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The Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL), Beaver Valley Outreach (BVO), Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club, and the Town of The Blue Mountains are celebrating Ontario Public Library Week (Oct. 20-26) with the official launch of five new Little Free Library & Food Pantry across the community.

Little Free Libraries are located at the L.E. Shore Library, Moreau Park, behind BVO on the Georgian Trail, the Craigleith Heritage Depot, and Ravenna Memorial Park.

For more information about the Little Free Libraries, please visit: <https://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/library/library-visits-pop-ups/little-free-libraries>

Environmental Sustainability Fund Accepting Applications

The Town of The Blue Mountains is inviting community organizations to apply for the Town's Environmental Sustainability Fund.

This fund has an allocation of \$8,000 that will be split between the successful applications which demonstrate a clear goal of advancing environmental sustainability within the Town. There is a maximum of \$5,000 available for any single project, meaning the fund will have at least \$3,000 remaining for one or more smaller projects if the highest-scoring proposal receives \$5,000. To better support smaller projects, applicants no longer need to cover 80% of the project's value from other sources, with a minimum funding request of \$1,000.

Past recipients have included Georgian Bay Forever, Treetrust TBM, Thornbury Community Gardens, Beaver Valley Community School, Climate Action Now Network, and Beaver River Watershed Initiative. Their projects have included a wide range of project types including education programs, pilot projects, waste diversion initiatives, tree plantings, shoreline cleanups and public events, exemplifying how the Town and community organizations can work alongside one another to foster environmental sustainability and build community connections.

Interested community organizations wishing to apply must submit their application no later than December 2, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET. To learn more about the Town's Environmental Sustainability Fund and to apply, please visit the project webpage.

For more information, please contact:

Nicholas Cloet, Sustainability Coordinator, (519) 599-3131 ext. 235

Temporary Closure - Thornbury Harbour October 18 & 20, 2024

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that access to the Thornbury Harbour, Thornbury Pier and Little River Park Parking Lot will be restricted on Friday, October 18 and Sunday, October 20 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day for haul-out activities. During these times, access to the Harbour will be restricted to vessel owners participating in haul-out.

For more information, please contact:

Town of The Blue Mountains, Thornbury Harbour Staff
(519) 599-3131 ext. 330

Notice of Public Information Centre #3 for Town-Wide Drainage Master Plan

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that a pre-recorded video presentation regarding the Town-Wide Drainage Master Plan Environmental Assessment is now available on the Town's project page.

Members of the public are encouraged to watch the pre-recorded video presentation, which provides an overview of the project status and the next steps. Questions can be submitted to the contacts included on the Notice of Public Information Centre, or members of the public can attend an in-person Question and Answer Session on the following date:

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

In-Person Question and Answer Session

Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury,

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Registration not required

About the Drainage Master Plan

The Drainage Master Plan will identify existing drainage deficiencies and develop drainage solutions to address the deficiencies, reduce flooding, resolve public safety concerns, and improve maintenance opportunities within the Town's settlement areas.

Upcoming Change in Water and Wastewater Payment Due Dates

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to inform residents of an upcoming change to municipal water and wastewater service billing dates.

Effective January 1, 2025, all payments for water and wastewater charges will be due 21 calendar days from the bill mailing date. This change will commence with the January bill, covering usage from November 1 to December 31. Water and wastewater bills will be mailed within 7 calendar days following the end of the billing period. This update aims to align due dates with the end of the month following the billing period.

Residents who utilize municipal water and wastewater services are kindly asked to adjust their payment schedules accordingly to avoid any late payment penalties. Pre-authorized payment plans are available for your convenience. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this transition. Our goal remains to provide excellent service and support to our community.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact:

Town of The Blue Mountains, Utility Account Coordinator
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Grey County Road Transfer Update

Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force Recommendations

On October 10th Grey County Council received a report that was approved in principle pertaining to Grey County urban road and rural road transfers. Staff were directed by Council to negotiate new road agreements with affected municipalities. A future staff report and review by the Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force as well as Grey County Council approval is required.

The urban roads being transferred vary in condition, but on average, they are generally in good condition. Reconstruction of urban roads involves more than just the road itself; it also depends on the condition of other assets like water mains, sanitary sewers, and storm sewers.

The cost of roadwork is typically a portion of the total expenses for a complete urban road reconstruction, as much depends on the scope of work required for these other assets. This complexity makes it challenging for Staff to accurately assess the overall condition of each urban road being transferred, as the County is responsible only for the road surface and storm sewers and has little information on the condition of the water mains and sanitary sewers, which are managed by the municipality.

When an urban road surface is in poor condition, but the underground assets are still in good shape, the County typically undertakes a simple grind and pave as part of our minor capital budget. This helps synchronize future reconstruction work, so that all assets are requiring replacement at the same time, optimizing spending.

Maintenance costs for urban roads include maintenance per km for summer and winter, annual costs relating to storm structures, signalized intersections, line painting and hand painting. The County's current annual maintenance costs are \$8,044 per km for winter maintenance, \$2,500 per km for summer maintenance (both based on ongoing current agreements), \$97.06 per storm sewer structure, \$4,184 per signalized intersection, \$346 per km for line painting, and total urban hand painting associated costs. In the urban areas identified for transfer, the total county spend has been \$1,007,607 annually.

The Task Force received reports outlining the rationale for transferring responsibility for the urban segments of some County roads to the member municipalities where they are located. These reports examined the financial aspects of urban maintenance and construction and suggested a funding transition model between the County and member municipalities over a 10-year period.

The report proposes to transfer just over \$23 million over the next 10 years to receiving municipalities.

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Beaver Valley Arena Public Skating

Saturdays: 12pm - 2pm; Sundays: 12pm - 2pm
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Mon: 10am - 12pm; Wed: 10am - 12pm; Thurs: 1pm - 3pm
Excluding: Oct. 14, Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1, Feb. 17
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Primary and Urban Road Areas proposed to be Transferred

Municipality	Settlement	Grey Road	Type	(Km)
1. Blue Mountains	Thornbury	13	Primary	3.521
2. Blue Mountains	Thornbury	113	Primary	2.126
3. Grey Highlands	Markdale	12	Primary	2.125
4. Hanover/West Grey	Hanover	4	Primary	3.888
5. Hanover	Hanover	10	Primary	4.326
6. Hanover/West Grey	Hanover	28	Primary	4.158
7. Meaford	Meaford	7	Primary	1.119
8. Meaford	Meaford	12	Primary	2.071
9. OS / Meaford	Owen Sound	5	Primary	6.366
10. Owen Sound	Owen Sound	15	Primary	5.936
11. Owen Sound	Owen Sound	1	Primary	3.069
12. Southgate	Dundalk	9	Primary	2.727
13. West Grey	Durham	4	Primary	2.652
14. West Grey	Durham	27	Primary	0.453
15. West Grey	Neustadt	9	Primary	0.627
16. West Grey	Neustadt	10	Primary	2.249
17. Chatsworth	Chatsworth	40	Secondary	0.367
18. Grey Highlands	Flesherton	4	Secondary	2.029
19. West Grey	Ayton	3	Secondary	1.422

Secondary Transition Funding

It is recommended that urban transition funding be provided to municipalities over 10 years using the ratio of the urban road sections capital replacement value to be transferred against the entire Grey County road network replacement value. Staff concluded that using the replacement values from the Asset Management Plan allows for a more equitable distribution of funding based on the assets being transferred. In contrast, allocating urban transfer funding based on the 10-year plan would result in a less balanced distribution, favoring municipalities with more County Road work scheduled in their upcoming plans. Additionally, this approach would disproportionately benefit municipalities with older infrastructure, as their roads require reconstruction within the next 10 years, compared to those with newer infrastructure, where reconstruction needs may be 10+ years away. www.greycounty.ca

Ontario Expanding Basic Constable Training Program

The Ontario government is increasing enrollment in the Basic Constable Training (BCT) program at the Ontario Police College (OPC).

Starting in 2025, the BCT program will accommodate an additional 80 recruits per year, with priority being given for small, medium-sized and First Nation police services. The expanded enrollment will bring the total number of officers trained per year to 2,080.

“Our government is bringing much needed relief to police services that face the most recruiting challenges,” said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. “By expanding the BCT program, we’re making sure they get the qualified candidates they need to keep their communities safe.”

Last year, the Ontario government eliminated the tuition fee for the BCT program and established four intakes per year at the OPC.

The BCT program is the initial training program that all police officers in Ontario must complete, as required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA).

BCT includes courses in federal law, provincial law, traffic law, human rights, diversity and professional practice, leadership, ethics, mental health for first responders and for people in crisis, physical wellness and fitness for duty, community safety, defensive tactics, use of force and de-escalation techniques, firearms, and officer safety.

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Town of the Blue Mountains Drainage Master Plan Notice of Public Information Centre 3

The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains is undertaking a Drainage Master Plan under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Planning Process to identify existing drainage deficiencies and develop drainage solutions to address the deficiencies, reduce flooding, resolve public safety concerns, and improve maintenance opportunities within the settlement areas of the Town. A Public Information Centre (PIC1) was previously hosted in February 2022 to review the identified drainage deficiencies and elicit input from the public regarding additional observed deficiencies and public preference regarding potential alternative solutions. A second Public Information Center (PIC2) was held in March 2023 to present the preliminary preferred alternative solutions developed to address the drainage deficiencies identified throughout the study area and elicit input from the public regarding the solutions. A third Public Information Centre (PIC3) is planned to advise the public and interested stakeholders of the final preferred solution selected for implementation.

The Study area encompasses the whole Town with the primary focus being the settlement areas including Lora Bay, Thornbury and Clarksburg, Craighleith and Camperdown, and the Blue Mountains Village area. The existing drainage infrastructure in the study area consists of a combination of open channels, ditches, watercourses, culverts, storm sewers, overland flow routes, stormwater management facilities, and low impact development measures.

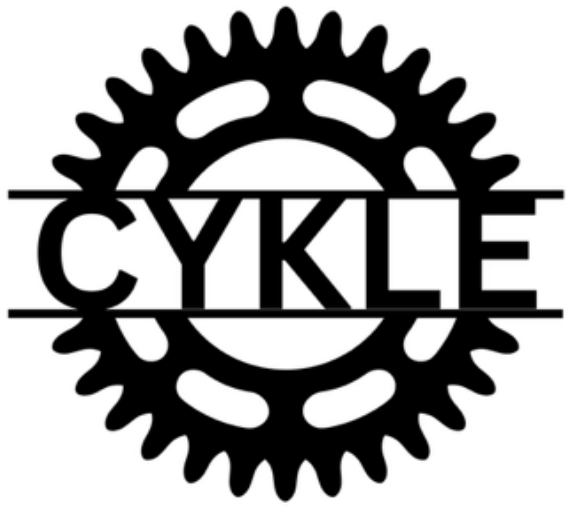
The Drainage Master Plan is being completed in accordance with Approach #2 of the Master Planning Process outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, amended in 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2023). The Town has retained the consulting firm Tatham Engineering Limited to complete this Drainage Master Plan.

The Town hereby notifies all interested individuals and parties that Public Information Centre 3 will be held virtually and in-person. The PIC3 pre-recorded presentation will be posted to the project website (www.thebluemountains.ca/MasterDrainagePlanEA) on October 8, 2024. Following posting of the Virtual PIC, Town staff and representatives from Tatham Engineering will be hosting an in-person Open House Question and Answer Session on October 29, 2024, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Additional information related to the Drainage Master Plan is available on the Town of The Blue Mountains website (www.thebluemountains.ca/MasterDrainagePlanEA). Should additional information be required or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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VON Grey Bruce will be offering a six-week workshop in the new year titled "Powerful Tools for Caregivers." This workshop aims to help caregivers reduce stress, effectively communicate their feelings, enhance their decision-making skills, find valuable resources, and prioritize their own well-being. Please reach out if you would like to be notified when the date is announced for this workshop.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Dated at the County of Grey this Wednesday,
9th day of October, 2024

Public Meeting – Official Plan Amendment # 23 - Rural Permitted Uses and Development Policies

The Grey County Official Plan was approved by the province on June 6, 2019 and came into effect on June 7, 2019. In working with the existing policy framework, there are some policies in the County's Rural designation which have caused questions. The County is proposing some changes to the County's Rural permitted uses and development policies to clarify these policies via Official Plan Amendment (OPA) # 23. The purpose of OPA 23 would be to clarify the permitted uses and development policies in the County Official Plan's Rural designation. The effect of OPA 23 would be to:

- Update permitted uses in the Rural designation,
- Change development policies in the Rural designation,
- Update definitions related to the Rural permitted uses, and
- Change one Agricultural development policy which currently conflicts with the Aggregate Resource Area policies.

The above-noted policy changes, if approved, would apply across the County, and are not specific to any one piece of land. No changes are being made to the mapping in the County's Official Plan. OPA 23 does not impact existing planning applications which have already been submitted and are already in process. The County is inviting comments on proposed Official Plan Amendment # 23, either in writing (email / letter) or verbally at our public meeting on November 7, 2024.

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024

Meeting Time: 1:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: Please note this meeting will occur online via Zoom. The meeting can be accessed via Zoom link, phone-in, or livestreamed via the County's YouTube channel.

To register to speak at the meeting please contact planning@grey.ca or 548-877-0919.

Find a copy of the draft Official Plan Amendment # 23 online:

A copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment 23 and additional background information can be found on Grey County's website at www.grey.ca/OPA23

A hard copy can also be viewed at the Grey County Administration Building (address below) during regular business hours. A key map has not been provided because Official Plan Amendment #23 covers rural areas throughout the County and is not proposing any mapping changes.

For more information or to submit comments on this matter please contact the County of Grey at the contact information listed below.

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Phone: 548-877-0919

Opioid Alert Issued Following Reports of 3 Suspected Drug Poisonings, Including One Fatality, Over 3 Days

Grey Bruce Public Health issued an Opioid Alert to community and health partners October 11 after receiving reports of one fatal and two non-fatal suspected drug poisonings that occurred in the area over the past three days. The fatality took place in The Blue Mountains, while the two non-fatal poisonings occurred in Owen Sound.

"Grey Bruce Public Health extends our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the individual who lost their life," says Monica Blair, Manager of GBPH's Harm Reduction Program. "We continue to implore people who use unregulated drugs to practice harm reduction strategies before each dose."

Fentanyl is the substance suspected in the two non-fatal overdoses. The substance involved in the fatality is unknown at this time, GBPH has now issued 23 Opioid Alerts to partners in 2024, which is more than the 18 alerts issued throughout all of 2023.

GBPH encourages people who use unregulated drugs to use drug test kits in conjunction with other harm-reduction strategies. Test kits for fentanyl, benzodiazepines, and xylazine are available from Public Health and several community partners, including Safe 'N Sound, SOS, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Grey-Bruce, and the South East Grey Community Health Centre.

The SOS mobile team now offers detailed drug-checking services, providing information about what substances are present in a sample and how much. The team can be reached at 519-379-8743 from Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

GBPH also urges people to have a sober friend with them when using drugs or to contact the National Overdose Response Service (NORS) or use/download the BRAVE App if using alone. NORS can be reached by calling or texting 1-888-688-6677. A NORS operator will stay on the line with the person while the drug is used. In the event the person becomes unresponsive, NORS will call 911 to ensure help arrives.

Other harm reduction recommendations include:

- Taking extra caution if mixing drugs. Mixing drugs, including with alcohol, increases the risk of harm and overdose.
- Going slow. Always start with a low dose and increase slowly, especially if trying something new or restarting use.
- Using only new supplies and avoid sharing supplies. This reduces the risk of getting or passing on an infectious disease. Supplies are available at GBPH and community partners.
- Getting overdose prevention training and carrying a Naloxone kit. Naloxone is available for free at most local pharmacies and at GBPH, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment or prescription is needed.

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Ontario Building First Indigenous Hospice in Canada

The Ontario government is investing up to \$1.25 million to support the construction of Six Nations of the Grand River's new five-bed hospice which will help Indigenous people and their loved ones connect to comfortable, culturally appropriate and dignified end-of-life care, close to home.

The new hospice – currently named Six Nations of the Grand River Community Hospice – will be constructed on Six Nations of the Grand River and will be the first Indigenous-led, operated and on-territory hospice in Canada. Its community-led services will incorporate traditional Haudenosaunee teachings to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support that will help Indigenous community members connect to equitable quality care that recognizes and respects their cultural identity, values and beliefs as they make their journey into the spirit world.

The hospice will provide families the ability to gather with generations of loved ones and bond over food to process grief, loss, and transition. It will also connect people to traditional medicines and practices, specific to each individual's end-of-life journey. This can include supports to help with nausea, pain, discomfort, and support relaxation. The hospice staff will all be from First Nations communities – where this is not possible, the hospice will ensure non-First Nations staff receive cultural sensitivity training on end-of-life traditions and care for Indigenous clients and families.

The hospice will include:

- Decor that is reflective of cultural traditions, including colours and artwork
- Sacred spaces for ceremonies
- A garden space reflective of traditional medicines and the offerings of nature, providing opportunities to watch the stars, moon, and sun
- Large spaces to support multiple families to be together during end of life, share meals and comfort one another
- Culturally-relevant services such as traditional healers, elders and knowledge keepers
- Hospice care including end-of-life nursing and personal support
- Respite and symptom management
- Bereavement workshops and counselling tailored to meet the specific requirements of the community.

Through Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, the Ontario government is expanding access to key services to provide people of all ages with the right care, in the right place.

- The five new hospice beds at Six Nations Health Services' new hospice are part of the 84 new adult beds in the 2024 Budget.
- With the addition of these five new hospice beds, a total of 72 adult and pediatric hospice beds will be available in the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNHB) area.
- Once these beds open, the Ontario government will invest in annual operational funding for Six Nations of the Grand Rivers' new hospice to support the delivery of nursing, personal support, and other end-of-life care services delivered to patients in these beds.
- The Ontario government is investing \$147.4 million over three years to expand palliative care services, including increasing funding by 45 per cent for all hospice beds across the province starting in 2022-23.
- The Ontario Palliative Care Network (Ontario Health) works alongside hospices, Ontario Health Teams and long-term care homes to ensure providers have access to standardized models of care, clinical expertise, and training to deliver compassionate palliative care supports.
- Palliative care, which includes end-of-life care, can begin as early as the diagnosis of a serious illness and focuses on improving the quality of each individual's life. This integrated form of care ensures people can access the supports they need when facing illness, death, grief, and/or bereavement.

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Ontario Building Critical Infrastructure in Simcoe-Grey

Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey announced that the Ontario government is investing \$15,898,362.00 to help renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure in the riding. The funding will be delivered in 2025 through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and is part of the government's \$190 billion capital plan to build and expand more homes, highways, hospitals, transit and high-speed internet across the province.

"Supporting small and rural communities throughout the large and growing riding of Simcoe-Grey is vital, and that includes providing sustainable infrastructure," said MPP Brian Saunderson. "The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund provides significant funding to our municipalities for new projects while also improving and updating aging and critical infrastructure."

The 2025 OCIF allocations for Simcoe-Grey are as follows:

- Adjala-Tosorontio \$488,431
- Clearview \$641,451
- Collingwood \$1,169,364
- Essa \$700,599
- Grey County \$3,488,105
- New Tecumseth \$2,409,548
- Simcoe County \$3,773,895
- The Blue Mountains \$1,934,768
- Wasaga Beach \$1,292,201

In 2022, the government doubled its annual investment for OCIF to nearly \$2 billion over five years to support more local infrastructure projects in small, rural and northern communities.

In 2025, Ontario will allocate \$400 million in OCIF funding to help 423 small, rural and northern communities build roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure. Communities may accumulate funding for up to five years to address larger infrastructure projects.

The OCIF provides funding for local infrastructure projects in municipalities with populations under 100,000, rural and northern municipalities, as well as for Local Services Boards that own water or wastewater systems. Funding allocations are based on a formula that accounts for the different needs and economic conditions of each community.

Ontario Fighting Gridlock for Drivers

The Ontario government is making life easier for drivers by introducing legislation that would, **if passed**, require municipalities to receive approval from the province before installing new bike lanes that would result in the removal of lanes for traffic. Municipalities would be required to demonstrate that the proposed bike lanes won't have a negative impact on vehicle traffic.

These proposed changes are part of upcoming legislation that will kick off the fall sitting of the Ontario legislature on October 21, 2024, with a focus on tackling gridlock and getting drivers and commuters across Ontario out of traffic.

Ontario is also moving forward with plans to increase the speed limit to 110 km/h, where it is safe to do so, on all 400-series highways. This builds on the safe and successful increase of speed limits on more than one-third of provincial 400-series highways to date. The government is also developing a design standard to allow vehicles to travel safely at speeds higher than 120 km/h on new highways.

In addition, to help make Ontario roads safer and prevent accidents and damages that can occur from potholes, the government is consulting with municipalities to develop a potholes prevention and repair fund to open in the 2025 construction season. The program would support smaller municipalities with road maintenance and set standards to help improve road conditions and promote high-quality roadwork across the province.

The government is also proposing to enshrine in the legislation the current freeze on knowledge and road test fees so that any future increases would require a legislative amendment. The freeze on fee increases, which was scheduled to rise roughly 4.5 per cent a year, will help save Ontarians \$72 million this decade.

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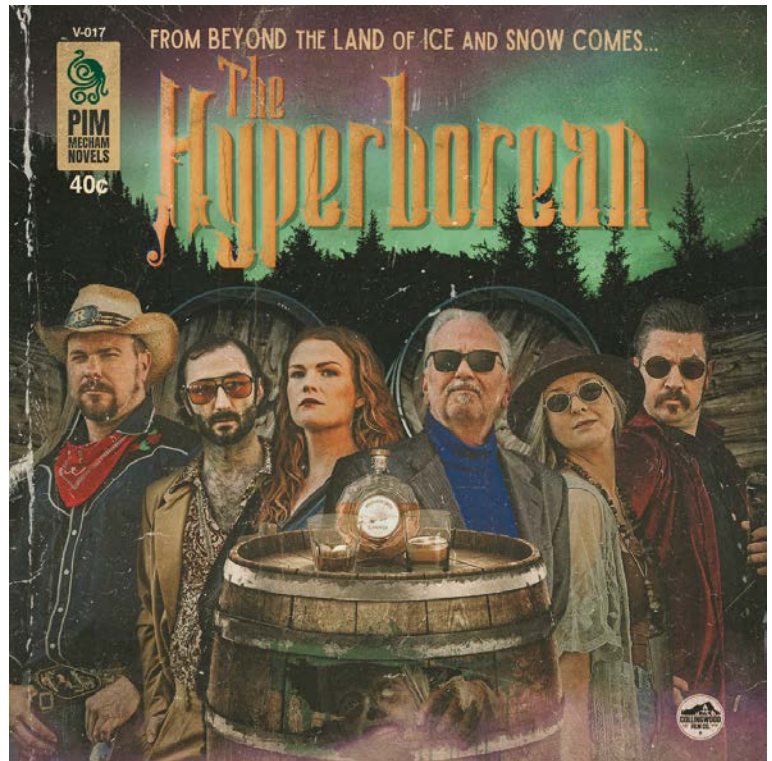
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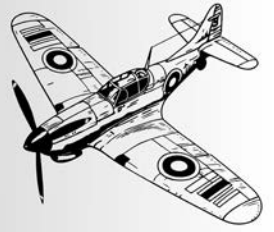
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Bruce Power is sponsoring a black-tie inaugural youth charity gala set for Thursday November 16, 2024, 5:30 pm at Cobble Beach. The 'Art of Caring' Gala will support Keystone Child Youth & Family Services, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce & West Simcoe and Bruce Grey Child & Family Services.

Each of these local agencies support children, youth and families and collectively, they reach nearly eight thousand young people annually.

The 'Art of Caring' Gala is expected to welcome nearly 200 businesses and community members interested in making an impact. All proceeds from this event will directly support the three youth serving agencies noted and the vital programs and services they offer to the community.

The event will celebrate community connection and feature artwork from local youth, fine dining cuisine, a live auction, youth-led drumming, and several guest speakers. You can invest in this event through sponsorship, gala attendance or by making a donation.

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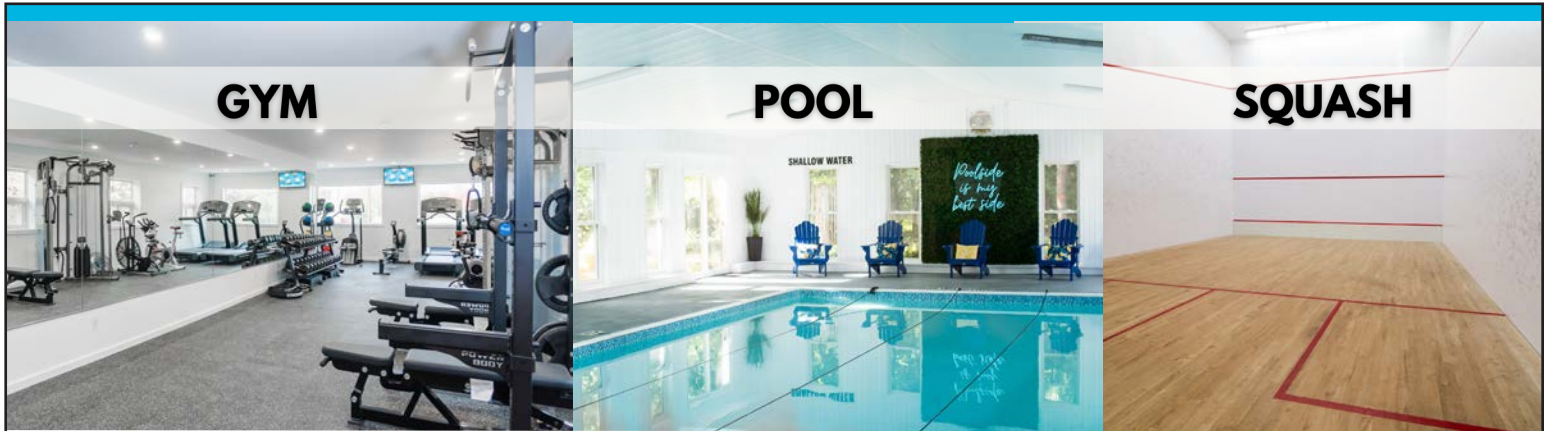
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