



Blue Mountain Resort Partners with Community on Understanding Truth and Reconciliation Day Event

The community is invited to a series of education sessions, interactive cultural performances and Indigenous Craft Market on September 30th and October 1st to commemorate Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Blue Mountain Resort is inviting the community to discover, understand, and celebrate through shared stories and experiences at the Resort's first Understanding Truth and Reconciliation Day event on September 30th and October 1st. The Resort, in partnership with the Blue Mountain Village Association, the Chippewas of Nawash Leaders in Training Program, Chippewas of Nawash Native Child Welfare, and Bruce Power, will host a series of inspirational speakers, interactive sessions and cultural performances in the Village and the Village Conference Centre.

"We are very grateful to be able to collaborate on an event like this," says President and COO of Blue Mountain Resort, Dan Skelton. "Many of us have personal histories here at Blue Mountain but there is a lot to learn about our shared history with the Indigenous People of this area. Our hope is that this event becomes a space for everyone to develop a better understanding of that shared history. It's a starting point to listen, have conversations and move forward together."

The event came together following a collaboration earlier this year with Blue Mountain and the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Youth Group. When Leaders in Training (LIT) Community Mentor, Melissa Solomon, put a call out to community members about Understanding Truth and Reconciliation, many were enthusiastic about being a part of the event.

"Gchi Miigwetch to Blue Mountain and everyone who has contributed to this event," says Solomon. "Having space for Indigenous People and allies to commemorate the history and legacy of Residential schools has an incredibly powerful impact on our youth and community. It is an event where we can honour the 150,000 children forced into assimilation through residential schools, survivors, families and communities, while also celebrating our culture and fostering relationships between Indigenous People and allies."

Along with the series of speakers and performers, an Indigenous Craft Market will be set up in the Village Plaza, and the public are invited to help plant 10,028 orange flags to honour the lost



children, families, communities, and Survivors of Residential schools. The event and all activities are free to attend however indoor sessions do require pre-registration.

More information and details can be found at bluemountain.ca/things-to-do/events/truthandreconciliationday

Ontario Preparing to Expand Health and Benefits Coverage

Public survey will inform the design of a portable benefits plan covering millions of workers

The Ontario government is seeking public feedback as it moves forward with plans to expand benefits like health, dental, prescription drug and vision care to more workers who need coverage. Results from an online public survey



will inform the design and implementation of a proposed benefits plan that would make Ontario the first province in Canada to cover millions of precarious workers in sectors such as retail, the gig economy and hospitality.

www.ontario.ca/form/survey-portable-benefits-program

"How or where you work, should not determine whether you have access to benefits like health and dental plans," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "Our government is giving workers the protection and confidence they need to provide for their families and build stronger communities for us all."

Most workers in Ontario with full-time, permanent jobs have medical insurance and dental coverage. However, fewer than a quarter of people who work part-time or in precarious jobs have similar benefits, which means these workers and their families often have to make difficult choices between their health and other necessities like food and shelter. Independent contractors, gig workers, low-wage workers, newcomers, younger workers and racialized people are less likely to have workplace benefits.

Public feedback is open until December 16th and will help determine the Portable Benefits Advisory Panel's recommendations, expected in Summer 2023.

Expanding health and benefits coverage is part of Ontario's ambitious plan to attract the best workers from across Canada – and around the world – by making the province the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Fire Department Open House

Join the Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department on Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 11a.m to 2 p.m. for their Annual Open House celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week! The free event will take place at Fire Station #1 (496916 Grey Road #2).

- Free BBQ
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Pride Crosswalks Installed in The Blue Mountains

The Town of The Blue Mountains is excited to announce that three Pride Crosswalks have been installed across the municipality as part of the Town's commitment to a diverse and inclusive community.

The Crosswalks have been installed at:

- Beaver Valley Community School Crossing (Bruce Street South)
- Bruce Street North and Highway 26
- Jozo Weider Boulevard and Village Crescent

The design of the crosswalks are based on the inclusive 2SLGBTQIA+ flag, and were selected through consultation with local and regional Pride associations. The project was funded by the Town with financial support provided by both the Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce and the Rainbow Club of South Georgian Bay.

"The new crosswalks proudly display our commitment to welcoming everyone to our community," explained Mayor Alar Soever. "The crosswalks demonstrate the very nature of what makes The Blue Mountains a great place to live, and we're proud to support all members of our community to ensure that all residents and visitors feel safe and welcome in our Town."

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Ontarians 18+ Eligible for Bivalent Booster Starting September 26

Province Adding New Paediatric Pfizer Vaccine for Infants and Children Aged Six Months To Under Five Years

The Ontario government is reminding individuals that starting September 26, all adults aged 18 and over are eligible to receive the bivalent booster dose, which may offer more targeted protection against the Omicron variants.

Appointments can be booked through the COVID-19 vaccination portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre (PVCC) at 1-833-943-3900. Eligible individuals can also book an appointment directly through public health units that use their own booking systems, Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, participating health care providers and participating pharmacies.

“With the start of the fall and winter respiratory illness season, it is especially important to make sure people stay up to date with their vaccines,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are the best tool to keep people healthy and out of hospitals, and to ensure Ontario’s economy stays open as the weather cools and people spend more time indoors.”

Also, as of September 26, 2022, the new paediatric Pfizer vaccine will be another vaccine available for children aged between six months to under five years old. Parents and caregivers can continue to book appointments through the same methods as for the bivalent vaccination.

“The bivalent COVID-19 booster provides better protection against the currently circulating COVID-19 variants in Ontario,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “We also know that getting your child vaccinated improves their immune response to COVID-19 infection and reduces the possibility of severe disease and hospitalization and post COVID-19 symptoms.”

COVID-19 vaccines, along with continued access to testing and antivirals and updated public health guidance, give Ontarians the tools they need to make the best decisions for themselves on how to stay safe, healthy and out of hospitals as the province continues its efforts to support the recovery and rebuilding of the health system.

- Individuals who are eligible to receive a bivalent booster can do so at a recommended interval of six months (168 days) from their previous dose, or a minimum interval of three months (84 days), regardless of how many booster doses they have already received.
- Individuals who would like to receive their bivalent booster between three months and the recommended six-month interval, or who otherwise have difficulty booking their appointment online, must call the PVCC to book an appointment.
- Vulnerable individuals such as individuals aged 70 and over, and moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals aged 12 and over are strongly recommended to receive their bivalent booster as soon as they can (i.e., at 84 days since previous dose), upon discussion with their health care provider, to protect themselves this fall as people spend more time indoors.
- The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for infants and children aged six months to under five years, including those who are immunocompromised is a three-dose primary series, with a recommended dosing interval of eight weeks between doses. Mixing products for your infant or child’s primary series doses is not recommended. Your child should receive the same product for all their primary series doses, whether it is Pfizer or Moderna.
- To make the best decision for your family, contact your health care provider or call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 to speak with a health specialist. Alternatively, visit COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service to book a confidential phone appointment with a SickKids Registered Nurse or the www.shn.ca/vaxfacts to speak with a qualified Scarborough Health Network doctor.
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Your Handy Home Guide to Five new Environmental Citizens' Groups in the Area

Part of an ongoing "Beaver Tales" series on local agencies and organizations.

It seems that over the last couple of years, word appears every few months of a new group of residents in the greater Beaver Valley area banding together to form an environmental protection group. Who are they, what are they focusing on in the area, and how do they operate? "Beaver Tales" sent ace reporters off to sort out who some of these new groups are and how they got started.

We cannot go further without saying that in focusing on these new groups, it is really important to first acknowledge our debt to the other organizations and agencies who are also very prominent in the area, have been in place for many years, and play important roles in protecting our local environment. These include:

- the independent bodies charged with protecting our natural world, such as the Niagara Escarpment Commission, Conservation Authorities, etc.;
- national and provincial parks, forests and nature reserves, as well as county forests;
- non-profit organizations like the Bruce Trail Conservancy of course, the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, the Escarpment Watershed Alliance, the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation, etc., most of which are registered charities;
- the Indigenous communities which safeguard their traditional lands and waters; and
- international organizations like the World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR), of note because of course we live in and near two of Canada's 18 UNESCO biospheres: the Niagara Escarpment (designated 1990) and Georgian Bay (designated 2004).

We owe to these folks and others the preservation of many of the beautiful local environmental features that we are blessed to be surrounded by today. No, the following is just a way to sort out some of the **new** groups that have sprung up, most in response to a specific issue, and to find out a little more about the issues that animate these local environmental groups.



SAVE THE DATE!

Bruce Trail Conservancy

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October 15, 10 am to 12 noon

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<https://bruceclub.org/annual-meeting-2022/>

Protecting Talisman Lands Association

Focus: The future of the lands at the former Talisman ski resort in the heart of the Beaver Valley, a resort which ceased operations over a decade ago. PTLA seeks “a better future at the Talisman site, one that will benefit all and leave an environmentally responsible legacy for future generations.” The prospect that the two land parcels owned by the Municipality of Grey Highlands would be sold prompted formation of the group in mid-2021; those lands have since been sold to the Beaver Valley Development Group (details of whose plans are unclear), with the parcel in between them – the Niagara Escarpment slope and the former resort buildings – owned by another prospective developer.

Concerns include: Containing development on the original resort site at similar footprints and densities; preserving lands around the Beaver River, including the former golf course, as a publicly accessible natural area; protecting the Escarpment’s water resources; protecting the upper lands at the top of the Escarpment as agricultural land and green space; maintaining Sideroad 7A as a seasonal, light-traffic road; providing an optimal route for the Bruce Trail and better linkages with the many other nearby trails; and limiting taxpayer burden by reducing or eliminating infrastructure costs caused by development.

For further information, please visit <https://www.protecttalisman.ca/>; email them at talismanlands@gmail.com; follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Escarpment Corridor Alliance

Focus: The mission of ECA, a community non-profit founded in early 2022, is to “save the Escarpment’s celebrated landscapes and natural features across the South Georgian Bay region before reckless planning and development projects destroy it.” ECA seeks to protect the Escarpment in this area from inappropriate development and in doing so, form natural corridors from the Beaver Valley to Castle Glen, from Devil’s Glen through Blue Mountain to Georgian Peaks.

Concerns: The three elements of ECA’s work are: stopping the recently revived Castle Glen development, the largest-ever proposed urban-type rural development on the natural, forested brow of the Escarpment (1,600 homes, hotels, retail and more on over 1,500 acres), and working with Protecting Talisman to stop over-development of the Talisman lands; collaborating with other conservation groups to bring awareness of the threats this ecologically sensitive area is facing; and with conservation partners, making strategic land acquisitions to protect the most sensitive areas for future generations, thereby building an interconnected system of natural spaces (a “Legacy Loop”), including creation of a series of trails.

For further information, please visit <https://myescarpment.ca/>; sign up [here](#) to receive ECA’s newsletter and event notices; send them a message [here](#); follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Friends of Silver Creek

Focus: Silver Creek, a perennial development target near downtown Collingwood, a critical part of the Blue Mountains Watershed, and officially designated a Provincially Significant Wetlands by the province of Ontario. Adjacent to this protected area are two proposed developments. The **Huntingwood Trails** project by Paradise Development (107 units south of Hwy 26) recently received approval from the OLT to proceed, once several stipulations have been met and approved by the Town of Collingwood. The **Bridgewater** development, owned by Consulate Development Group, is in the process of applying to the Ontario Land Tribunal to increase the density of their project, which sits directly adjacent to parts of the Silver Creek Wetland north of Hwy 26, and more than double the residential units from 320 (previously approved) to 655. These two developments have been ranked by the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust as the two “worst” proposed developments in South Georgian Bay’s last remaining intact coastal wetlands.

Concerns raised: Densification near Silver Creek, a Class A cold water trout/salmon stream, according to the Ministry of Natural Resources, and a critical part of the Blue Mountains watershed, which supplies Georgian Bay with fresh water. The wetlands of the creek provide a critical habitat for threatened and endangered species such as the Least Bittern and the Spotted Turtle, as well as the provincially rare plant species Stiff Yellow Flax. Silver Creek Wetland is home to many songbirds, frogs, muskrats, minks, osprey, bald eagles and egrets. In addition, wetlands are key to mitigating the impacts of climate change, acting as natural carbon sinks.

For further information: contact Katherine Holmes via Friends of Silver Creek on Facebook.

Save Georgian Bay

Focus: The proposed \$4.3B build by Trans Canada Energy (TCE) of a reservoir and water extraction-and-release plant near Meaford that would suck water out of Georgian Bay at night (when energy prices are low), send it up to the new reservoir above overnight, and release the water from the reservoir during the day to drive turbines, thus sending hydroelectric energy to the grid during the day, when demand is high. TCE has verbally committed to sharing the profits with SON Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON), but SON would also bear 50% of the capital construction costs and the risk.

Concerns: That the proposed technology for safely extracting water from Georgian Bay every day without harming the upper and lower food web of the Bay is untested in a real-world build to date, and earlier such designs have killed millions of fish annually. The plant would be a net energy user (not producer), but would profit from the price differential between night and daytime energy production and use. The project failed the first stage of the province’s energy contracting authority assessment (via the Independent Electricity System Operation, IESO), with the Energy Minister calling for “significant improvements to the ratepayer value of the projects, including through improved financing.” Other concerns: noise levels for local residents; there are better ways to do “pumped energy storage”, such as by raising and dropping a concrete block in a less populated area; apparent “greenwashing” by TCE; the risk of serious long-term erosion from a reservoir built on the Escarpment.

For further information, visit: <https://savegeorgianbay.ca/>;
send them a message at <https://savegeorgianbay.ca/contact/>; follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Blue Mountains Tree Trust

Focus: Preserving and expanding the urban and other Town of the Blue Mountains’ tree canopies by: using arborist expertise to analyse and treat the aging TBM tree canopy; advocating for trees; preserving and expanding the Thornbury and other tree canopies in TBM by organizing tree planting parties and potted sapling sales to local residents; and using heritage seeds from the oldest trees in the area to preserve a seed bank and plant and propagate new stock as much as possible from the original tree canopy makeup. Local volunteers help raise seedlings into saplings over the winter months, and help with planting parties.

Concerns: Diminishing and aging tree canopies create concerns around mitigating climate change (trees are a key carbon sink), quality of life, local residents’ summer cooling needs and costs, tourism appeal, and local stormwater absorption and flooding prevention, which are in turn linked to local climate change factors.

For further information, please visit: treetrust.ca/partner/townofthebluemountains/ or email or call Betty Muise at tbm@treetrust.ca or 519-599-7798.

Ontario Recognizes Fifth Annual Rowan's Law Day

Province's sport sector continues to honour Rowan Stringer's memory as an international leader on concussion safety awareness

Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, issued the following statement to commemorate the fifth Rowan's Law Day in Ontario, September 28th. "In 2018, our government passed groundbreaking legislation and the first of its kind in Canada. Rowan's Law has changed the way that Ontario sport organizations identify and address potential concussions. Rowan's Law Day, named in honour of Rowan Stringer's memory, is commemorated in Ontario on the last Wednesday in September to raise awareness about concussions in sport. I want to thank Gordon and Kathleen Stringer for sharing Rowan's story. For five years and counting, Ontario's sport sector has made great strides in promoting awareness and developing educational resources on concussion safety.

We are the first jurisdiction in Canada to pass concussion safety legislation. As the cornerstone of a safe sport culture, Rowan's Law has educated us on the signs and symptoms of concussions. It makes it mandatory for sport organizations to have a concussion code of conduct and protocols for removing injured athletes from play, and determining when they may return.

Today, we released the fourth Rowan's Law progress report, profiling Ontario's leadership in concussion safety. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the perseverance and commitment of the Rowan's Law Advisory Committee, Rowan's Law Concussion Working Group, and the many dedicated organizations, parents, coaches, athletes and teachers who continue to make Rowan's Law a success story.

As a former professional football player who has remained active in sport as both a coach and parent, I know how important it is for everyone on a field of play to be aware of the seriousness of concussions. I spent years playing football at a position that required physical contact on each and every play. Sport was always fun to me. It made me a better person and increased my love of community. I will continue to work with our partners at all levels to make sure that a safe sport culture continues to grow in Ontario and across Canada.

Ontario is now an international leader in concussion safety. However, there is more work to be done. Rowan's legacy is seen every day, at training, practices and games across our province. She will be remembered."





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Regional EV Network Partnership

Grey County in partnership with the Counties of Bruce, Dufferin, Huron, Perth and Wellington, the City of Guelph, and the Nuclear Innovation Institute (the Partners), worked with Community Energy Association (CEA) to develop a Regional EV Charging Network Strategy (the Strategy).

Based on overall network connectivity needs and siting criteria informed by over 1,300 survey responses, 17 Level 3 DC Fast Charger locations across the study area were recommended, including Durham, Flesherton, and Thornbury in Grey County.

Staff are now proposing to continue the Partnership into an initiating implementation phase of the project, wherein the Partners will retain a facilitator to advance electric vehicle (EV) charger implementation for a contribution of up to \$9,578. The recommended approach to implementation involves competitively procuring a third-party implementation partner to own, operate and maintain Level 3 Fast Chargers at no cost to the County or local Municipalities.

The Facilitator will work with the proposed host Municipalities to finalize the locations before the RFP is issued. This proposed approach enables Grey County to realize the tourism and environmental benefits of regional EV charging coverage without shouldering the installation costs of upwards of \$150,000 per Level 3 charger and ongoing maintenance costs.

Going Green in Grey, adopted in April 2022, identifies accelerating electric vehicle (EV) adoption as one of the five key next steps in reaching Grey County's net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 goal. Private vehicles are the single largest source of local greenhouse gas pollution in Grey County, accounting for 39% of local emissions. As such, EVs are a major area of opportunity for climate action.

Recognizing the growth of EV use and the Federal mandate that all new light-duty cars and passenger trucks purchased be zero-emissions by 2035, the Partners wanted to understand the current EV charging landscape and identify strategic EV charging locations for a regional network. This network would bridge the gap in charging infrastructure between Highway 401 and Lake Huron and Georgian Bay to the Bruce Peninsula.

There are three types of EV chargers:

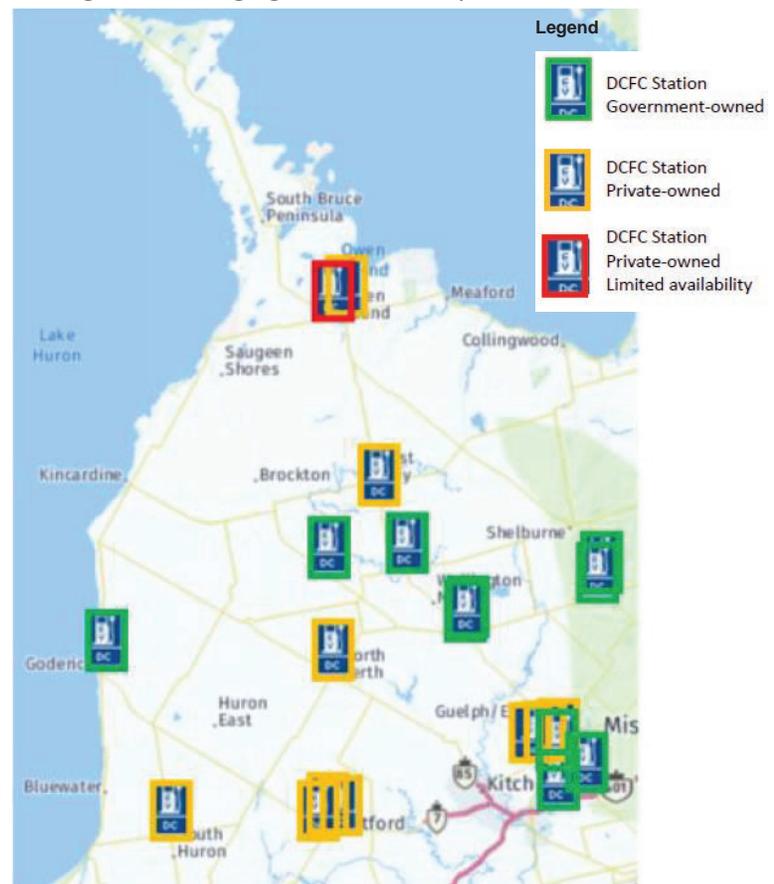
Level 1 – This is the slowest level of charging and can be achieved by a standard 120-volt outlet, often called a 'trickle charge'. It can take over 24 hours to complete an 80% battery charge.

Level 2 – This level of charging requires a 240-volt outlet, similar to a dryer or stove, and can achieve an 80% battery charge within 8 hours. These are appropriate for at-home charging or destinations that support dwell times of multiple hours (e.g., tourist attractions, restaurants). These chargers cost approximately \$15,000, including installation.

Level 3 – This charging level, often known as Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC), can provide an 80% battery charge within an hour for most vehicles. These chargers require 3-phase power and are appropriate for locations that are 'pit stops' such as ON routes, where drivers passing through an area might stop for under an hour. These chargers cost approximately \$150,000, including installation, if 3-phase power is available close to the location.

The Regional Strategy focuses on Level 3 chargers and identifies locations for supporting Level 2 chargers.

Existing Level 3 charging stations in Study Area



Regional EV charging network (including existing stations) after installation of recommended Level 3 EV charging stations. Blue lines indicate which routes are travelable by an EV without any range limitations.





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The Municipal and School Board Elections will be held on October 24, 2022. From October 14, 2022 to October 24, 2022, you can vote using internet or telephone. Mail-in and paper ballots will not be used.

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Any person who on election day (October 24, 2022) meets the following qualifications is eligible to vote:

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4. Any person not prohibited by law from voting.

Method of Voting:

The Town of The Blue Mountains is using Internet and Telephone Voting for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election. There will be no advance poll or proxy voting as Internet/Telephone Voting allows voters to cast a ballot anytime between Friday, October 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and Monday, October 24, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

Voter Information Letters will be mailed to electors at the beginning of October and will include voter credentials and instructions on how to vote. A Help Centre will be available in the Town Hall, Council Chamber, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, during the voting period.

What School Board Do I Vote For?

Electors are entitled to vote for school boards if their qualifying property is residential. Each eligible elector may vote for school representation once in a school board jurisdiction.

The following is a list of the School Boards for which qualified electors will be entitled to vote unless there are acclamations.

1. **Bluewater District School Board** (anyone can support)
2. **Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board** (must be Roman Catholic)
3. **Conseil scolaire Viamonde** (must have French Language Education Rights)
4. **Conseil scolaire catholique Providence** (must be Roman Catholic and have French Language Education Rights)

Voters' List Information:

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For More Information:

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Key Election Dates

October 3, 2022	You should receive your Voter Information Letter in the mail on or around this date
October 14, 2022	Voting period opens at 10:00 a.m.
October 24, 2022	Voting Day - voting closes at 8:00 p.m.
November 21, 2022	Inaugural Meeting of the new Council will be held at 11:00 a.m. in The Blue Mountains Council Chamber, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury

Require Assistance?

During the Voting Period (Oct. 14 - Oct. 24), a Help Centre will be available at Town Hall during normal business hours and during the extended hours listed below:

Saturday, October 15	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 17	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 18	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 19	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 20	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 21	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 22	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 24	9:00 a.m. until the close of voting at 8:00 p.m.



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OCT. 1 - OCT. 21, 2022
Support local businesses for your chance to WIN BIG!

Visit www.exploreblue.ca/bingo for contest details.

2 WEEKLY PRIZES
valued at \$250

GRAND PRIZE PACKAGE
valued at \$1,000



Blue Mountains
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Roll: N/A



Notice of Application and Public Meeting

Application for Zoning By-law Amendment

Property Location: Portion of Bay Street West and Victoria Street North Road Allowances

Public Meeting: October 3, 2022 at 1:00PM Hybrid Format (In-person AND Virtual via Microsoft Teams) Town Hall, Council Chambers 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

What is being proposed?

Further to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) Decision on the "Abbotts Subdivision" (OLT Case No. OLT-22-002269) an application for Zoning By-law Amendment is required to zone a portion of the Bay Street W and Victoria Street N Road allowances for tree protection. As considered during the Tribunal Hearing, the addition of a tree protection area was identified. This change requires a formal application and public process to be completed. As such, the Town has been directed to apply to re-zone the portion of the unopened Bay Street West and Victoria Street N Road Allowances for tree protection.

The effect of the application is to rezone a portion of the Bay Street W and Victoria Street N Road allowances from the Residential (R1-1) zone to the Open Space (OS) zone. It is noted that no additional technical changes to the overall development plan considered by the OLT are proposed.

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 2nd, 2022 will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting 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.

Questions? Want more information? Ask the Planner!

Travis Sandberg, Intermediate Planner

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 283 or Toll Free (888) 258-6867 Email: planning@thebluemountains.ca

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by September 26, 2022.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber. Those providing their comments in person, are required to follow the Public Health Guidelines of the Town, as recommended by the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

Contact the Town Clerk to pre-register or submit comments to townclerk@thebluemountains.ca or by calling the Town at 519-599-3131 extension 232 or Fax: (519) 599-7723.

Comments by mail: Town Clerk, Town Hall, 32 Mill St. Box 310, Thornbury ON, N0H 2P0

What happens at the Public Meeting?

The Public Meeting is your chance to hear more about the proposal and make your views about it known. You may also speak at the meeting or submit written comments. Information from the public will help Council in their decision-making process, so make sure to have your say!

Any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments either in support or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

Where do I find more information?

Our website contains background studies, reports, plans and drawings. They are available for viewing or download at www.thebluemountains.ca. Or come visit us in Planning Services, Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or contact the planner for this file.

When will a decision be made?

A decision on this proposal has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at the Public Meeting. After reviewing the application and any comments received, Town staff will bring a recommendation on this project to a future Council meeting.

Want to be notified of a decision?

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to the Town Clerk.

Your rights to appeal a decision:

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Town of The Blue Mountains before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting or make written submissions to Town of The Blue Mountains before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Legend

- Subject Lands of this Amendment
- Area to be zoned to Open Space (OS)



Call for Applications to the Town of The Blue Mountains Environmental Sustainability Fund

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise community organizations that the Town's Environmental Sustainability Fund is now accepting applications.

This fund has an allocation of \$5,000 that will be split between the successful applications which demonstrate a clear goal of advancing environmental sustainability within the Town.

This year's fund builds on previous successful recipients, with the most recent recipient being Tree Trust The Blue Mountains, which undertook a tree planting event and helped to purchase and plant backyard trees in 2022. In previous years, Tree Trust received funding for a local tree sapling project in 2020, and the Thornbury Community Gardens and Beaver River Watershed Initiative projects received funding in 2019. These projects exemplify how the Town and community organizations can work in partnership to foster the social vibrancy and environmental sustainability of our community.

Interested community organizations wishing to apply must submit their application no later than **Monday, November 14, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. ET**. To learn more about the Town's Environmental Sustainability Fund and to apply, please visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/sustainability

For more information, please contact: Nicholas Cloet, Sustainability Coordinator (519) 599-3131 ext. 235



COUNCIL LIVE STREAM

Watch Live From Anywhere!

thebluemountains.ca/live-stream

Elect

Andrea Matrosovs

AUTHORIZED BY CANDIDATE



andreaforblue.ca

(226) 243-0402



@andreaforblue

BLUE MOUNTAINS MAYOR

- ✔ A strong voice for a sustainable community for today and for our future.
- ✔ Proven leadership to continue progress made in the last four years.
- ✔ Chair of Finance, Administration & Legal Services, Co-Chair of Sustainability Advisory Committee, Chair of Agricultural Advisory Committee, Blue Mountains Public Library Board Member, Vice-Chair of Grey Sauble & Board Member of Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authorities.

Our community has been moving forward during the last four years of Council.

Together we have:

- ➔ Cleared a backlog of over a half billion dollars of missing assessment
- ➔ Completed our Integrated Community Sustainability Plan & Leisure Activities Plan
- ➔ Revitalized the BM Attainable Housing Corporation to make progress with attainable units
- ➔ Challenged developers to build more attainable homes
- ➔ Progressed on a community-wide drainage plan and a transportation master plan
- ➔ Initiated work on a Campus of Care micro-community with options for levels of care and attainable housing for both seniors and health care staff
- ➔ Created a new Short Term Accommodation By-law and are in the final stage of a Tree By-law update
- ➔ Increased inventory of municipal lands for future community needs

Let's take the next steps together to build a community for all ages and stages of life.

ELECT ALEX MAXWELL COUNCILLOR, TBM

Working together to protect our community

- ✔ Responsible
- ✔ Dedicated
- ✔ Sustainable

Learn more at
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Tony Poole for MAYOR THE BLUE MOUNTAINS



**"Working Together,
Today, Tomorrow"**

PLATFORM:

1. Implement an attainable housing solution that addresses community needs
2. Ensure that the Town of The Blue Mountains has the necessary Health and Medical resources to support our growing population
3. Create an infrastructure to balance economic and environmental sustainability
4. Establish an open relationship with Grey County

www.tonypoole.ca

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226-665-0808



ELECT JUNE PORTER FOR COUNCILLOR

Town of The Blue Mountains
October 24th, 2022

A Bold, Creative Leader who delivers...

Accountable to YOU!

Call me on: 416-990-5174
vote4juneporster@gmail.com

www.vote4juneporster.com

Authorized by the Campaign to Elect June Porter 2022



MEET THE CANDIDATES SERIES

FOR TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS
MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

MONDAYS 5:00-7:00 PM

AUG. 29 - SHAWN MCKINLAY & JIM ROSS
SEPT. 12 - PETER BORDIGNON & TONY POOLE
SEPT. 19 - ANDREA MATROSOVS &
ELIZABETH MARSHALL
SEPT. 26- JUNE PORTER &
JENNIFER SEYMOUR
OCT. 3 - PAULA HOPE & GAIL ARDIEL
OCT. 17 - JOE HALOS & ALEX MAXWELL
ALL CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN INVITED

THE GALLERY AT L.E. SHORE LIBRARY
173 BRUCE STREET SOUTH, THORNBURY

MODERATED BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
FIRST COME, FIRST SEATED
MASKS ENCOURAGED

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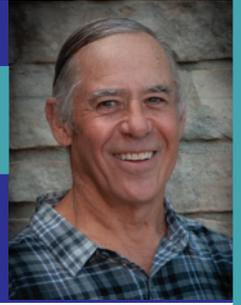


elect

JOE HALOS

MAYOR

The Blue Mountains



Why Joe:

Experience: 8 years on Council.

Leadership: Successful local business operator.

Commitment: 44 years community involvement on many levels.

Joe Will:

Maintain respectful discourse and consideration for all.
Ensure financial integrity and sound fiscal management.
Support environmental protections.

Priorities:

Encourage and fund Secondary Dwelling Units.
Expand Community Gardens 5x. We need to grow our own.
The best way to control development is to own the land.
Support the Campus of Care project and plan for a multi-use centre.

halos@rogers.com
519-599-3156

AUTHORIZED BY THE CAMPAIGN TO
ELECT JOE HALOS

RE-ELECT

PAULA HOPE

for COUNCIL

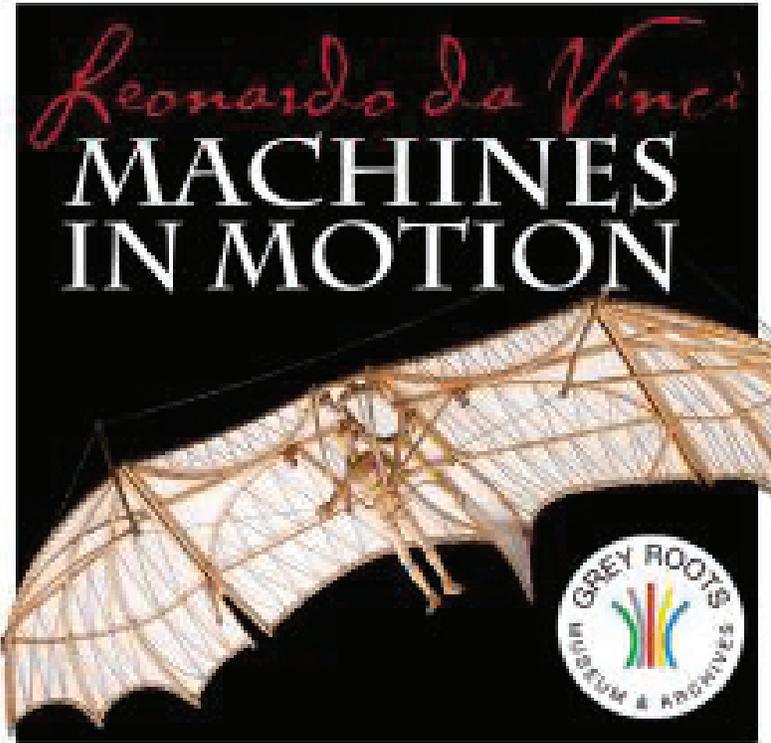


TOWN OF
THE BLUE
MOUNTAINS

paula@hopeforcouncil.ca

- ✓ Preserve Community Character
- ✓ Attainable Housing Results
- ✓ Health Care Solutions
- ✓ Climate Action
- ✓ Positive Council Culture
- ✓ Tap into the Town's many economic opportunities
- ✓ More and enhanced green spaces and public washrooms
- ✓ Good Governance, Public Engagement, Transparency and Accountability

WWW.HOPEFORCOUNCIL.CA



An interactive exhibition opening September 24 at Grey Roots Museum & Archives, 102599 Grey County Rd 18, Owen Sound takes a unique backward glance at a forward-thinking fellow.

The exhibition is organized into four parts, based on da Vinci's study of the elements of nature: earth, water, air, and fire. Highlights include a revolving crane, flying machines, and a hydraulic water saw. Launching alongside the exhibition is Seven Ages of the Bicycle, which features historic bicycles, velocipedes, and historical cycling artefacts on loan from the Huron Bicycle Museum in Kincardine. This carefully curated exhibition demonstrates the evolutionary process which led to the modern bicycles in use today.

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION GATHERINGS
with Heather McIntyre

THE GALLERY AT L.E. SHORE
173 BRUCE ST.
THORNBURY

SEPTEMBER 30
Session 1 - 11am
Session 2 - 1pm

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Thornbury-Clarksburg
Rotary Club



Coming This Fall to Your  **MARSH STREET CENTRE**

SHAWNA CASPI **Friday Oct. 14th** **CELTIC KITCHEN PARTY**

Saturday Oct. 1st.
With special guest Ken Dunn



 **Events for Life Centre Inc.** *Enhancing the Lives of Individuals with Special Needs*

****Fall Craft Fair****

**** Saturday October 1st ** 9am to 12pm****

Events for Life Centre Inc.
Located at Beaver Creek Farms
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COME SEE OUR EXCITING NEW Fall Crafts!!!
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The Southwest Corner of Clark and Marsh Street in Clarksburg needs a name.

We want you to choose it!

Together The Blue Mountains Historical Society and the businesses located at 174 Marsh Street are looking for a name that reflects the unique and complex history of the site.

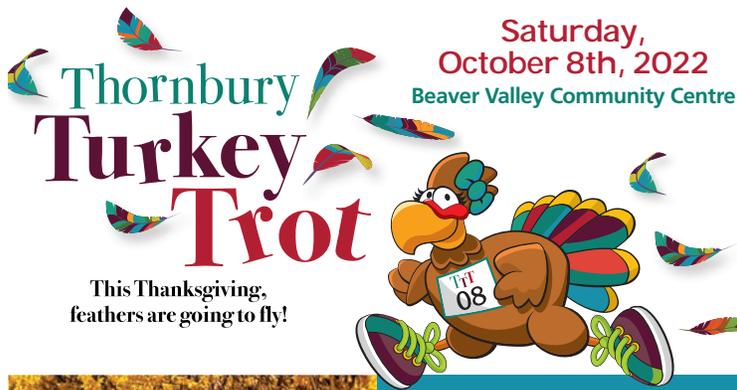
The winner will be announced on Sat. Oct 8th at 3pm at The Shed Saturday Vendor Market.

PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS TO
BMHS.CONTEST@GMAIL.COM

Deadline is Thursday, Oct 6th

GIFT BASKET FOR THE WINNING SUBMISSION!




Thornbury Turkey Trot
 This Thanksgiving, feathers are going to fly!
 Saturday, October 8th, 2022
 Beaver Valley Community Centre



Half Marathon • 10k • 5k
FREE Kids 1k Fun Run
 The fun begins at 8:45am
 Run or Walk Races Start 9:30am

Race Kit Pick Up
 Friday, October 7th
 & Race Morning



Scan for more race info or go to:
tcrotary.ca

Turkey costumes encouraged!

NEW!

Early Turkey Pricing!
 15% Family Discount!
 Registration includes:
 Custom Neck Gaiter,
 Race Bag & Draw Prizes

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
 165 Russell St. E., Thornbury
 will be hosting a
Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner
 with salad and dessert



Friday, October 14th
 5:30pm

By Donation Only
 but tickets are required from
 St. Paul's Church 519-599-6645
 Hours: Thurs 8-1 and Fri 1-5

Call for Nomination for 2nd 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.tcrotary.ca and include details regarding eligibility rules and how to submit nominations. Hard copy nomination forms are also available at Riverside Press, 22 Louisa St East, Thornbury during regular business hours. The deadline for this year's nominations is **Sunday, October 16, 2022** at 11:59pm. Each of the three winners chosen will be informed by October 31st.



Let's celebrate how Our Community Runs on Kindness!



HIKE THE HEIGHT OF MT. EVEREST IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!



BENEFITING



BLUE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE FOUNDATION



GILDA'S CLUB SIMCOE MUSKOKA

Oct 16th at Blue Mountain Village

Teams of 2-20 will take on the challenge and raise funds for the Blue Mountain Village Foundation

MUSIC • FOOD • PRIZES • ADVENTURE

For more info and to register, visit everestchallengeblue.com






Call for Board Members

The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation (BMAHC) is seeking applications from members of the public for appointment to the Board of Directors.



The BMAHC is an advocate, catalyst, and provider of attainable housing in The Blue Mountains.

Our mandate is to increase housing options to help people live and retire in the community where they work. Established by the Town of The Blue Mountains in 2013, our work is vital to support economic and workforce development and attract and retain workers and investment for a healthy and thriving community.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the effective governance and leadership of the organization. The nine-member Board is comprised of two (2) members of Town Council and seven (7) members of the public with combined skills and knowledge of the local community, the housing sector, real estate development, land-use planning, facilities management, governance, and financial management, along with a personal passion for our mandate.

We currently have a priority for individuals with backgrounds and experience in real estate development and financing, although all individuals are encouraged to apply. Successful applicants should be prepared to participate in meetings at least once monthly and commit time to read meeting materials in advance of the meeting. Meetings are currently held virtually but options for hybrid and in-person meetings are being considered.

To apply, please submit a letter of interest and resume highlighting your interest, background and any special qualifications related to attainable housing by email to info@thebluemountainshousing.ca.

Applications will be reviewed by the Board beginning October 6th. Board appointments start in November 2022 for a one-year term with the opportunity for reappointment each year at the Annual Meeting.

For additional information about BMAHC and this volunteer opportunity, visit thebluemountainshousing.ca or contact Jennifer Bisley, Executive Director, at info@thebluemountainshousing.ca or (519) 599-3131 ext. 314.

The
KINDNESS

Gala



Rotary
Club of Thornbury-Clarksburg

Saturday, November 12th, 2022
at The Georgian Peaks Club

- ♥ Interested in being a sponsor for the event?
- ♥ Have something to offer for our Silent Auction?
- ♥ Want to be a Friends in Kindness Ambassador?

Go to www.tcotary.ca for information!

Event tickets are limited and available online starting October 11th.



The Elmer Iseler Singers

return to Grace United Church

140 Bruce Street S., Thornbury

Saturday October 29th, 7:30pm

Doors open at 7:00pm - Tickets \$50

Live Video Overflow Seating \$25 / Workshop \$15



Tickets:

Thornbury Pharmasave

Church Office 519-599-2438

www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/events

accounting@graceunitedthornbury.ca



Mon. - Fri. 10am -5pm

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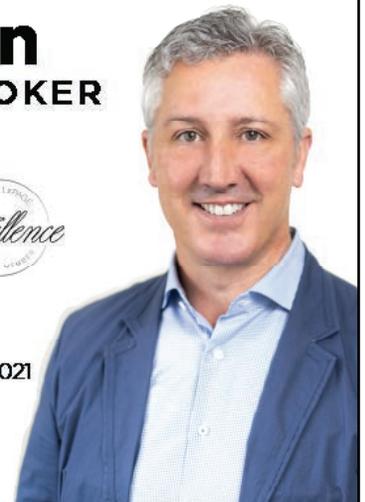


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Royal LePage - 2021

Top 2% National Gross Sales 2019-2021

Top 3% National Sales 2013-2018



Let me advise you on buying and selling in the Georgian Triangle.