



Around the Town with Robert Burcher



Chili Cookoff crew in the Marsh Street Centre, Saturday October 14th to promote the coming show Five Alarm in November. The play is about a chili recipe that creates a sensation at a small town chili cookoff. Sounds like Thornbury in the 1990s!



A sign of the times - boats on cradles on the parking lot and empty docks!



A massive run of Steelhead Trouts drew in many fishermen over the weekend.

Proposed Accountability and Transparency Committee

Council approved the Accountability and Transparency Terms of Reference as presented in report FAF.23.115 and Council appointed Councillor June Porter as the Chair of the Accountability and Transparency Committee, Councillor Paula Hope as the Vice Chair and Councillor Gail Ardiel as a member; Council will direct staff to advertise for two (2) members of the public to be considered by Council for appointment to the Accountability and Transparency Committee as outlined in the Terms of Reference.

Background

During the Council discussion regarding establishing Committees of Council, Council provided staff with direction to consider establishing an Accountability and Transparency Committee for the 2022-2026 Term of Council. As a result of this direction, staff brought forward Staff Report FAF.23.020 entitled "Options for Establishing a Transparency and Accountability Committee or Task Force for 2022-2026 Term of Council" to the February 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Council, by way of a Council Resolution, created an Accountability and Transparency Working Group and tasked it with drafting a Transparency and Accountability Committee Terms of Reference for Council consideration. Members included Councillor Porter, Councillor Hope and Councillor Ardiel as the working group members and the Clerk's Division being the lead staff resource available to the working group.

To date, the Accountability and Transparency Working Group has met three (3) times.

Mandate

The mandate of this proposed Advisory Committee of Council is "to create and implement a plan to grow trust between the community and the Town, by reviewing, modernizing and designing the corporate strategic plan to create a responsive and democratic governance structure within the Town."

The mandate also identifies eleven (11) key elements for Council to consider further through this report.

Educating staff, Council, residents, stakeholders, and visitors to ensure a shared understanding and meaning about the Town's corporate strategic plan while also building a culture of learning and providing evidence of change

- Updating the "Accountability and Transparency of Town Actions to the Public Policy, POL.COR.07.01"

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Want to help plant more trees in TBM?

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, October 28th - rain or shine - from 9am to 11am at Nipissing Ridge Park (205 Blueski George Crescent, The Blue Mountains, L9Y 0S8) to help apply mulch and compost and plant some new trees and shrubs funded by a Tremendous Communities grant. Bring garden gloves and wear gardening type footwear if you would like to pitch in. If you are not the gardening type, then just come out and cheer us on and show your support for trees. You can find more information and register with the Town for this event at:

www.thebluemountains.ca/tremendous

The Landfill & Recycling Depot has created a pilot project “**Dump Emporium**” to support the reuse of some items headed for the landfill. This plan contributes to the circular economy and will generate revenue for the Town’s grants and donation budget, which will in turn support community organizations. Items still go through the landfill pay system, but are available to be repurchased.



ATTENTION

Anyone who has served in the military including WW11, Korea, SDA, Militia/Reserve Forces, RCMP, Still Serving and dependents

The Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau Officer Sherry Culling will be visiting during the week of October 23rd

Anyone wishing information, advice or assistance regarding:

Veterans Affairs Canada Disability Pensions/Awards

Treatment for Entitled Veterans

Application for Poppy/Benevolent Funds

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- Recommending strategies that will ensure Council, residents, stakeholders, and visitors continue to be educated on all Town direction and activities
- Reviewing of the Staff Report template to ensure that corporate strategic objectives are aligned with the established policies of the Town, Grey County, the Province, and the Federal Government
- Decision making of staff and Council is supportive of the corporate strategic objectives
- Collaborating with Communications staff to ensure all elements of accountability and transparency are engrained into every Town communication vehicle including surveys.
- Reviewing and providing recommendations regarding the Code of Conduct
- Providing recommendations on the establishment of the Lobbyist Registry and its ongoing effectiveness
- Reviewing and, where appropriate making recommendations on any other matter that comes forward during Committee discussions through the lens of accountability and transparency or as requested by Council
- The mandate will be supported by measurable action items and timing
- Ongoing and continuous monitoring of accountability and transparency of trends and issues

Composition and Term

The proposed Accountability and Transparency Advisory Committee will be comprised of representatives of Council along with up to two (2) members of the public, each with an 18month term.

Composition is proposed as follows;

- Three (3) Members of Council with one (1) member of Council being the Chair and one (1) the Vice Chair
- Two (2) Public Voting Members Appointed by Council
- One (1) Lead Town Staff Resource (Town Clerk)
- One (1) Additional Town Staff (Chief Administrative Officer)
- One (1) Additional Staff Resource (Executive Assistant to Committees of Council) for administrative duties, notetaking, and the scheduling of meetings.

Application Process

It is being suggested that an application form be incorporated for members of the public who are interested in applying for this Advisory Committee and the application process would include a formal interview process with the Advisory Committee prior to the Advisory Committee making its recommendations to Council as to the preferred applicants.

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Grey County October 12 Meeting Highlights

Grey County Council met on October 12, 2023, in the Council Chamber and virtually on Zoom. The meeting was immediately followed by a session of Committee of the Whole. Recordings of the meetings can be found on Grey County's YouTube Channel.

County Council

Council accepted the minutes of the September 28 Grey County Council and Committee of the Whole meetings.

Council received the minutes of the May 26, June 23, July 28 and August 11, 2023 Board of Health meetings. Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arra spoke to council about the minutes and highlighted the opiate crisis and interventions that are underway.

Committee of the Whole

Darlene Lamberti of the **Centre Grey Health Services Foundation** thanked Council for the Grey County's contributions to the newly opened hospital in Markdale. Grey County's contributions will be recognized through the naming of the ambulatory care department at the hospital. Grey County contributed \$1 million to the project through a combination of donated land and funding.

Council received the **Integrity Commissioner's Annual Report**. The Integrity Commissioner provides advice to Grey County on ethical policy development, education about ethical behaviour of council members, and if required, investigates complaints related to breaches of the Council Code of Conduct if they cannot be informally resolved.

Council supported a new Grey County Economic Development, Tourism and Culture Master Plan titled **The Grey't Reset**. This plan provides a 10-year vision and a five-year action plan for economic development and Grey Roots Museum & Archives. The new plan adapts to significant changes experienced following the pandemic.

Council extended the delegated authority given to County planning staff in approving plans of subdivisions for vacant land.

Council approved proposed changes to speed limits along **Grey Road 119** in the Town of The Blue Mountains. Council supported recommendations to raise the speed limit to 70kmph almost most of the road for consistency but reducing the speed to 50kmph in the community of Banks. A by-law will be brought forward to a future meeting to formalize the changes and new speed limit signs will be installed.

Council approved a **Non-Union Compensation Policy**. This policy outlines how compensation reviews will be undertaken, the job evaluation process and inputs into the annual salary adjustment calculation, with the goal of providing a pay structure and target pay that is fair, compliant with employment laws, affordable, and competitive.

In follow up to direction to Grey County staff to approach the Bluewater District School Board regarding the possible purchase of an **inactive school track field property in Meaford** for the purpose of future affordable housing, staff advised that the opportunity was discussed but that no further action would be taken by the school board. Provincial legislation requires schoolboards to sell surplus land at a fair market value. The deferred resolution relating to this matter was withdrawn by Councillor Keaveney. A new motion was unanimously supported by council directing staff to send a letter of advocacy to the Ministry of Housing and Ministry of Education asking for them to intervene and enable relief from the fair market value provision where the property is being repurposed for affordable or attainable housing. <https://www.grey.ca/>

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Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund Supports Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce and Western Simcoe

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce and Western Simcoe (BBBSGBWS) has received technology project funding of \$38,880 through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund to upgrade and adapt their foundational systems.

The Community Services Recovery Fund was awarded in the spring of 2023 to help BBBSGBWS adapt to the changing landscape. Many community service organizations, including BBBSGBWS, struggle with increasing demand for their services, reduced revenues, declines in charitable giving and a greater reliance on digital tools. To support the vital work done by these organizations, and to help them adapt and modernize their operations to grow their support in communities, the Government of Canada established the one-time \$400 million Community Services Recovery Fund. BBBSGBWS is grateful to have been selected as one of more than 5,000 projects funded under this initiative.

"Community service organizations are at the heart of communities like Grey Bruce and Western Simcoe, creating a sense of belonging from coast to coast to coast. The Community Services Recovery Fund will enable organizations like Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Grey Bruce and Western Simcoe that serve our diverse communities to adapt and modernize their programs and services and to invest in the future of their organizations, staff and volunteers. Together, we can rebuild from the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic and build a more just and equitable future for those in Grey Bruce and Western Simcoe."

– Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

BBBSGBWS has been supporting youth and families for over 60 years. As an organization, its collective mission is to promote the healthy development of all children and youth within local communities through a variety of high quality, volunteer-based, no-cost mentoring programs.

BBBSGBWS would like to thank United Way of Grey Bruce, Community Foundation Grey Bruce, and Canadian Red Cross – Owen Sound for their work in the Community Services Recovery Fund and their continued support for our region.

Ontario Celebrates Small Business Week

Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business, issued the following statement to mark Small Business Week: "Small Business Week is a time to recognize and celebrate the more than 400,000 small businesses in Ontario and their two million hard-working employees.

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and play a vital role in driving innovation, creating jobs, and fostering vibrant communities right across our province. That's why our government is taking action to ensure they have the right conditions to grow and succeed. By lowering taxes, reducing electricity costs and cutting red tape, we have enabled an estimated \$8 billion in cost savings in 2023, with \$3.6 billion going to small businesses.


We're also ensuring business owners have what they need to seed, start, and scale their businesses both at home and in the global marketplace. This includes programs such as Digital Main Street which helps existing businesses pivot to online storefronts and Futurpreneur Canada which supports the next generation of entrepreneurs.

During Small Business Week, and every week, I encourage all Ontarians to shop local and support small businesses.

Balance in Branch Poppy Trust Funds as of October 1, 2022		\$18,435.40
Income from Campaign and all other sources	\$17,204.72	
Sub Total	\$35,640.12	
Campaign Expenses and Youth Education Program	\$2,053.03	
Donations from Fund	\$21,330.00	
Total Expenses & Donations	\$23,383.03	
Closing Balance as of September 30 2023		\$12,257.09



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Notice of Public Meeting

A Public Meeting to consider these matters has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 9:30 am.

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0
OR Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Application for Zoning By-law Amendment and Plan of Subdivision

Property Location: Plan 16M8 Part of Block 1

What is being proposed?

The proposal involves the development of a Draft Plan of Subdivision to create 58 residential lots, 2 parks, and 2 servicing blocks. The proposed zoning by-law amendment would rezone the subject property from Development 'D' zone to Residential One 'R1-3-XX', Residential Two 'R2-XX', and Open Space 'OS' to permit 45 single detached dwellings and 13 rowhouses. The dwellings are proposed to connect to municipal water and wastewater services. The proposal includes the extension of West Ridge Drive, the construction of a new road, and multiple links to the Georgian Trail. The subject property is currently vacant.



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www.thebluemountains.ca/lorabay4b

www.grey.ca/government/land-use-planning/active-development

Application for Zoning By-law Amendment

Property Location: 107 Martin Grove (Plan 950 Lot 54)

What is being proposed?

The proposal is to create an exception in Zoning By-law 2018-65, as amended, to permit the use of the existing single detached dwelling as a Bed and Breakfast. The subject lands are currently zoned Residential One 'R1-1'. The existing dwelling contains 4 bedrooms, 3 of which will be used as guest rooms and the remaining one by the owner. This proposal is also subject to Site Plan Control. The effect of the application is to rezone the portion of the subject lands zoned Residential one 'R1-1' to Residential One 'R1-1-9' zone.



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www.thebluemountains.ca/107martin

Where do I find more information?

For more information about these matters, including information about appeal rights, a detailed notice, key maps, draft amendments (if proposed), and other relevant information, visit the associated project page on the Town website www.thebluemountains.ca



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Notice of Public Meeting

Proposed Renaming of the Craigleith Depot

Date of this Notice: August 30, 2023

October 31, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
Hybrid Format In-Person AND Virtual/Online
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

At the July 10, 2023 Council meeting, Council received a formal request from The Blue Mountains Public Library to rename the Craigleith Depot to the "Craigleith Station".

At the August 28, 2023 Council meeting, Council directed staff to schedule a Public Meeting on October 31, 2023 to receive comments regarding the potential renaming of the Craigleith Depot.

Staff will provide a follow up staff report to the November 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting that will summarize the public comments received and provide recommendations for Council to consider at the December 11, 2023 Council meeting.

The details of the request are outlined in Staff Report FAF.23.129 which is available from the Town's website at the following link:

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=18078>

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on renaming the Craigleith Depot has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting. Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by **October 27, 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 **October 25, 2023**.

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

Want to be notified of a decision?

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

Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

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

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer 519-599-3131 ext.234 or cao@thebluemountains.ca

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

Notice of Public Information Centre

Lakewood Drive Reconstruction



The Town of The Blue Mountains has identified Lakewood Drive for reconstruction due to deficiencies with the water distribution and sewage collection systems. The subdivision was constructed in 1971, and is now due for replacement of the inground works. The road will be reconstructed and the ditches reshaped and cleared of trees.

The reconstruction project will include:

- Replacement of the sanitary collection system, mains, structures, and laterals to property line. The Town notes that some properties have seen adjustments that have changed the widths of some lots. If laterals are no longer within the frontage, the property owner will have to construct a new building drain to a new lateral location.
- Replacement of the water distribution system, mains, valve, and laterals. The sub-standard 75mm main will be replaced with a 150mm main which will allow hydrants to be installed providing an increased level of service to the residents.
- Reconstruction to match the Town's rural road cross-section, with some adaptations where ditches or drainage outlets are missing. Minor alterations of the existing drainage pattern may be incorporated into the work if endorsed by residents.
- The residents may elect to have the level of service increased with respect to drainage as outlined in the Stormwater Study. If these works go forward, the road and ditch design would be modified.

At the request of the residents of Lakewood Drive and the Shore Acres Property Owners Association (SAPOA), Tatham Engineering Limited has completed a Stormwater Study for the Lakewood Drive Reconstruction project area. The study has identified existing drainage deficiencies along Lakewood Drive and through the adjacent private properties, and has provided recommended solutions to address these deficiencies. These solutions will be reviewed and discussed during this Public Information Centre.

How Do I Get More Information?

A dedicated project page has been added to the Town's website at: www.thebluemountains.ca/LakewoodDriveReconstruction

This notice was originally issued on October 17, 2023.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the study, please contact one of the people listed below.

Tatham Engineering Limited

Mark Figueroa, P.Eng.
Engineer
705-444-2565 ext. 2142
115 Sandford Fleming Drive, Suite 200
Collingwood, ON L9Y 5A6

Town of The Blue Mountains

Michael Campbell, C.E.T.
Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator
519-599-3131 ext. 275
32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Project Timeline

Design and Engineering
Completed Q2 2024 (est.)

Construction
To be determined

Completion
To be determined

Public Consultation

A Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to gather input from stakeholders and residents. All those interested in the project are invited to attend. The meeting will include a public comment and question period.

Date: Thursday, November 9, 2023
Start Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Platform: Microsoft Teams

Registration for the meeting is mandatory to receive a link to attend the virtual meeting. Please visit the project web page to register for the meeting and to sign up for notifications as project updates become available.

Ontario Strengthening Protections for Homeowners

The Ontario government is seeking public input on ways to address and reduce the harmful and inappropriate use of Notices of Security Interest (NOSIs) against unsuspecting consumers.

A NOSI is a notice that can be registered on the land registry system by a business when it finances or leases certain equipment on a property such as an HVAC unit. In some cases, homeowners are not aware a NOSI has been registered on their title and businesses have charged them exorbitant fees to discharge the NOSI.

"Our government will not stand by and allow bad actors to take advantage of hardworking Ontarians for their own financial gain," said Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery. "We are consulting with businesses and consumers on ways to better protect homeowners and their property. Their input will help us develop a comprehensive approach to address Notices of Security Interest that will protect vulnerable consumers and seniors. This could include strengthening various laws to shield homeowners against wrongdoing."

The Ontario government is also considering ways to clarify rules and obligations for businesses to discharge a NOSI, while providing enhanced powers to Consumer Protection Ontario to help homeowners when a business fails to do so.

"The current rules do not adequately protect homeowners from harmful and inappropriate business practices," said Minister McCarthy. "We are committed to finding solutions to this important issue that would keep consumers from losing money to unscrupulous actors while building a safer and stronger economy."

The consultation, which runs from October 17 to December 1, 2023, will explore topics such as the requirement to notify a homeowner when a NOSI is registered, the types of goods or fixtures for which a company can register a NOSI, and restrictions on the duration of a NOSI.

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Ontario Enhancing Greenbelt Protections

Proposal would restore previously removed lands to the Greenbelt and ensure future changes can only be made through legislation

The Ontario government introduced legislation that, if passed, would restore all properties that were redesignated or removed from the Greenbelt and the Oak Ridges Moraine areas in late 2022.

If passed, this legislation would also enhance protections for the Greenbelt and the Oak Ridges Moraine areas by ensuring any future boundary changes can only be made through a public and transparent process that would require the approval of the legislature.



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The Greenbelt Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023 would also restore protections previously provided by the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve Act.

"We are following through on our commitment to fully restore these lands and provide enhanced protections to the Greenbelt moving forward," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "At the same time, we remain focused and

committed to tackling Ontario's housing supply crisis and working with our municipal partners to achieve our shared housing targets. We know there's more work to be done."

At the same time that it restores all properties that were redesignated or removed, the government is proposing to keep the 9,400 acres (3,800 hectares) in the Greenbelt that were added in 2022. These include lands in the Paris Galt Moraine and in Urban River Valley areas across the Greater Toronto Area.

Restoring the protections and policies of the Greenbelt Act in its entirety includes the need for a review every 10 years, as was mandated by the previous government when the legislation was originally introduced and passed.

Moving forward, this review will be led by impartial, nonpartisan experts in conservation, agriculture and environmentalism, and will include engagement with Indigenous communities and municipalities. Once final, the experts' recommendations will be provided to the Auditor General and the Commissioner of the Environment for consultation to ensure that the review process was fair and guided by the recent recommendations to improve process.

Quick Facts

- Ontario will ensure the public and municipalities are informed about the timing and process to pass the proposed legislation. The government is engaging directly with Indigenous communities and consulting the public, municipalities and stakeholders on the proposal to add lands back to the Greenbelt.
- Established under the Greenbelt Act, 2005, the Greenbelt is a broad band of protected land that currently includes over 2 million acres (800,000 hectares) of property in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH).
- The Oak Ridges Moraine is a geological landform in south central Ontario that covers approximately 470,000 acres (190,000 hectares) and is part of the Greenbelt. The GGH is one of the fastest growing regions in North America. By 2051, its total population is forecasted to be about 15 million.
- Lands added to the Greenbelt in 2022 total 9,400 acres (3,800 hectares) including 13 Urban River Valley areas and lands in the Paris Galt Moraine area.



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Ontario Connecting Long-Term Care Residents to More In-Home Diagnostic Services

The Ontario government is connecting long-term care residents to the right care in the right place by investing nearly \$10 million to help long-term care homes offer residents more diagnostic services onsite, instead of travelling to a hospital. This work is part of Ontario's Your Health Plan for Connected and Convenient Care to improve residents' quality of life and reduce avoidable emergency department visits and hospital stays.

"By connecting residents to faster and more convenient diagnostic services, we are helping connect residents to the care they need, when and where they need it," said Stan Cho, Minister of Long-Term Care. "This will help to reduce avoidable emergency department visits and hospital stays, increase the services available at long-term care homes, and improve residents' quality of life."

Starting today, Ontario is launching the new Equipment and Training Fund to help long-term care homes purchase more diagnostic equipment and train staff so that they can better manage and treat residents' conditions that most often lead to preventable hospital visits, such as urinary tract infections, falls, pneumonia and congestive heart failure.

Ontario is also increasing residents' access to routine and urgent laboratory services such as blood work in the comfort of their homes by increasing reimbursements to long-term care homes that connect residents to faster, more convenient access to care through mobile community lab services.

Later this fall, Ontario will significantly expand the Nurse-Led Outreach Teams program into additional long-term care homes in underserved areas of the province. This innovative model of care will conveniently connect more residents to in-person and virtual consultations with a specialized team of nurse practitioners and registered nurses. These teams will also work together with emergency departments and long-term care homes to coordinate timely and rapid diagnostic services for residents.

These new initiatives build on Ontario's two pilot projects with Humber River Hospital in Toronto and Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre in Barrie that are increasing residents' access to more diagnostic imaging services, such as x-rays and ultrasounds. These projects are helping residents avoid emergency department visits by directly coordinating their appointments for diagnostic imaging services in the hospital.

The government is fixing long-term care to ensure Ontario's seniors get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve, both now and in the future. The plan is built on four pillars: staffing and care; quality and enforcement; building modern, safe and comfortable homes; and connecting seniors with faster, more convenient access to the services they need.

Quick Facts

The Ontario government is making significant investments in specialized services and supports for long-term care residents with complex needs like bariatric, behavioural and dialysis, so they can get the care they need while avoiding unnecessary hospitalization.

Ontario's over \$120 million investment in specialized services and supports in 2022-23 included up to \$20 million for the Ontario Health Local Priorities Fund, \$5.91 million for four new Behavioural Specialized Units in long-term care homes, an additional \$5 million for Behavioural Supports Ontario, \$2.6 million for Baycrest's Virtual Behaviour Medicine program, and \$4.5 million to build dedicated spaces for health care at a new seniors' housing complex in Kenora.

The Ontario government is providing up to \$1.25 billion this year to long-term care homes to hire and retain thousands more long-term care staff. This is part of the government's historic four-year, \$4.9 billion commitment to increase the provincewide average direct care time provided by registered nurses, registered practical nurses and personal support workers to four hours per resident, per day, by March 31, 2025.

As part of its plan to fix long-term care and address sector waitlists, the government is building more than 30,000 net new long-term care beds in Ontario by 2028 and upgrading more than 28,000 older beds to modern design standards. This will help increase access to long-term care, reduce waitlists, and ease hospital capacity pressures. It will also improve working conditions for staff in long-term care homes and provide safe, more comfortable homes for residents.

Ontario police are reminding drivers to renew their licence plates even though it's now free of charge before your birthday. You must legally renew your licence plate in Ontario every two years. You cannot renew your licence plate online after it has expired. You can renew your licence plate in person at any ServiceOntario centre

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Call for Nominations for 3rd Annual Kindness Awards sponsored by T-C Rotary

It is important to celebrate people and their stories of kindness in our community as a reminder to us all of the value of kindness. Nomination forms are available at www.tcrotaary.ca and include details regarding eligibility rules and how to submit nominations. Hard copy nomination forms are also available at The Library, Thornbury and Riverside Press, Clarksburg during regular business hours. The deadline for this year's nominations is **Saturday, October 21st**, at 5pm. Each of the three winners chosen will be informed by October 28th. Let's celebrate how Our Community Runs on Kindness!

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Author talk with Deirdre Kelly Saturday, October 21, 1pm

Known for her captivating works such as "Paris Times Eight" and "Ballerina: Sex, Scandal and Suffering Behind the Symbol of Perfection", Deirdre will be discussing her latest book, "Fashioning the Beatles: The Looks that Shook the World". Released in September 2023, Deirdre delves into the iconic fashion choices of the legendary band, promising an engaging discussion that will delight both Beatles enthusiasts and fashion enthusiasts alike. Purchase a signed copy of Deirdre's book. 519-599-3681 ext 5

Alzheimer Society
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Enjoy a cup of coffee at the L.E. Shore Library and make a donation to our local Grey-Bruce Alzheimer Society.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST | 10AM-5PM



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ACHIEVING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH A GREENER ECONOMY

presented by the Institute of South Georgian Bay
Friday, October 27, 9:30 am-noon, Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

"As we all try to navigate through volatile, uncertain, and complex times, Achieving Sustainability through a Greener Economy offers the opportunity to connect, share knowledge, and collaborate to accelerate positive action on building resilient and sustainable communities.

Speakers will showcase action being taken by businesses, municipalities and counties, community groups, and philanthropists on sustainability plans, climate action, and new directions for creating a green economy."

Panel topics include:

- Progress being made counties, municipalities and community organizations working together
- Connecting Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Development: What does an emerging Greener Economy look like in Southern Georgian Bay? What could a greener economy look like here?

Reserve a spot <https://tisgb.com>



Saturday, October 28th
9am-Noon

Bring broken items for free repair
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Go **Green** for a better **Blue!**

TBM Repair Café
140 Bruce St. S. Thornbury www.repaircafethebluemountains.ca

Want to help plant more trees in TBM? Volunteers are needed on October 28th - rain or shine - from 9 to 11 am at Nipissing Ridge Park (205 Blueski George Crescent, The Blue Mountains, L9Y 0S8) to help apply mulch and compost and plant some new trees and shrubs funded by a Tremendous Communities grant. Bring garden gloves and wear gardening type footwear if you would like to pitch in. If you are not the gardening type, then just come out and cheer us on and show your support for trees. You can find more information and register with the Town for this event at: www.thebluemountains.ca/tremendous

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Selected Music

"Down By The Riverside, Over The Rainbow, Blowin' In The Wind,
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Battle Hymn Of The Republic, Home I'll Be"

Saturday, November 4th, 2pm
St. George's Anglican Church
166 Russell Street, Clarksburg

Admission \$20.00

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Rotary Club of Thornbury-Clarksburg invites you to join us **November 11th** at the Georgian Peaks Club for dining, dancing, and more!

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