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Grey County Awards Tender for Durham Paramedic Base

Grey County has awarded the design and construction tender for a replacement Paramedic Services Base in Durham to Domm Construction Ltd. at a cost of \$2,415,500. The current base in Durham is at end of life and needs to be rebuilt to meet growing service demands. Council made the decision at the September 12 session of committee of the whole.

"Our paramedics play an important role in community healthcare. As a council, we understand the significance of investing in our emergency services for the safety and wellbeing of our residents," said Grey County Warden Brian Milne. "With rising call volumes amplifying the need for stronger and faster medical response times, Grey County is taking proactive steps to maintain service levels."

The Paramedic Services Comprehensive Deployment Review 2023 to 2033 recommended the construction of a new paramedic base in the town of Durham. The land was purchased from the Municipality of West Grey for \$150,000. The road and servicing works that will service both the paramedic base and the police station lands will be completed this year by West Grey, with the County paying its proportionate share of the road and services that will front along the Paramedic Base lands.

The project is to be funded from the Durham base reserve, land ambulance development charges and a debenture.

The base is being designed with energy efficiency in mind in alignment with the Grey County Climate Change Action Plan. Applications for funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have been submitted, and if successful will allow for the Paramedic Base to be fully net zero (through the addition of solar panels added to the roof, etc.) while still ensuring that the overall project comes in under budget.



Free Guided Hikes and Activities

The Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club is excited to partner with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority to host Bruce Trail Day activities at Eugenia Falls on Sunday, October 6, 2024.

Representatives from the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club (BVBTC) and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) will be on site from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm with information and family-friendly activities. Parking fees for Eugenia Falls Conservation area will be waived for Bruce Trail Day. Donations to BVBTC or GSCA in lieu of parking fees will be gratefully accepted.

For those looking for a more in-depth exploration of the Bruce Trail, free guided hikes depart at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm - with a special family-friendly hike at 1pm. Pre-registration for the hikes is encouraged but not necessary. For more information or to pre-register, please visit

https://beavervalleybrucetrail.org/event/bruce-trail-day-2024/

Bruce Trail Day and The Bruce Trail Conservancy

Bruce Trail Day is an annual celebration of the Bruce Trail hosted by the Bruce Trail Conservancy at each of its nine Bruce Trail Clubs. The Bruce Trail Conservancy is one of Ontario's largest land trusts and the steward of Canada's longest marked footpath. The Beaver Valley section of the Bruce Trail stretches from the Blue Mountains to Blantyre with over 120 km of trail and 2662 acres of land being conserved, restored and maintained by Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club volunteers.





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Grey County Committee of the Whole September 12th

- Shannon McGavin spoke to council about The Well Community Collective. The organization collaborates, co-designs and partners with youth and communities to create equitable, accessible and low-barrier youth wellness services in Grey, Bruce, Huron and Perth counties. The Well Community Collective is looking to raise \$6 million for capital projects and programming to open four hubs. Council will provide a letter of support for the organization.
- Grey County will purchase coaching and facilitation resources from ICLEI Canada to support the development of a Grey County Climate Adaptation Plan. Adaptation is a priority of the County's overall Climate Change Action Plan, Going Green in Grey. ICLEI is an international leader whose framework is already being used by 120 municipalities in Canada.
- Grey County will buy eight additional mechanical CPR devices.
 These units have proven to be as effective as manual CPR and can be used by paramedics on calls when prolonged CPR is warranted.
- Council awarded the design and construction tender for the Durham paramedic base to Domm Construction with a bid of \$2,415,500. The current base in Durham is at the end of its life and needs to be replaced and expanded to meet projected service demands.
- Council received an initial report on Official Plan Amendment 23 which proposes changes to the County's rural designation permitted uses and development policies. The amendments add clarity to wording in the plan to better protect rural designated lands from development activities that do not align with the intent of the plan. Consultation will be had with local municipalities and a complete public process is planned for the coming months to collect comments and feedback.
- On August 24, the province released the final draft of the 2024 Provincial Planning Statement which will come into effect on October 20. Grey County had the opportunity to submit comments on previous drafts. Council received an information report highlighting the updates.
- Grey County and local municipalities are exploring a sharedservice model for planning services. The matter was discussed in closed session at a joint meeting of all councils in August.
- County Council approved a report directing staff to formally request feedback from member municipalities on the shared service model by October 18th.











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Open Fields Farm Tour Returns Oct. 5th

The Town of The Blue Mountains is excited to announce that Open Fields: The Blue Mountains Farm Tour will return for its second year on Saturday, October 5.



The Open Fields Farm Tour gives the public an opportunity to visit five local producers in the area, where they can learn about modern farming practices, meet the individuals who have dedicated themselves to agriculture, and explore the process of bringing food from farm to table. This free, family-friendly event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Each Open Fields location will provide a different experience. Educational tours, workshops, demonstrations, live entertainment, family activities and vendors are some of the offerings available to attendees.

The participating locations are:

- Ardiel Acres Apple Orchard
 356861 The Blue Mountains Euphrasia Townline, Clarksburg
- **2. Blue Mountain Fruit Company** Apple Packing Facility 067488 33rd Sideroad
- **3. Dreamfield Holsteins** Dairy Farm 595224 4th Line
- **4. Kimber Valley Farms** Sheep Farm 236087 Beaver Valley Road (Grey Road 13)
- Spy Cider House & Distillery Orchard & Distillery 808108 24th Sideroad

"Open Fields gives our local agriculture community the spotlight they deserve," says Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "We have new locations and experiences for the public to enjoy, so I encourage everyone to join us for a day of exploring, fun and learning about these local agricultural operations on October 5."

Open Fields is a free, rain-or-shine event that is open to all members of the public. Visitors are encouraged to wear proper footwear for a day on the farm. Attendees can visit the farms at any time throughout the day. Pre-registration is only required for the tours at the Blue Mountain Fruit Company. Registration for the Blue Mountain Fruit Company tours will open later this month.

For more information on Open Fields and the participating locations, visit <u>www.exploreblue.ca/openfields</u> or contact:

Allan Gibbons

Communications & Economic Development Coordinator (519) 599-3131 ext. 266



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Ontario Expanding Access to Palliative Care

TORONTO — The Ontario government is connecting more people to comfortable and dignified end-of-life care, close to their community and loved ones by adding up to 84 new adult hospice beds across the province. This expansion will bring the total number of publicly funded hospice beds across Ontario to 768.

As part of Ontario's 2024 budget, the provincial government is investing up to \$19.75 million in capital funding to build 84 new adult hospice beds and 12 new pediatric hospice beds. An Expression of Interest (EOI) for the new adult hospice beds opens today with beds expected to be operational by 2027. Existing hospice residences or other applicants who wish to develop or expand new hospice beds can reach out to their local Ontario Health Region for details.

Through this process, Ontario is also looking for applicants with longer term expansion opportunities to meet the future needs of Ontario's growing communities. Since 2018, Ontario has invested over \$26.5 million to add 153 new hospice beds, bringing the total to 768, giving more families the option of high quality and dignified end-of-life care.

Ten new pediatric hospice beds have already been added for Keaton's House – Paul Paletta Children's Hospice, the first pediatric hospice in Hamilton, and two new pediatric hospice beds at Roger Neilson Children's Hospice located at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

Province Delivers Affordable Energy for Southwestern Ontario

The Ontario government along with Hydro One announced the completion of refurbishments at the Beck #2 Transformer Station in Niagara Falls. This \$135 million infrastructure program will extend the life of the existing station by another forty years and ensure a reliable supply of affordable and clean energy that will enable new homes, new investments, and new jobs in southwestern Ontario.

Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator has forecast that electricity demand will increase by 60 per cent by 2050 as a result of new investments, new homes, and electrification. The refurbished station connects more than 1,500 megawatts (MW) of clean, hydroelectric generation through its 230kV transmission circuits. Work at the Beck #2 Transformer station began in 2016 and included the replacement of all switchyard equipment, including circuit breakers, high-pressure air system, and disconnect switches.

The Beck #2 Transformer Station is home to four of the twenty-six interties Ontario has with its neighbouring jurisdictions. This refurbished transformer station is critical infrastructure that helps to ensure reliability in both New York and Ontario. Refurbishing transmission infrastructure like the Beck #2 station is just one part of the government's plan to meet growing energy demand and reduce emissions by expanding Ontario's clean, reliable, and affordable energy grid, including:

- Nuclear Energy Advancing clean, reliable, and affordable nuclear power through pre-development work at Bruce Power on the province's first large-scale nuclear build in 30 years, four small modular reactors at Darlington and supporting Ontario Power Generation's plan for refurbishing the Pickering Nuclear Generation Station.
- Hydroelectric Energy Investing in existing hydroelectric stations, including a \$1 billion refurbishment program that the Sir Adam Beck Generating Station in Niagara Falls.
- New Transmission Infrastructure Designating and prioritizing transmission lines in Southwestern, Northeastern and Eastern Ontario that will power job creators, including EV and EV battery manufacturing and clean steel production.
- Keeping Costs Down Launching new energy efficiency programs on January 1, 2025, and building on the government's \$342 million expansion of existing energy efficiency programs which are helping families and businesses reduce their electricity usage and save money on their energy bills.



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Acorn Montessori School

After 18 years in Thornbury, they are thrilled to reopen in September after closing during the pandemic. Under the direction of Katarina Boström, this classroom, dedicated to children 2-6 years of age, has remained in Errinrung Residence with the full range of learning materials waiting for the children's return. Welcome back.

Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund is a charitable public foundation with donations being held in an endowed fund. The principle is invested and future earnings will be shared with community projects in The Blue Mountains.





Ontario Supporting the Largest Indigenousled Energy Project in Province's History

New transmission lines will ultimately connect 18,000 people in 16 remote Indigenous communities to affordable energy

SACHIGO LAKE FIRST NATION – The Ontario government and Wataynikaneyap (Watay) Power, a First Nations-led company made up of 24 Indigenous communities, are advancing the second phase of the Watay Power Transmission Project, which is the largest Indigenous-led and lengthiest grid connection project in Ontario's history. Through the second phase of this partnership between Ontario and Watay Power, Sachigo Lake First Nation (located 425 kilometres north of Sioux Lookout) will become the latest community to connect to clean, reliable, and affordable energy, ending the community's reliance on costly diesel-powered generators.

"Ontario needs to generate, store, and transmit more power as we face unprecedented growth. It is a priority for our government to expand and connect clean and affordable energy to some of the most remote northern communities, helping improve the quality of life of First Nation communities as we work to displace all diesel generators with clean electricity," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification. "We are proud to support Wataynikaneyap Power and Sachigo Lake First Nation in the largest Indigenous-led energy project in our province's history that will connect northern communities to clean and reliable energy, unlocking jobs and opportunity for generations to come."

Approximately 1,800 kilometres of transmission line are being built by Watay Power Transmission Project through a government loan of up to \$1.34 billion for the project's construction costs to service the remote populations. Once built, the Watay transmission line will connect more than 18,000 people in 16 remote communities and estimated to avoid 6.6 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year, equivalent to taking almost 35,000 cars off the road.

Sachigo Lake Chief Simon Tait remarked, "On behalf of Sachigo Lake community members, including Elders, youth, and land keepers, we are so pleased to celebrate the community's connected to the provincial power grid. With this connection, we are no longer constrained by the limits of the diesel generators."

The project achieved its first major milestone with the early connection of Pikangikum First Nation in December 2018. Construction on the rest of the project commenced in February 2020 and was substantially completed in summer 2024. The Watay line is estimated to contribute over \$1 billion to Ontario's GDP by connecting communities to affordable electricity and well-paying local jobs. Since the project's conception, nearly one thousand First Nation members worked on the construction of the line.

"As someone who has lived and worked as a nurse in remote Indigenous communities across Canada, I can attest to how critical it is to have reliable infrastructure including access to clean, affordable energy," said Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation. "The Watay Power Transmission Project has been a major priority during both my federal and provincial chapters, and I'm proud that our government, under the leadership of Premier Ford, is unlocking unprecedented economic reconciliation opportunities for First Nations across the North."

The government is fostering partnerships with Indigenous and First Nation communities to not only support economic growth in the region but also enhance environmental and health benefits for these communities through emission reductions, enhanced electricity reliability, and the elimination of carcinogenic diesel.

"We are so pleased to be celebrating with Sachigo Lake First Nation today. This has been a remarkable journey, which started over 30 years ago," said Margaret Kenequanash, CEO of Wataynikaneyap Power. "We have followed the Chiefs' mandate to bring cleaner, more reliable power to remote First Nations, with First Nation-led and majority owned infrastructure on the Homelands."

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Launch of Tourism Strategy and Community Open House

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to announce that work is underway to develop the Town's first formal Tourism and Marketing Strategy. This strategy will help guide and manage tourism within the community. To support the project, the Town has engaged Bannikin, an external tourism research and strategy development consultant who will be responsible for guiding the development of the strategic framework and recommendations.

Residents and industry members interested in tourism are invited to attend the first public engagement session scheduled for **Wednesday, September 25, 2024 from 5 to 7 p.m at Town Hall**. This drop-in open house will provide an informal opportunity to learn more about the project and to share experiences with tourism, and vision for the future of tourism development, management, and marketing in the Town of The Blue Mountains.

By developing a formal Tourism and Marketing Strategy, the Town aims to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the importance of tourism to the Town's economy and the pressures associated with being a tourism community. This project will engage residents, local businesses, community organizations, tourism industry members, and Town staff and Council. A mix of in-person and virtual engagement activities will be utilized, including a destination visit, a community session, tourism business roundtables, community roundtables, key informant interviews, and a partners' focus group.

To learn about the project and to subscribe for email updates, visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/TourismStrategy

For more information, please contact:

Tim Hendry

Manager of Communications and Economic Development (519) 599-3131 ext. 282



Meeting Dates

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Notice of Public Open House and Public Meeting: Official Plan 5 Year Review

Public Open House: September 23, 2024, 3:00pm to 5:00 pm Town Hall, Council Chambers 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

Public Meeting:
October 1, 2024 at 9:30am
Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

What is being proposed?

The Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains will be considering a new Draft Official Plan as part of the 5 year Official Plan review. The Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan describes Town Council's policies on how land in the community should be used and helps to ensure that future planning and development will meet the needs of the community. An Official Plan deals with issues such as where housing, employment, agricultural, industrial and commercial uses should be located; what services such as roads, sewers and parks will be needed to support growth; and the way in which parts of the community will grow or be protected.

The Official Plan 5 year review was completed over two Phases. Phase 1 revisions were previously presented to Council through a similar Public Open House and Public Meeting process in 2022. Phase 2 is now complete and a Draft Official Plan that consolidates the work of Phase 1 and Phase 2 is available in Track Changes and a Clean Version for review and public comment.

The Town of The Blue Mountains is looking for public input on the proposed Draft Official Plan. The Public Open House is an opportunity to ask questions and have general discussions with the Town and its consultants on the proposed revisions. The Public Meeting is held in front of Council to receive your written and verbal comments on the planned changes.

Public Meeting Information

This Public Meeting will be held in-person and virtual (online) format. You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk in advance of the Public Meeting. All written comments are circulated to Council for their consideration. Comments

received by September 27th will be summarized and read by the Town Clerk at the Meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter at the Virtual Public Meeting is encouraged to pre-register early, and no later than September 24th at 9:00am. For those without a computer, a dial-in number is available.

Anyone wishing to simply view the Public Meeting can do so from the Council Meeting Live Stream section on the Town website.

Written comments can be received by the Town Clerk by email at: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca or by regular mail: Town Clerk, Town Hall, 32 Mill St. Box 310, Thornbury ON, NOH 2P0

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

What happens at a Public Meeting?

The public meeting is your chance to hear more about the Official Plan 5 Year Review and make your views about it known. You may 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 in-person or virtual Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments either in support or in opposition to the proposed amendments.

Where do I find more information about the proposal?

Visit the Official Plan project page on the Town Website: www.tbmblueprint.ca for additional information and regular updates. You may also visit us in Planning Services, at Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or contact the Planner at the contact information below.

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.

Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing if you wish to receive a notice of any decision of Council on this proposal.

Questions? Want more information? Ask the Planner!

Shawn Postma, Manager of Community Planning; PH: (519) 599-3131 ext. 249 or or Toll Free (888) 258-6867

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Notice of Public Meeting: Proposed Telecommunications Tower

Date of this Notice: August 15, 2024 Property Location: 495928 Grey Road 2

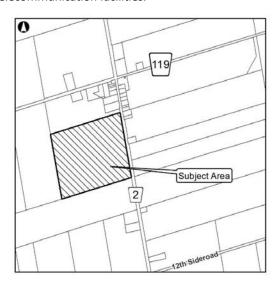
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 9:30am Hybrid Format In-Person AND Virtual/Online Town Hall, Council Chambers 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

What is being proposed?

Rogers is proposing a new 90 metre guyed telecommunications tower at the above address to improve wireless coverage and to meet rising demands for wireless service.

The geographic coordinates for the proposed site are as follows: N 44o 27' 48.9'' W -80o 25' 04.9''

The establishment of new telecommunication facilities is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Government. Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada is the approval authority for telecommunication towers and requires all proponents of new facilities to consult local planning authorities to ensure local protocols and surroundings are considered during the mandated site selection process. The Town of The Blue Mountains Protocol for Establishing Telecommunication Facilities requires public consultation for all new telecommunication facilities.



Where do I find more information about the proposal?

Our website contains background studies, reports, plans, and drawings. They are available for viewing or download at thebluemountains.ca/rogerstelecom.

You can also scan the QR code.

Or come visit us in Planning Services, Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm or contact the planner for this file.

What happens at a 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 proposal.

Where do I submit my comments?

Your written comments may be sent to the Town Clerk by mail or in person:

32 Mill St. Box 310, Thornbury, ON, NOH 2P0

Fax: 519.599.7723

Email: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

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. You must make a request in writing if you wish to receive a notice of any decision of Council on this proposal.

Town Contact

Name, Adam Farr

Email: planning@thebluemountains.ca

Phone: 519.599.3131 ext.263

Applicant Contact

Victoria McKay, Rogers Communications Inc. -Contractor Email: j mckay@rogers.com

A Note about information you may submit to the Town:

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. This document can be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable upon request.



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The Royal Canadian Legion Beaver Valley (Ont #281) Branch **Poppy Trust Fund Branch Status Report** Jan 1, to Dec 31, 2023

Balance in Branch Poppy Trust Funds

\$19,677.96 as of January 1, 2023 Income from Campaign and all other sources \$19,539.53 **Sub Total** \$39,217.49

Campaign Expenses and

Youth Education Program \$3,339.51 **Donations to Veteran Causes** \$6,000.00 **Total Expenses & Donations** \$9,339.51

Closing Balance as of Dec. 31/2023 \$29,877.98



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5 Common Myths that **WILL** Get in the Way of Your **Will Power**



Your Will can be a powerful tool for creating change in the world. By leaving a gift to charity in your Will, you can have a much bigger impact than you ever imagined. A gift in a Will can turn an ordinary Canadian into an extraordinary philanthropist! Unfortunately, only 5% of Canadians have taken this step. There are 5 common myths that typically get in the way of people exercising their Will power.

1. I can't support both loved ones and my favourite causes:

Most people choose to leave everything they have to their family and loved ones. On the surface, this makes sense. However, a careful calculation can demonstrate that a small percentage of your estate left to charity still leaves plenty to support your loved ones.

Also, the reality is that your estate will be taxed - perhaps more than you realize. Choosing to support charities that you care about can reduce, and even eliminate the taxes to be paid. Your financial advisor can help make sense of this for your particular situation.

2. I need to be wealthy to make a gift to charity in my Will:

The vast majority of charitable gifts in Wills are left by Canadians of average means. You may be surprised to find that when all of your assets are realized, you too will have a tidy sum for support of both loved ones and a few favourite causes.

It is estimated that if only 3.5% more ordinary Canadians included a gift in their Will in the coming decade, this would result in \$40 billion being directed to charitable causes. No matter the size of your estate, you can be a part of this impressive movement for change.

3. Leaving a gift in a Will is complicated:

Leaving a gift to charity in your estate can be as easy as adding a clause to your Will. Notify your lawyer or notary, and they can take care of adding it in. You'll need to provide the legal name of the charity, its charitable number and the amount you wish to give.

We encourage you to involve your loved ones in these decisions. Make the process about celebrating who you are, the values you hold and the life you lead.

4. I've already written my Will and there is no going back:

The truth is you can amend your Will at any time. Adding a gift is as simple as making your intentions known to those who drafted your original documents.

5. I will never see the impact of the gift I make in my Will:

It can be discouraging to think that you won't be around to see the impact of the gift you leave in your Will. We understand that you would rather do what you can now. Absolutely! However, you and many other Canadians will never be able to make as big a donation while you are alive as you can through your Will (when the value of your estate is realized). So, here are three ways you can see the impact your future gift will have:

- Make a few smaller donations or volunteer in support of a cause you love. You'll become more engaged with the charity and get a better feel for what the impact of your future gift will be.
- Many charities have legacy societies to help provide donors a sense of the impact their future gift will have. Let charities know that you've included a gift in your Will and become a part of these groups that will demonstrate the difference you will make after you're gone.
- Finally, a gift in your Will can help loved ones feel part of the impact you will have, as many charities involve family in the acknowledgement and recognition of your gift. It can be comforting to know that your loved ones will remain connected with you through your contribution.

Want to know more? Visit Will Power website www.willpower.ca for inspiring stories, helpful tips and how-to information, or to connect with a local advisor who can help. The Will Power Campaign is supported by 13 charities working throughout Grey and Bruce and hundreds more across Canada.

Submitted by Willard VanderPloeg, Charitable Giving Advisor – Brightshores Health System Foundations Used with Permission.











CFB Borden's FREE Family Event: 2024 Borden Blast

Every year, Borden hosts a not-forprofit family event on **September 21st** between 10am and 3pm called the Borden Blast which provides our military members, families, veterans and civilians an opportunity to get up-close and personal with various military vehicles right on Canada's largest training base.

There's a plethora of activities for your kids such as this year's Ferris wheel rides, petting zoo, facepainting station, nearly 20 unique bouncy castles and a craft sale! Food trucks from your favourite vendors will be close by to serve up the hearty meals and sweet treats you're craving, all at the Borden Blast.

122 Ramillies Rd, Borden Ontario









Join us in honouring the children who never returned home and the survivors of the residential school system on National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. On September 30th, at 3pm, L.E. Shore Library will be viewing Wawahte.

This hour-long film documentary is a powerful and accessible presentation combining archival images elements from the Wawahte audiobook. To register call 519-599-3681ext.149/ outreach@thebluemountains.ca



Saturday September 28

from 9:00 to 12:00 Bring broken items for free repair and enjoy a snack. Go Green for a better Blue!

Grace United Church, 148 Bruce St. S. Thornbury repaircafethebluemountains.ca

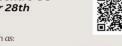




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TIE A RIBBON

The Blue Mountains Public Library invites our community to tie ribbons in front of the L.E. Shore Library and on the back deck of Craigleith Heritage Depot on September 30th. In solidarity with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit communities across Turtle Island. we honour the memory of children who were found and those yet to be discovered at residential schools in Canada. Ribbons of all colours are welcome, as each child was unique, with individual hopes and dreams and a community who loved them. A selection of ribbons will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own.

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Contact Mary 519-599-3681 ext.149



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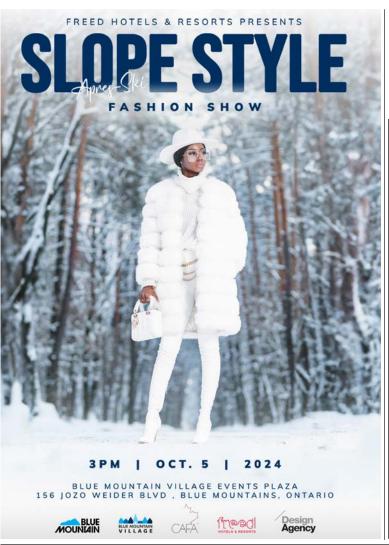
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CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE

On Sunday, October 6th, 8am-noon we're inviting residents of all ages in the Blue Mountains/Collingwood area to join us at Blue Mountain Village to run or walk either 1k or 5k, in support of the breast cancer cause. Registration is now open for this impactful event, and participants can choose to fundraise individually or on a team. cancer.ca/en/get-involved/our-events/cibc-run-for-the-cure



Join the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority at Eugenia Falls for our Annual Celebration of the Bruce Trail, Saturday October 6th

A very special thankyou to Grey Sauble Conservation Authority for partnering with us and waiving the usual parking fees for all attendees.

10am–3pm: Visit the Bruce Trail and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority tents for information about the Bruce Trail and Grey Sauble Conservation

10am: Meet a hike leader for a leisurely 3km hike for great views of the Eugenia Falls and Cuckoo Valley. Wear sturdy footwear.

1pm: Choose between a leisurely 2km family-friendly hike with on trail activities or a 3km leisurely hike with views of the falls and Cuckoo Valley. Wear sturdy footwear. Please note that pre-registration is recommended but not necessary. <u>beavervalleybrucetrail.org</u>

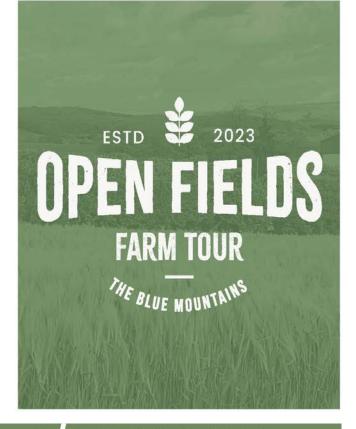
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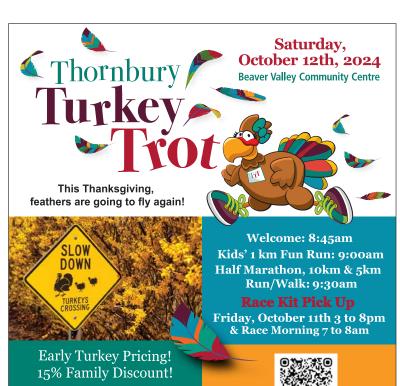








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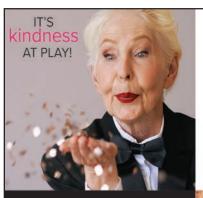
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Rotary Club of Thornbury-Clarksburg invite you to join us November 9th for an evening of glamour and good times at the Georgian Peaks Club.

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Dust off your fancy dancing shoes for the 3rd annual Kindness Gala! Mingle, dine, dance, and potentially unlock an exciting prize cage with kindness "keys". Proceeds from this special evening will benefit the Rotary's community initiative, Moreau Park... Kindness at Play! Tickets are \$199.

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