if passed, would allow for a significant portion of the WSIB's current reserve, currently valued at \$6.1 billion, to be distributed to safe employers. This proposed change would help employers cope with the impacts of COVID-19.

The Ontario government is also proposing to enable the WSIB to work with the Canada Revenue Agency to streamline remittances for businesses. This change would reduce administrative costs and burdens by giving businesses an efficient one-stop-shop for submitting payroll deductions.

Lastly, closures in low-wage sectors due to the pandemic have resulted in a spike in Ontario's Average Industrial Wage. As a result, the ceiling for worker benefits will be increasing by 9.45 per cent. To prevent some businesses from having to pay thousands of dollars a year in additional premiums, Ontario is capping the growth of premiums to an increase of 3.2 per cent (close to the normal range)



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