Proposed Changes at Fathom Five, Saving the Norgoma, More Paid Parking

By John Francis

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula’s August 24 Meeting will host a delegation from Parks Canada, bringing the municipality up to speed on proposed policies and strategies for the future at Fathom Five National Marine Park. Our two national parks have seen “unprecedented growth in visitation,” the brief begins. After an intensive period of public and stakeholder consultations (winter 2019-20), Parks are proposing some changes to reduce the impact of visitation at Fathom Five National Marine Park and adjacent properties and to improve the quality of visitor experience.

Parks administration proposes significant changes to visitation timetables at Flowerpot Island and to visitor access to the Big Tub wrecks would be reduced and the wrecks would be reserved for dive/paddle/snorkel/swim small-group tours from 6:00AM to 10:00AM daily; tourboat drop-offs would not begin until 10:00AM. Tour-boat access to the Big Tub wrecks would be reduced and the wrecks would be reserved for dive/paddle/snorkel/swim small-group tours from 6:00AM to 10:00AM daily; tourboat drop-offs would not begin until 10:00AM. A PowerPoint summarizing the Parks Canada proposal can be seen in the Agenda for MNBP Council’s Aug 24 Meeting; navigate from the municipal website www.northbrucepeninsula.ca.
Virtual Town Hall Highlights Ongoing Concerns, Efforts to Improve Safety on Hwy 6

By Zoë Mason, Bruce Peninsula Press

Over 3,500 thousand views have accumulated on the August 12 virtual town hall meeting on Highway 6 safety concerns.

The meeting was live streamed on Facebook and hosted by a panel which included representatives from the provincial and municipal government, Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.), and Safe Communities Committee Bruce Peninsula.

The primary goal of the town hall was to provide updates on the efforts that are underway to address the shortcomings in terms of both safety and accessibility that have been troubling residents in both the North and South Bruce Peninsula municipalities.

In his update, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Bill Walker assures constituents that local law enforcement’s position is to provide updates on the efforts that are ongoing, and remains, “zero tolerance.”

“When drivers are caught stunt driving, they automatically incur the seven day penalty of impounding their car, and that automatically triggers the Attorney General and then goes through to the courts,” he says.

The challenge, says Walker, is what happens once these cases get to court. The length of the process as well as bartering and lenient sentences are all concerns that he says he has raised to the Attorney General.

Walker also contends that the unprecedented circumstances of the time have also had an effect on the frequency of stunt driving offenses in the region.

“There has been an increase, sadly, during the COVID time period that they have actually noted through the Solicitor General’s office,” he says.

He also added that he hopes that insurance companies will do their part to support governmental efforts to stiffen penalties for offenders.

“I hope the insurance industry is really going as far as they can to make it hurt for people at the end of the day, if they’re going to do this” he added. “This is not a one off in many cases. This is people that are knowing the laws and continuing to break them.”

Janice Jackson, the mayor of the Southern Bruce Peninsula, had a lot of praise for the efforts within the community to curb stunt driving and promote highway safety.

“It’s really remarkable what happens when you get a whole pile of people together and work for a common cause,” she says. “I’m proud of the work that the community has done.”

That said, she is frustrated at the lack of concrete evidence that this work is paying off. She also advocates for stiffer monetary penalties, contending that the fines are “nowhere near what they need to be.” She is upset by the current state of affairs on Highway 6, which she calls a “horrible situation.”

By the numbers

Adam Belanger, a constable with the Grey Bruce O.P.P. detachment, gave a presentation which contained a number of informative statistics.

One of the more striking sets of numbers was the quantity of stunt driving charges in the Bruce Peninsula region, which jumped from 43 drivers in 2017 to 190 in 2018. This number, says Belanger, reflects an improvement in policing stunt drivers, which he credits to an increased deployment of officers during times that stunt driving is known to be at its highest.

“This year alone, unfortunately, it continues to grow and we’re on track to meet if not exceed last year’s number with 165 drivers charged as of a couple days ago,” he says.

While stunt driving spurs the most public engagement, Belanger reminds residents that speeding is also a problem in the area, and not a negligible one. In 2019, 780 drivers were charged with speeding.

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95 Acres Added to BPNP

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Bruce Peninsula. The property, which is mostly forested and bordering a small lake with a provincially rare fen wetland, will be added to Bruce Peninsula National Park, contributing to the completion of the park.

This forested land is home to several species of flora and fauna, including the globally rare Massasauga Rattlesnake, Round-leaved Ragwort and Dwarf Lake Iris. Future plans for the property will be guided by Bruce Peninsula National Park’s Management Plan.

Parks Canada is currently undertaking a process to renew the park’s management plan, and public consultations will be an important part of this process that will help shape the future of the park, day-to-day, to ensure that it is managed in an environmentally and culturally sensitive manner.

“Bruce Peninsula National Park is home to many endangered species, offers spectacular opportunities for those interested in Parks Canada to connect with their natural heritage, and holds cultural significance to the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. The acquisition of this property will help Parks Canada continue its important work helping vital ecosystems and contributing to the recovery of species at risk.” The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada.

Quick Facts

• In 2018, the Government of Canada purchased the Driftwood Cove property with a contribution from the Bruce Trail Conservancy, adding 3,272 acres to Bruce Peninsula National Park.

• Bruce Peninsula National Park is within the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

• Since the establishment of Bruce Peninsula National Park in 1987, Parks Canada has added over 14,180 acres of land, acquired on a willing seller-willing buyer basis. Located within four hours of several major cities, Bruce Peninsula National Park provides opportunities for many urban and new Canadians to discover and connect with nature. Visitors are asked to plan ahead by checking the Bruce Peninsula National Park website before they travel to find out what is open, and what they can expect, and how to prepare for their visit.

• Parks Canada protects a vast network of natural and cultural heritage places that include 47 national parks, 171 national historic sites, five national marine conservation areas and one national urban park.

Reasons to drop by • like you really need any!

From awesome brands and delicious Nancy’s homemade preserves to must-see stock including Hatley family clothing, Quartz Nature Parkas, Earth Ratz Recycled fabrics blankets, new winter boots and locally made sweetgrass lotions.

We work hard to buy Canadian.
By Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

The Municipality hired a security company located in Owen Sound to oversee parking at the McCurdy Lot for the weekends of 15 and 22 August.

Working Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm, a security guard controlled and directed overflow traffic to the Arena for parking and handed out flyers with parking information.

On Saturday 15, the Arena parking lot was full by noon and there was no parking information. Traffic to the Arena was heavy from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, and there were no parking spots at McCurdy.

As residents observed the daily melee at the corner of the McCurdy parking lot and the familiar sight of the OPP responding to calls from lost hikers and for other infractions, they say there is a clear need for a managed solution to deal with the influx of visitors.

If you believe someone has violated a bylaw, your Bylaw Enforcement Officers will investigate the alleged violation. Whether you call our bylaw line directly at 519-793-2355 ext 235, or email info@northernbruce.ca, we require the following information in order to investigate your concerns/complaints properly:

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Media Release
August 21st, 2020 – NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA

Bruce Peninsula National Park - ADVISORY TO VISITORS

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For more information please visit https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/on/bruce

BE SAFE - BE Kind

Everyone should practice good hygiene as a preventative measure to protect yourself and the novel coronavirus and other viruses in this cold and flu season.

- wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- avoid contact with people who are sick
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- stay home as much as possible
- Wear a mask

LITTLE COVE ROAD – NO FOOT TRAFFIC

There is no foot traffic permitted through Little Cove Road. Once the parking area to Little Cove Beach is at capacity you will be turned away. There is no parking access to the park on Warner Bay Road. To plan to come to this area early to avoid disappointment.

CAMPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Please only camp within designated areas which allow for camping. It is against the law to camp on private property without the property owners’ consent. Please remain on all trails and please take garbage with you.

FIRE PERMITS

A fire permit will be required to hold an outdoor burn. Check the municipal website for permit applications. Please note that fires on municipal property including parks and beaches are not permitted. A bylaw officer will issue a fine of $180.00. NBP is currently at a LOW risk level, note that fires on municipal property including parks and beaches are not permitted. A bylaw officer will issue a fine of $180.00. NBP is currently at a LOW risk level. If you have a BBQ or campfire, a permit is not required. For more information please go to https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires

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Bylaw Enforcement Officers are responsible for ensuring that all of our bylaws are being adhered to and investigating complaints appropriately. Currently, we have only three bylaw officers on staff. Their objective is:

- To increase public awareness of the MNBP bylaws that presently exist in neighbourhoods
- Facilitate residents to become more familiar with their responsibilities and rights as property owners
- Achieve compliance with the MNBP bylaws through education

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Media Release
August 13, 2020

The Grey Bruce Health Unit Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ian Arra, is renewing the Order issued on July 17, 2020, ordering all Commercial Establishments in Grey Bruce, to the fullest extent possible for all the following, that they:

- ensure effective measures are in place to maintain physical distancing of 2 metres amongst all employees and clients;
- ensure the availability of alcohol-based hand rub at all entrances and exits; and
- make the best effort (verbal) to restrict entry to persons entering the premises who are not wearing a face covering. Turning away continued on page 16

Security Controls and Redirects Traffic At McCurdy Parking Lot

Garbage Truck Rollover at Dyers Bay Closes Road for Several Hours

Byline: Scott Parent

Photo: On the morning of Friday, August 14, a garbage truck rollover on Dyers Bay Road, between McNair Road and Highway 6, resulted in a road closure for several hours. Bruce Peninsula OPP and the Northern Bruce Peninsula Fire Department attended the scene. No one was injured in the incident.

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And there are record numbers of people walking around Lion's Head. A head and near-record numbers walking around Linn's Head (and me, who they think aren't buying anything...)

All of this without tourist buses. (OK, there was one tour bus, illegally parked on Highway 6 near Windy Bay.

And Sandy Beach is always a zoo on a summer Saturday.

But there must be somewhere you can go to avoid the crowds. Right? Like Cape Chin South? Maybe not so much anymore.

Rich and Sandy Mocket and Bob Chin South submit the brief to MNBP for the Aug 24 Meeting. Here is an excerpt:

As well, many people have attempted opening Driftwood Cove. Say they open Driftwood Cove. Say they need a managed solution, with the proceeds going to the municipality; he told me "We need to have that power to manage what's happening there."

But where would the money come from? How about $20 a day paid parking at the Tobermory Parking Lot? That's a pretty good price, isn't it? And maybe better than $5 for the Aug 24 Meeting; here is an excerpt:

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Please note that the issue #12/20 article “When We Say Parties... Purple Valley’s Orange Hall” included incorrect information on the original source of the article.

The issue #12/20 article quoted an excerpt verbatim from an article that was originally written by Anne Konrad after interviewing local residents and was printed in the book: Albermarle. A History of the Township, edited by Dorothy Crocker and published by the Albermarle Township Historical Society in 1991.

It is not a reminiscence, as indicated in the article, and is copyrighted by the author, Anne Konrad.

The Bruce Peninsula Press apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

**Correction to Cabot Head Article Issue #13/20**

Please note that the issue #13/20 article “The Storied Past And Uncertain Future Of The Cabot Head Lighthouse” included incorrect information on former light keeper Harry Hopkins.

The correct date of Hopkins’ death was 1982 and he had nine children.

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**Letter: Access to Public Areas Continued from previous page**

across the water, and our conversations with our neighbours, we know that we are at the epicentre of an issue that affects many seasonal and permanent residents.

While there are bylaw officers to help control crowds during the day, in the late evening and early hours of the morning it is left to the neighbouring families to deal with the problem. We have been told to call the OPP to deal with such disturbances, but it often takes forty-five minutes to an hour for them to arrive, given that they are policing the entire peninsula. In past years we have seen some OPP cars patrolling in Tobermory, but the only evidence we have seen of police presence this summer are the times that we have had to call them ourselves.

It should be said that while some of the groups we have had to talk to are aggressive and confrontational, some are quite reasonable. We have had OPP officers tell us that there is no posting of bylaws or indication of day-use only rules. Our family has requested that such a sign be installed at the Gap for the last five years, to no avail. While proper signage won’t deter everyone, it is an easy step that could reduce the number of people congregating each night. We have also been told by OPP constables that it would make their job much easier if the rules were clear to the public at the sites that they are routinely called to.

It’s also worth considering the potential legal liability at these sites. Within the National Park, there have been signs erected at the Grotto and Halfway Log Dump that discourage visitors from unsafe behavior. No such signs exist at the Gap or at the Lighthouse, and there’s a high potential for tragedy while inebriated people try to navigate unfamiliar rocks and water in the dark.

We are very proud that people love Tobermory as much as we do and come to see its beauty each summer. But being awoken on a nightly basis and having to become the de facto night watchmen of local tourist hangouts is exhausting. We respectfully ask council to work to manage these sites at night with the same vigil that they have sought solutions for overcrowding during the day.

Sincerely,
Alison and Jonathan Stewart
Letter: Clarification Needed in Issue #13/20 Cabot Head Lighthouse Article

The articles about Cabot Head Lighthouse in the two recent issues of this paper did a great job in highlighting its history and the current controversy about its future.

There is a point that needs clarification. In the second article (Issue #13/20, August 11, 2020), it states the proposed boundaries for the National Park do not include Cabot Head, which pleases all parties...including the Crawford family. No, this was not true. As discussions progressed, the Crawford family exchanged letters and phone calls with officials expressing our opposition to the plan. This was not motivated by fear of expropriation, as stated by Ron Wheeler. Friends of Cabot Head. From the very start of the planning process, government officials, up to the Honourable John Roberts, Minister of the Environment at the time, stated clearly that private land would not be acquired by expropriation. Rather it would be a willing-seller, willing-buyer basis. We were not willing (nor were the co-owners of our property). The original plan included not just the lighthouse area surrounding the lighthouse but a large swath of land south including Gillies Lake shoreline. A large public campground on the east shoreline was in the original planning documents. We saw the park as forever changing the area.

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Even though we are not year-round residents, not even Canadians, we cherish this land. We’ve said it often and we’ll say it again, the beauty of the shoreline road from Dyers Bay to Cabot Head and a large portion of the Cabot Head Nature Reserve is the way it is because we fought to keep it that way.

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Letter: Request for the Creation of an Affordable Housing Committee of Council, MNBP

To Mayor Milt McIver and Council, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula,

The core members from the Tobermory Housing Committee are requesting that a Committee of Council be established with a focus on action for affordable housing. We observe that other Municipalities in Bruce County and nearby counties are increasing their commitment in this area of work and as volunteers we would be energized to see our involvement within a new structure.

Some Background:

As you may know there has been a Housing Committee in Tobermory for over 10 years. To date, the work of the Committee has not led to the development of new affordable or mixed rental housing. The Committee continues to believe that there is a need for attainable rental housing. Consultations undertaken by the Committee (with the support of the Tobermory Chamber of Commerce) suggest that there are three target groups in need of, or interested in, additional rental units in Tobermory:

- people with low income requiring “affordable” housing
- people, including young families, employed by local businesses, wanting to live in Tobermory year round, who are unable find reasonably priced housing to rent or own
- people able to afford market rent or who would like to have the option of downsizing from a detached home to a smaller dwelling

The most recent work of community volunteers was the submission of an application for Seed Funding to the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The Meeting Place and the Tobermory United Church collaborated on the proposal. Unfortunately the request was declined in late June due to an administrative omission, although some of the activities suggested are still relevant. The funds requested from Trillium were to hire a part-time, skilled, research co-ordinator who would work with a Steering Committee to:
- document the number of people in Tobermory in need of rental housing, the specific housing challenges they face and the type of housing needed
- collect information about innovative housing designs being built elsewhere
- review the types of governance organizations in place in other communities that are successfully developing and managing innovative housing models

- pave the way for a realistic development plan, including funding assessment, to build an affordable or mixed rental housing project with a focus on the village of Tobermory

After the Seed Grant was declined, Brad Cheemaun, Chair of the Meeting Place, and Glenda Clarke, community volunteer, met via Zoom on July 10th with Peggy Van Mierlo-West and Ryan Deska to explore the status of any work currently underway by the municipality on housing issues. We were encouraged to submit a letter to Council outlining our concerns and requests. Thank you for your consideration in joining the work that needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Glenda Clarke, for the Tobermory Housing Committee

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Letter: Are You a Cyclist Looking For a Local Challenge?

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I’ve had a ‘light bulb’, moment and decided to do it virtually! Yes, I’ll be doing the same distance but close to home, right here on the Peninsula.

A trip from Tobermory to Lion’s Head and back is approximately 100 km. I’m a fair weather cyclist, the first nice 10 days in September my Tour of Ontario Day I’ll be doing. Are there any cyclists up for the challenge of all 10 days or even joining me for one day?

So disappointed that I can’t continue on the Trans Canada this year, but if I do the ‘mileage’ close to home, I’ll be ready to start from Tobermory next September.

Anyone interested in joining me on this challenge, give me a call at 519-596-2649.

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A trip from Tobermory to Lion’s Head and back is approximately 100 km. I’m a fair weather cyclist, the first nice 10 days in September my Tour of Ontario Day I’ll be doing. Are there any cyclists up for the challenge of all 10 days or even joining me for one day?

So disappointed that I can’t continue on the Trans Canada this year, but if I do the ‘mileage’ close to home, I’ll be ready to start from Tobermory next September.

Anyone interested in joining me on this challenge, give me a call at 519-596-2649.

Bunkey Cunliffe,
Tobermory

Letter: Flagrant Disregard For Well Being of Ontario Residents Alarming

To Mayor Milt McIver and Council,

The masses of tourists leaving their garbage is one thing, but the flagrant disregard for the well being of local Ontario Residents in the Northern Bruce Peninsula is alarming.

Perhaps fining the tourist facilitators might work, or shutting them down temporarily would definitely solve the immediate problem.

Money trumps safety? I can’t image a single major corporation in Ontario that adheres to that policy except for the Tobermory area of course!

Darrell Turcotte
Midland, ON,
Dear Editor,

Kudos to Judi MacLeod (Issue #12/20, July 28, 2020 Letter: “Help, Our Wetlands are Under Attack!”) for raising concern about the increase in unregulated disturbance of wetlands and other environmentally important areas. We have first hand experience with this problem.

We purchased our 3 season waterfront cottage on Doreas Bay in 2010. The initial site plan showed an “EH” zone covering the lower third of our property, about half of the adjacent lot and about 75% of our lot. The surveying for our new home, an alarm crawl space, with seasonal wetlands on the two neighbouring lots. Both lots were vacant.

Since our purchase, the alvar wetlands on both lots have been filled in for a new underground sewer, the old wetland pond filled, and a large house built close to the water on one lot. Needless to say, we were surprised. Health Unit has been in close contact and contacted the municipality. We were informed that the municipality does not regulate or control the fill in an EH zone. We contacted the Conservation Authority, who told us their jurisdiction did not extend to our area, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, who said they had no authority.

As to the house, we were told that the current zoning by-law does not prohibit building on an EH, as long as the entrance to habitable space is above the 100 year flood level. To comply with this condition the house was built on a roughly 8 foot high concrete foundation and is entered by an external stairway to the main floor. Several times this year and last, storm surges have created a lake that surrounds the bottom of the stairway, the foundation, and half the driveway, blocking access to the house.

In response to Kevin Doyle’s letter (Issue #13/20, August 11, 2020 Letter: “Striking a Balance”), we are not against development on our property and we agree that new building is necessary to allow others to enjoy the Bruce. But, we also believe that Health Unit should be responsible - appropriate to the lands involved and undertaken in a manner that conserves the environmental features that make the Bruce so attractive. Burying offsite septic tanks under truckloads of fill is not, in our humble view, responsible, and the regulatory scheme that allows it is hardly a balanced one.

We would also point out that the “EH” zoning areas are not “what some people rather arbitrarily describe”, but rather have been enacted by the municipal Council. And it is Council that has repeatedly failed to enact a new zoning by-law that would provide at least a modicum of protection to “EH” areas. Ms. MacLeod’s comments about Council are warranted. Respectfully,

Patrick and Mary O’Rourke

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the Medical Officer of Health for Grey and Bruce, I want to thank you for the effort you have invested in keeping your family and our community safe over the past few months.

I want to support you and your family in your decision to send your child or children back to school in September. Our children need to interact directly through multiple town halls with their peers, learn collectively, and return to a predictable and stable learning environment.

As our community reopens, I have no doubt we will see more cases of COVID-19. With a pandemic, the spread of the virus is not predictable until a herd immunity (70% of the population immune) is reached, preferably through a vaccine. Until then, it is up to each of us to implement strategies to ensure a balanced approach of mitigating the risk of exposure and providing our kids with the appropriate level of social and educational understanding, and well-being. This year we want parents to stay informed with new information they need to feel confident in their decision on whether to send their kids back to school, and reassured that children and teachers are safe in their classrooms. The decision to send your child or children back to school is personal and might be different for every family.

For weeks, the Grey Bruce Public Health unit has been in close communication with school officials from all schools in Grey and Bruce to support their planning proactively. Working tirelessly, your Health Unit’s team and I are committed to creating a safe and caring learning environment. We will continue to work together to keep the most important people - our students - safe and well.

School reopening is directed provincially by the Ministry of Education through the guidance documents and regulations. As they tend to be changing frequently, you can access this information on our website: www.bwdsb.on.ca/Parents/Return_to_School. You can be directed to our dedicated email account, ReturnToSchool@bwdsb.on.ca. This email account is where a member of our planning team will be able to follow up with you, as soon as they can.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and support as we prepare for a safe return to school in September.

Sincerely,

Lori Wilder
Director of Education
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Our last day this year will be
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Come early and enjoy the savings!

We have all had a challenging year, and thank you to my community for their constant support.

Be well, be healthy!,

Jill
OPP Report
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MUST DRIVERS CHARGED ON BRUCE PENINSULA

Between Friday, August 14th and Sunday, August 17th, 2020, Grey Bruce OPP charged the following seven motorists with stunt driving - 50km/h or more over the posted speed limit, contrary to section 172(1) Highway Traffic Act (HTA) on Highway 6 on the Bruce Peninsula. (SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON)

-August 14th - 09:25 a.m. - Grey Bruce OPP stopped a white car on Highway 6, near Limberlost Road, in South Bruce Peninsula that was travelling over 130 kilometres per hour (km/h) in this posted 80 km/h speed limit. The driver was a 29 year old from Etobicoke, ON.

-August 15th - 2:15 p.m. - Grey Bruce OPP stopped a white sport utility vehicle (suv) on Highway 6, near Limberlost Road, in South Bruce Peninsula that was travelling over the legal limit of 80 milligrams (mgs) of alcohol in this posted 80 km/h speed limit. The driver was a 24 year old from Barrie, ON.

-August 15th - 3:01 p.m. - Grey Bruce OPP stopped a grey car on Highway 6, near Limberlost Road, in South Bruce Peninsula that was travelling over 135 km/h in this posted 80 km/h speed limit. The driver was a 59 year old from Brampton, ON.

-August 17th - 1:11 p.m. - Grey Bruce OPP stopped a black car on Highway 6, near Red Bay Road, South Bruce Peninsula that was travelling more than 145 km/h in this posted 80 km/h speed limit. The driver was a 56 year old from Kitchener, ON.

(NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA, ON)

-August 15th - 09:56 a.m. - Grey Bruce OPP stopped a grey car on Highway 6, near Ferndale, in Northern Bruce Peninsula that was travelling over 115 km/h in this posted 60 km/h speed limit. The driver was a 20 year old from Mississauga, ON.

-August 15th - 10:48 a.m. - Grey Bruce OPP stopped a black car on Highway 6, near Little Pike Bay Road, in Northern Bruce Peninsula that was travelling over 135 km/h in this posted 80 km/h speed limit. The driver was a 21 year old from Mississauga, ON.

-August 15th - 4:25 p.m. - Grey Bruce OPP stopped a grey suv on Highway 6, near Pike Bay Road, in Northern Bruce Peninsula that was travelling over 140 km/h in this posted 80 km/h speed limit. The driver was a 32 year old from Waterloo, ON.

All of these drivers were issued a provincial summons to attend court, a seven day drivers licence suspension and their vehicles were towed and impounded for seven days.

Grey Bruce OPP are asking the public to report unsafe driving, including excessive speedings and aggressive driving.

STUNT DRIVER CHARGED ON BRUCE PENINSULA (NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - On August 11, 2020 at 8:48 p.m. Grey Bruce OPP stopped a grey sport utility vehicle (suv) on Highway 6, near Bruce Road 9, in Northern Bruce Peninsula that was travelling over 135 kilometres per hour (km/h) in this posted 80 km/h speed limit.

Grey Bruce OPP have charged a 31 year old from Windsor, ON with stunt driving - 50km/h or more over the posted speed limit, contrary to section 172(1) Highway Traffic Act.

The accused was issued a provincial summons to attend court, a seven day drivers licence suspension and their vehicle was towed and will be impounded for seven days.

Slow Down and Drive Safe.

GRAFFITI SUSPECT ARRESTED IN TOBERMORY (NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - On August 10, 2020 at 8:17 a.m. Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were advised that several businesses and locations in Tobermory, ON were tagged with graffiti.

Police attended the area and located witnesses who were able to assist in identifying the suspect responsible for all of the damage.

As a result of this investigation, Grey Bruce OPP have charged a 36 year old from Toronto, Ontario with five counts of Mischief, destroys or damages property, section 430 (1)(a) Criminal Code of Canada.

The accused was released on an Undertaking and is required to appear in Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound on October 19, 2020.

GREY BRUCE OPP SPOT LIGHT ON DETACHMENT COMMANDER (CHATSWORTH, ON) - The Grey Bruce Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) welcomes Acting Inspector Paul Schambers to the counties.

On August 2nd, 2020, the Grey Bruce Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police welcomed a new Detachment Commander. Acting Inspector Paul Schambers is returning to his roots. Paul was raised in the Warson area.

Paul began his policing career with the Toronto Police Service in 1980. In 1990, he transferred to the Ontario Provincial Police where he has remained ever since. He has completed duration postings in Kanata and Gogama before returning to the Guelph detachment. Paul went on to be a detective with the OPP Rackets and the Child Exploitation Unit. He was a Detective Sergeant with the Professional Standards Bureau and served as the Sergeant Major for West Region. Paul was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant in 2014 and served in both Renfrew and Wellington Counties. He recently served as the interim Detachment Commander and is currently the OPP Inspector at the Ottawa detachment.

Acting Inspector Schambers looks forward to serving the citizens of Grey and Bruce Counties.

Photo: Grey Bruce OPP Acting Inspector Paul Schambers

IMPAIRED BOATER CHARGED (NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - On August 9, 2020 at 4:49 p.m. Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were dispatched to the marina in Tobermory, ON for a dispute that had just occurred between two boaters. The argument escalated and one of the involved boaters threw a lit cigarette onto the other boat.

Officers attended and spoke to all of the involved parties. The one boat operator was arrested for impaired operation of a conveyance (boat). The boat operator physically resisted the officer. A bystander assisted during the arrest.

The arrested person was transported to the Grey Bruce OPP detachment in Warson. A breath test, conducted by a Qualified Breath Technician at the detachment, recorded readings over the legal limit of 80 milligrams (mgs) of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

As a result of this investigation, Grey Bruce OPP have charged a 44 year old from London, ON with the following offences:

• Operation of a conveyance (boat) while impaired by alcohol, section 320.14(1)(a) Criminal Code of Canada (CC)

• Operation while impaired with blood alcohol concentration 80 mgs or more, section 320.14(1)(b) CC

• Resist peace officer, section 129(1)(a) CC

The accused was released on an undertaking and is required to attend Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound on November 19, 2020.

That’s why the government of Ontario has worked with health officials, school boards and educators to develop a comprehensive plan to keep kids and staff safe.

• Physical distancing measures will be implemented such as desk separation, signs, floor markings and one-way hallways.

• Face coverings will be required for staff and students in Grades 4-12.

• Hand hygiene will be enabled with hand sanitizer and hand washing.

• More nurses will be in schools.

• School cleaning will be enhanced.
nor-What? the Historic Ferries of the Tobermory-South Baymouth Run

By John Francis

When settlers first came to the Bruce Peninsula, they mostly used the waterways. The network of 19th century cart paths were upgraded to roads as the 20th century advanced and the packet freighter was gradually replaced by cars, trucks and buses. And ferries.

Richard Thomas, in The motorists' Shortcut — 100 Years of the Owen Sound Transportation Company, says that the first Tobermory to South Baymouth ferry was operated by John Tackaberry of Lion's Head in 1917 with the steamer SS Kagawong. In 1931, Thomas McKay). Thomas says that the Normac (named after OSTC founder Norman McKay), says that the arriving at Port Dalhousie Pier Marina.

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Tobermory Foodbank News: “It All Begins With Sharing”

Submitted by Linda Godhue

Food Banks Canada states in its most recent report “It all begins with Sharing”. And how true that is with our Community. Individuals, Organizations, Businesses, and Churches have always generously supported the Tobermory Food Bank, but for the last five months the support has been overwhelming.

We have all been reading about the wonderful work of Julie Carpenter of Miller Lake who has made so many masks and donated the proceeds to Tobermory and Lion’s Head Food Banks and other charities. Since April Julie has donated $4,500 to the Tobermory Food Bank alone.

The Tobermory Food Bank has received support from outside the community as well from Bruce Power, Second Harvest, Habitat for Humanity and grants forwarded through Grey Bruce United Way. This is a time of uncertainty for everyone and Food Security is a factor in a great many lives, even for those who may be working.

We are very grateful to our wonderful volunteers in this difficult time who have come to the Food Bank on every Tuesday to serve our clients in a safe way for the clients and themselves. But again, without the above-mentioned support, our shelves would not have been stocked to meet our clients’ needs.

Very good news that the Lion’s Head Food Bank has found a new home that permits physical distancing. Again, an example of community support from originally the Revival Centre that housed them for many years and now the Pentecostal Country Church on Highway 6. We have heard of many stories from so many sources “we are all in this together”;

it is more than an expression here on the Bruce.

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Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula Late August News

Local Musicians Plan to Hold Outdoor Busking Concert for Rotary

Submitted by Jim Dilamarter

Our Rotary Club is so pleased to announce that the musicians of the Northern Bruce will be hosting a ‘Busking Stage Event’ open to all on Saturday August 29th on the Webster Street Busking Stage (between Scott’s Pro Hardware and Hellyer’s Foodland) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is expected that this concert will include a number of different performers from all over the Northern Bruce. Many will be familiar to you as members of the Market Band that we all love to hear. Please come and enjoy the music and help Rotary at the same time.

Tobermory Foodbank News:

“It All Begins With Sharing”

Submitted by Linda Godhue

Food Banks Canada states in its most recent report “It all begins with Sharing”. And how true that is with our Community. Individuals, Organizations, Businesses, and Churches have always generously supported the Tobermory Food Bank, but for the last five months the support has been overwhelming.

We have all been reading about the wonderful work of Julie Carpenter of Miller Lake who has made so many masks and donated the proceeds to Tobermory and Lion’s Head Food Banks and other charities. Since April Julie has donated $4,500 to the Tobermory Food Bank alone.

The Tobermory Food Bank has received support from outside the community as well from Bruce Power, Second Harvest, Habitat for Humanity and grants forwarded through Grey Bruce United Way. This is a time of uncertainty for everyone and Food Security is a factor in a great many lives, even for those who may be working.

We are very grateful to our wonderful volunteers in this difficult time who have come to the Food Bank on every Tuesday to serve our clients in a safe way for the clients and themselves. But again, without the above-mentioned support, our shelves would not have been stocked to meet our clients’ needs.

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By Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press
At a Special Board Meeting held on 20 August, the Executive Board of the Tobermory and District Chamber of Commerce voted to continue operating the Information Centres in Tobermory and Ferndale until Thanksgiving.

Neda Sarbakhsh, president of the Tobermory Chamber of Commerce says “The board never underestimated the existence and importance of the booths but we thought the Chamber and the information booth are two different entities.” She continues “Our intention was not to close down the information center but to let the municipality run it. We believe that the information center belongs to the whole community and not just the members of the Chamber.”

The Board reviewed their financial situation, the decline in their membership and the decreased numbers of visitors over the past five years to the Information Centers and decided to close the Information Centres after Labour Day weekend instead of being open until Thanksgiving. From 2015 to 2019 there was approximately a 31% decline in visitors to the physical location in Tobermory. Instagram, Google, Tripadviser and AirBnB are the main social media platforms being increasingly used by visitors as a source of tourist information about the Bruce. Reviewing the number of visitors during the past September months for 2015: 2088, 2016: 3037, 2017: 2988, 2018: 2165 and 2019:1648; the numbers were steadily dropping and the Chamber felt their dollars and energy should be used to add better value for their members rather than keeping the Info Centres open past Labour Day.

The Chamber sent a letter to their members indicating that it was time to review their mandate and address how best to serve their members.

The letter also stated “The Board decided to close the office after Labour day weekend and focus our effort on the website and social media. This was not an easy decision but we felt it’s the best option in order to stay relevant to our members and visitors. We plan to take this time to hear from local business owners, and re-focus on what matters most to them.”

On August 11, the Chamber received their annual funding from the municipality to operate the Centres which placed the Chamber in a better financial footing. Sarbakhsh is working with staff to assess their availability to work until Thanksgiving.

The Tobermory and District Chamber of Commerce will present their proposal (available on the Municipality’s website) to Council on 24 August, and at their AGM in October, the Chamber will make the final decision if they should continue managing the Info Centres or pass it on to another entity or the municipality.

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MUNICIPALITY OF NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA COUNCIL MEETING (Electronic) July 27, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Milt McIver, Deputy Mayor Debbie Myles, Councillor Golden, Councillor Mielhausen, Councillor Myles

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Department Report PW 20-35 as it relates to Hidden Valley Road

Mayor McIver questioned the number of culverts needed for the road. Troy Cameron, Public Works Manager, said that the number of culverts needed for the road is approximately 141,574. Mr. Cameron indicated that the completion of a survey was a requirement as part of the agreement. He also noted that the completion of the survey has been delayed due to the pandemic. The survey is expected to take approximately 40,000. Mayor McIver suggested that more public meetings be held to discuss the proposed culvert installation.

THAT Council receives MLEO Report No. MLEO 20-10 regarding Shuttle Bus Parking

Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Carolyn Hopkins, stated that parking at the Gap has caused congestion. She also noted that the current signage states that the area is a “no parking” zone. Mayor McIver questioned why the area was designated as a “no parking” zone. She said that she is in agreement with the current signage. Councillor Myles suggested that the area be designated as a “no parking” zone. She also noted that the area is currently being used as a bus stop by Bruce Anchor Cruises. Ms. Hopkins confirmed that the area is used as a bus stop by Bruce Anchor Cruises. She also noted that the area is currently being used as a bus stop by Bruce Anchor Cruises.

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THAT the Council of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent with respect to Emancipation Day celebrations.

OTHER BUSINESS
Councillor Myles questioned if staff have a plan in place for bylaw enforcement during the upcoming long weekend.

Mrs. Addison, Deputy Clerk, left the meeting to attend to an emergency at home.

Councillor Myles suggested that Parks and Facilities staff alert bylaw officers about the possibility of any incidents involving Black Creek Provincial Park and on Moore Street while they are on site conducting maintenance and cleaning.

Mrs. Addison returned to the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Ms. Hopkins stated that the current two bylaw enforcement officers are prepared to work all weekend and the night if need be. All after-hour calls are being directed to Ms. Hopkins’s cellphone. She indicated that the OIP can arrive on scene in 30 minutes if required.

Councillor Myles brought up the discussion previously had by Council relating to allowing businesses to dedicate parking spaces adjacent to their restaurants as they wish. He noted that further discussion with the public is necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE
1. Debbie Dover, Pike Bay Community Association- Fireworks in Pike Bay- Request for additional signage- Refer to Fire Department- Councillor Myles noted that signage was the only form of communicating information and other forms of communication can be investigated in the Communications Plan.
2. Linda Godfrey- Response to CS 20-38 Outdoor Dining Opportunities for Downtown Tobermory- Noted and filed.
3. Linda Godfrey- Request for Council to pass a bylaw for mandatory face coverings in indoor settings- Noted and filed.
4. Philip Servos- Concerns with Short Term Accommodations report from July 13. 2020 Council meeting. Forward to the StA consultant.
5. Garry Williams- Request for a functioning public telephone in Tobermory- Council discussed the request and stated that urgent phone calls can be attended to by the Tourism Centre or by call forwarding to respond to Mr. Williams.
6. Petition to change Moore Street from Lion’s Head to NO PARKING on both sides of the street. Refer to By-law Enforcement Officer Report No. MLEO 20-12.
7. Catherine McKinnon- Concerns with parking on Moore Street- Refer to By-law Enforcement Officer Report No. MLEO 20-12, and staff to reply to Ms. McKinnon.
8. Ron Coughlin and Mary Barr- Moore Street issue- Council discussed the request and requests Refer to By-law Enforcement Officer Report No. MLEO 20-12, and staff to reply to Mr. Coughlin and Ms. Barr.
9. Alison Knight- Concerns and suggestions for Moore Street- Refer to By-law Enforcement Officer Report No. MLEO 20-12, and staff to reply to Ms. Knight.
10. Greg Wilson, Ontario Parks- Please accept this submission as a request to the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to install parking signs at Bruce Park. No parking on Moore Street- Refer to By-law Enforcement Officer Report No. MLEO 20-12, and staff to reply to Mr. Wilson.
11. John Grandy, Peninsula Bruce Trail Club- No objection to allow public use restrictions on Moore Street- Refer to By-law Enforcement Officer Report No. MLEO 20-12, and staff to reply to Mr. Grandy.

No. MLEO 20-12, staff to reply to Mr. Grandy.
12. Ron Knight and residents on Hawthorne Drive- Request for garbage collection on Hawthorne Drive- Public Works to investigate and reply.
15. Grey Bruce Public Health Media Release- Medical Officer of Health Order- Face Coverings in Indoor Public Spaces in Grey Bruce- Noted and filed.
16. Grey Bruce Public Health Media Release- Multi-Unit Building Medical Officer of Health Order- Face Coverings in Indoor Public Spaces in Grey Bruce- Noted and filed.
19. AMO President- Thank you for your resolutions with preferred timing for transition of your blue Box Program- Noted and filed.
20. The County of Bruce Media Release- 11 Bruce County tourism businesses selected for sustainability Spark grants and mentorships- Noted and filed.

THAT Council reconvenes from Closed Session at 4:03 p.m. and resumes the Council Meeting, Carried.

REOPENING FROM “CLOSED SESSION” TO RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING
Moved by L. Golden Resolution #30-16-2020 Seconded by J. Mielsenhauzen
THAT the Council move into closed meeting pursuant at 2:11 p.m. to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reasons by personal matters pertaining to an identifiable individual including Municipal or local board members, and d) labour relations or employee negotiations (Performance Review Interim for the Chief Administrative Officer and Municipal Clerk, Recruitment Update), and b) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (Georgian Drive). Carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION
Moved by L. Golden Resolution #30-16-2020
Seconded by J. Mielsenhauzen
THAT Council reconvenes from Closed Session at 4:03 p.m. and resumes the Council Meeting, Carried.

The Mayor advised that the Municipal Solicitor had provided a verbal update on a Georgia Drive litigation matter, the CAO provided a verbal update on the Clerk Recruitment matter, and a verbal update was provided for the Chief Administrative Officer interim performance review during this session.

ADJOURNMENT
Moved by L. Golden Resolution #30-16-2020 Seconded by M. Myles
THAT the meeting adjourns at 4:04 p.m. Carried.
HELP WANTED
Bruce Anchor Motel & Cruises in Tobermory, ON, has the following positions available for the 2020 season: Cruises Managers, Captains, First Mates, Deckhands/Tour Guides, Ticket Agents, Shuttle Bus Drivers, Housekeepers and Front Desk Clerks. Please email resume to jobs@bruceanchorchتور.

Obituaries:

SMITH, Malcolm Bruce. Formerly of Stokes Bay, passed away peacefully with family present on August 10, 2020 in his 95th year. Survived by his children, Steven (Sharon) of Beamsville, Shelley Ingold (Wade) of Glencoe and Chris of Woodstock. He will be sadly missed by 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Bruce was predeceased by his parents, Walter and Della, and his wife Muriel (nee MacKenzie) and Malcolm Smith, sister Peggy, brother Barry and 1 granddaughter. Bruce enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1943 and served aboard the HMCS Uganda until the end of the war in 1945. He was a proud member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #202. A graveside service will be conducted at Stokes Bay Cemetery, Tobermory, ON, on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. Pastor Peter Longmore officiating. All those wishing to attend must register in advance by completing the RSVP registration through Bruce’s page on the funeral home website under Service Information. In accordance with Covid-19 regulations, all those attending are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Arrangements entrusted to the Family Funeral Home, Wiarton. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through www.georgefuneralhome.com

McLAty, Charlotte Charm Anne peacefully surrounded by her family at her residence Monday, August 17, 2020. Charon McLay (nee Cargo) of Stokes Bay at the age of 76. Beloved wife of the late Bud McLay, cherished mother of Marla, family friends and former teachers, acquaintances, and those who are similar to my favourite ones (who may not be available) or may not be in our local library. Then it’s a phone call from her to say she has them and a time is set up for picking them up. They are always ready and Katie meets me with her beautiful smile and a bag of books. Thanks again Katie, I hope the Bruce County Library officials appreciate you as much as we benefit from your “service with a smile” here in the Tobermory area. Vi Adams Chris would have been so pleased that his friends, former teachers, acquaintances, his sister’s co-workers, family friends and extended family members all rallied around his family in their time of sorrow. From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, tributes, gifts of love, donations, phone calls and food. We would also like to thank the George Funeral Home for their guidance, understanding and compassion. Larry & Pat McLay and family

Obituaries:

Grovier, Kenneth Ernest peacefully at Chapman House, Owen Sound Wednesday August 19, 2020, Ken Grovier of Owen Sound and formerly of Bruce Anchor Motel and Cruises. Beloved father of Laura and2020.  Predeceased by his parents Ellen (nee MacKenzie) and Malcolm Smith, sister Peggy, brother Barry and 1 granddaughter. Bruce enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1943 and served aboard the HMCS Uganda until the end of the war in 1945. He was a proud member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #202. A graveside service will be conducted at Stokes Bay Cemetery, Tobermory, ON, on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. Pastor Peter Longmore officiating. All those wishing to attend must register in advance by completing the RSVP registration through Bruce’s page on the funeral home website under Service Information. In accordance with Covid-19 regulations, all those attending are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Arrangements entrusted to the Family Funeral Home, Wiarton. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through www.georgefuneralhome.com
In response to COVID-19, meetings and events may be altered without notice. Contact the event organizer before attending to check if your meeting is still taking place, and avoid attending any unnecessary social functions.

REGULAR MEETINGS, FUN & GAMES

Clubs, Organizations, Groups, etc. call us TODAY with your online or other events that comply with Health & Safety recommendations for COVID-19.

MONDAY
Church Yoga, Lotusheart Yoga & Mindfulness, facebook.com/brucepeninsulayoga 519-270-405, 10–17am
Yoga, Yoga Hive North, facebook.com/yogahivenorth 9am
Bruce Peninsula Health Services & Foundation Virtual Board Meeting, north-brucepeninsula.ca (last Mon.) 6–7am

Outdoor Drum Circle, Union Church, Lion’s Head; 1–2pm
MNPB Council Virtual Meeting (2nd & 4th Mon.) 1–4pm

Lion’s Head & District Food Bank, Pentecostal Country Church, 519-378-8842 or infofoodbank@com for assistance

AA Meetings, Tobermory United Church, on the labyrinth, bring your own chair, 7:30pm

TUESDAY
Lion’s Head & District Food Bank, Pentecostal Country Church, 519-378-8842 or infofoodbank@com for assistance

Parking lot, Yoga, Tobermory United Church parking lot, 10–12am, bring your own blanket, folding chair, and yoga mat, sharadhaj.ischen@com 9:30–10:30am

Hatha Yoga, Lotusheart Yoga & Mindfulness, facebook.com/brucepeninsulayoga 519-270-405, 10–11am

Dance with Wendy Roman, facebook.com/wandy.rhythmfitness 7–8pm

Tobermory Food Bank, The Meeting Place, for info call Linda at 519-596-2333, 1–2pm (1st and 3rd Sat. Sep. 5)

The Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula Virtual Meeting, (1st and 3rd Tues.) 6:30–8:30am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Hepworth Baptist Church, 8pm

WEDNESDAY
Parking lot, Yoga, Tobermory United Church parking lot, 10–12am, bring your own blanket, folding chair, and yoga mat, sharadhaj.ischen@com 9:30–10:30am

Chair Yoga, Lotusheart Yoga & Mindfulness, facebook.com/brucepeninsulayoga 519-270-405, 10–11am

Yoga, Yoga Hive North, facebook.com/yogahivenorth 8am & 6:30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Hepworth Baptist Church, 8pm

THURSDAY
Hatha Yoga, Lotusheart Yoga & Mindfulness, facebook.com/brucepeninsulayoga 519-270-405, 10–11:15am

Warton Rotary Club Virtual Meeting, 6–8pm

Tobermory Songwriters Series, facebook.com/tobermorysongwriters 4pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethel Missionary Church, Lion’s Head, 8–9pm

Al-Anon Family Group, Bethel Missionary Church, Lion’s Head, 8–9pm

FRIDAY
Open AA Meeting, Maasoocii Centre, Cape Croker, 8–9pm

Dance with Wendy Roman, facebook.com/wandy.rhythmfitness 7–8pm

Yoga, Yoga Hive North, facebook.com/yogahivenorth 8–9pm

SATURDAY
Lion’s Head Farmer’s Market, Parking lot beside Rotary Hall, Lion’s Head, until Thanksgiving: shop online openfarmersmarket.ca/lions-head-farmers-market/shop 9am–7pm

SUNDAY
Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church, behelhec.ca Light & Life Chapel, Services resumed, contact 519-596-2039 or emailinfo@com for safety information; online services at Facebook online, laitdcommunitychurch.ca 10:30am
Lutheran & Anglican Services, Closed until at least Labour Day weekend, online services at facebook.com/bethelmissionarychurch 8am & 11am
Pentecostal Country Church, pentecostalcountrychurch.org Tobermory United Church Service, Closed until at least Sep.13, online services at tobermoryunited.ca 10:30am

TUESDAY
St. Mary’s and the Mission, Father Kuzma, tsmayandthemsessions@com 8am daily

Yoga, Chair Yoga, & Guided Relaxation/Meditation, yogahivenorth.ca, facebook.com/yogahivenorth 9am–7pm

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**Ongoing**

GBHS Lottery: Tickets can be purchased every week until the Ace of Spades is found, visit catchtheaceoph.ca. Tickets $3/$10, $50/$00; proceeds support the purchase of a urology table for OS Regional Hospital; must be 18 to participate.

Lion’s Head Skating Club Pre-Registration: No payment required at this time. Visit lionsheadskating.com to pre-register or for more info. Off-ice training available this season.

**Wednesday August 26**

Safe & Successful School Reopening - Facebook Live; Grey Bruce Health Unit Facebook page; GB Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arns with Directors of Bluewater & Bruce Grey Catholic districts, Lori Wilder & Gary O’Donnell, 7pm

**Saturday August 29**

Kincardine Hazardous Waste Collection; Kincardine PW Yard, 140 Valentine Ave, 8am-1:30pm

Busking Stage Event; Webster St. Busking Stage; Performers from around the Northern Bruce Peninsula, list to be posted to the Rotary Club of NBP Facebook page; donations accepted on location, or e-transfer to nbrootery@gmail.com; 11am-4pm

**Saturday September 5**

Walkerton Hazardous Waste Collection; Bruce County Garage, 94 Bruce Rd. 2, 8am-1:30pm

**Sunday September 20**

Virtual Terry Fox Run; Location: wherever you are; register @ terryfox.org; shirts available upon registration.

**October**

Bruce Trail Themed Scavenger Hunt; Organised by the Tobermory Trail Race Committee. Funds to Tobermory Primary Place Daycare; more details to be announced.

**Saturday October 3 – Sunday October 4**

Port Elgin Pumpkinfest Webcast; www.pumpkinfest.org; Pumpkin weigh-off, Bingo, Cinderella’s Car Show (Sunday); see article on page 24 for more information. Starts 9am Saturday

**Saturday October 3**

Warton Hazardous Waste Collection; SBP Works Garage, 441048 Elm St, 8am-1:30pm

**Saturday October 24**

Southampton Hazardous Waste Collection; Southampton Works Yard, 409 Peel St, 8am-1:30pm

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Northern Bruce Peninsula Landfill Sites are open with restrictions. See northbrucepeninsula.ca for more info.

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**Lion's Head**

**MNB Office**; Monday–Friday 8:30am–4:30pm; Office closed to public and drop box available outside front entrance door. (see ad page 25 for more)

**Hellyers Foodland**: Open Monday–Thursday 8am–5pm, Friday & Saturday 8am–6pm, Sunday 8am–6pm; Closed Labour Day weekend: Mon.–Sat. 8am–6pm. (see ad page 14)

**LCBO**: Open Tuesday–Thursday 10am–6pm, Friday 10am–8pm, Saturday 10am–6pm, Sunday 11am–6pm (hours subject to change); Starting Sept. 7: Closed Mon., Tues.–Sat. 10am–6pm, Sun. 11am–6pm

**Peninsula Pharmacy**: Open Monday–Friday 9am–6pm, Sat 9am–1pm; Starting Sept. 12: Closed Sat. Store front and PRESCRIPTION PICKUP available. (see ad page 5)

**Roadside Convenience Store & Gas Bar**: Open 7 days a week, 6am–7pm.

**Royal Bank**: Open Monday–Friday, 8:30am–4:30pm: RBC is putting the health and safety of clients and employees first. We ask that you check the branch locator for the most current information prior to your visit. As always, the RBC Mobile App and online banking are safe, easy and available 24/7.

**Scott’s Home Hardware**: Open Monday–Friday 7:30am–5:30pm, Saturday 8am–5:30pm, Sunday 9am–4pm;

**Miller Lake**

Rona Miller Lake: Open Monday–Friday 7am–5pm, Saturday 8am–4pm, Open Labour Day Mon. Starting Sept. 8: Mon.–Fri. 7:30am–5pm, Sat 8am–4pm

Wilson Home Building Centre: Open Monday–Friday 7:30am–5pm, Saturday 8am–4pm, Sunday 9am–3pm

**Tobermory**

Hoppys: Open Monday–Friday 8am–8pm, Saturday & Sunday 8am–9pm (hours are subject to change)

**LCBO**: Open Tuesday–Saturday 10am–6pm, Sunday 11am–6pm (hours subject to change); Closed Sept. 7, Starting Sept. 13, closed Sun. & Mon.

**Peacocks Foodland**: Open 7 days a week, 8am–8pm; (see ad page 5)

**Ransbury’s Pro Hardware**: Open Monday–Saturday 9:50am, Saturday 10am–2:30pm, Closed Sunday after Labour Day

**Royal Bank**: Tuesday & Friday, 10am–3:30pm; RBC is putting the health and safety of clients and employees first. We ask that you check the branch locator for the most current information prior to your visit. As always, the RBC Mobile App and online banking are safe, easy and available 24/7.

**Warton**

Town of South Bruce Peninsula; Monday–Friday, 8:30am–4:30pm; Town Hall is allowing public entry for essential business only. Visitors will be screened prior to entry. The Town Hall washrooms remain closed to the public. The Warton Arena, the Sauble Beach Community Centre, and the two Fire Stations remain closed to the public at this time. The Town of South Bruce Peninsula Landfill Site will be open only to contractors with existing accounts. The landfill will be open on Tuesday – Saturday from 8:30am–10:00am and from 1pm to 5pm with the gates closing 15 minutes before each closing time. Info call 519-534-1400 or visit www.southbrucepeninsula.com and go to Town Hall/Press Release.

**Beer Store**: Open Monday–Thursday 10am–6pm, Friday 10am–9pm; Saturday 10am–6pm; Sunday 12pm–5pm; Accepting empty bottle returns every day.

**LCBO**: Open Tuesday–Thursday 10am–6pm, Friday 10am–9pm, Saturday 10am–6pm, Sunday 11am–6pm

**Peninsula Parcel**: Pick-up and deliveries available Monday to Friday. Bruce Peninsula to Owen Sound. Call for more information 519-536-2056.

**Petro Canada Gas**: Open Monday to Friday 6am–10pm, Saturday 7am–10pm, Sunday 8am–10pm

**Royal Bank**: Open Monday to Friday, 8:30am–4:30pm; RBC is putting the health and safety of clients and employees first. We ask that you check the branch locator for the most current information prior to your visit. As always, the RBC Mobile App and online banking are safe, easy and available 24/7.

**Service Ontario Warton**: Open Tuesday & Wednesday 10am–5pm, Thursday & Friday 10am–4pm, Closed 1–2pm daily.

**TD Bank**: Open Monday to Friday 11am–4pm; TD is putting the health and safety of clients and employees first. We are dedicating the first hour to seniors, those who need extra assistance, and those with greater health risks. We ask that you check the branch locator for the most current information prior to your visit. As always, the TD Mobile App and online banking are safe, easy and available 24/7.

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Media Release
August 14, 2020, Saugene, ON – Historically, Port Elgin Pumpkin Fest always attracts more than 30,000 visitors to our community and over $1 million in economic impact each year.

Due to COVID19, there will be no in-person festival this year, however, the Pumpkinfest team is working with a professional production company to bring the excitement and fun into your homes through a live webcast on www.pumpkinfest.org. On the Saturday, October 3rd, and pumpkin prizes are gifted’d away for the 10th straight year, for the Pumpkinfest.務, our growers to have an International Weigh Off, allowing webcast on www.pumpkinfest.org. on the
deck, Pumpkinfest President Dave Menisher said, “We have developed a solid plan in place to continue our event, provide a safe venue for our growers to present and provide feedback.

The website pumpkinfest.org and like us on facebook to receive weekly updates and additions. Thank you for your support as we steer through the pandemic waters. The Pumpkinfest Team.

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Pumpkinfest Releases 2020 Weigh-Off Prize Structure

For the 34th year running, the Port Elgin Pumpkinfest Bruce Power International Weigh-off will continue uninterrupted by the ongoing pandemic. “While this year has brought some challenges, our committees have put in place to continue our much-loved event while maintaining the safety of our staff, volunteers and growers”, noted Pumpkinfest President Dave Menisher. Social distancing will be maintained with mandatory mask use and a directional traffic plan for the weigh-off. 

With the exceptional weather we’ve had, and the limited number of events this year, this may be the year that we see some long-standing records shattered”, said grower committee chair, Doug Court.

Our growers have been loyal to Pumpkinfest year after year and recognize us as one of the premier events in Ontario, Canada and World-Wide, so we want a plan in place to continue our much-loved event while maintaining the safety of our staff, volunteers and growers”, noted Pumpkinfest President Dave Menisher. Social distancing will be maintained with mandatory mask use and a directional traffic plan for the weigh-off. New this year, the weigh-off and other events will be broadcast live on Saturday, October 3rd at pumpkinfest.org for viewers to experience Pumpkinfest from the safety of their homes.

“I’ve been really impressed by the creativity our committees have demonstrated this year to enhance Pumpkinfest” said Dave Menisher. “Our Cinderella’s Carriage Car Show will be brought through Grey-bruce on Sunday, October 4th to bring the event to our audience while maintaining safety.”

Port Elgin Pumpkinfest is an award-winning community festival, contributing to Saugene Shores year after year as it attracts residents as well as visitors from far beyond the community.

For more information please visit pumpkinfest.org.
**OFFICE CLOSURE**
The Municipal Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 in observance of the Labour Day Holiday.

**MUNICIPAL OFFICE**
The Municipal Office continues to remain closed to the public and all outside Municipal staff in the interests of community and staff safety and well-being.

Staff will continue to conduct business as usual via telephone, email and regular mail, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Deliveries, mail, and applications may be submitted via the drop box located at the main entrance of the Municipal Office. If you are meeting staff at the front entrance area, please wear a mask.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**
Monday, Sept 14, 2020.............1:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting
Monday, Sept 16, 2020.............9:00 a.m. Special Council Meeting
Monday, Sept 28, 2020.............1:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

A link to electronic Council meetings will be posted on the Municipal website prior to the regularly scheduled meeting (posted in both the Alert Box on the home page as well as under News and Public Notices).

You will need to download the ZOOM app in advance of the meeting.

**NOTE OF INTENT TO PASS BY-LAW(S)**
The following by-law(s) will be tabled for consideration of passage by Council at its regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020 in the Council Chambers at 56 Lindsay Road 5, Lion’s Head, Ontario:

- **By-law No. 2020-79** Being a by-law to govern the calling, place and proceedings of Municipal Council and to repeal all former by-laws related thereto.
- **By-law No. 2020-76 A** By-law to adopt a reserve and reverse fund policy.

- **By-law No. 2020-80** Being a by-law to amend By-Law 2002-54. As amended, being the comprehensive zoning by-law for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula as it relates to the removal of the holding (H) zone provision – Part Lot 24, Concession 3 EBR, Part 2, 3R8439 (Eastnor), Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula
- **By-law No. 2020-81** Being a by-law to amend By-Law 2002-54. As amended, being the comprehensive zoning by-law for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula as it relates to the removal of the Holding (H) zone provision – Town plot bury EBR lot 49 front n/s parts 2, 3, 4, 54-3 R474 (St. Edmunds); 4 Front Street, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Anyone wishing to view, discuss, provide written comments on any by-law or submit correspondence for the Council Agenda shall provide same to the Clerk no later than 12 Noon on the Wednesday prior to the regular Council meeting.

The Request for Delegation form is available on the Municipal website. Please note that Requests for Delegation are on a first come, first serve basis. Forms can be found under the Mayor and Council tab within Municipal Services on the website.

**COVID-19**
All COVID-19 related information, Municipal and other agencies, is posted on the COVID-19 webpage on the Municipal website. Visit this page often, please.

While we all attempt to cope with the changes in our lives and routines, and the continued uncertainty in dealing with this unprecedented COVID situation, please remember to be kind. If residents and/or visitors have a concern about a COVID issue in our Municipality, call the Municipal office, but please keep in mind that staff do not make the rules. We will answer your questions and try to assist you, so please be respectful, patient, and considerate. We are all working together to ensure everyone’s safety.

**PARKING PASSES - PAYING PARKING TICKETS**
A parking pass is designed to offer access to Municipal parking lots and other on-street parking spaces in Tobermory. Residents may apply by contacting the NBP Municipal Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Paid parking commenced June 30, 2020 for the 2020 season. Pay parking tickets on-line. On our home page, scroll to the paytickets.ca logo and make your payment.

**TAX BILLING DUE DATES**
The Final Tax Billing is due on Wednesday, September 30, 2020.
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Submitted by Terry Milligan

Like other community organizations in Tobermory, the St. Edmunds Museum, which is operated by the Municipality, is not open to the general public this summer. However, the volunteers and staff member of the museum committee are allowed to continue to maintain the building and its collection on behalf of the community. This work includes cleaning artefacts, preserving and improving storage, signage, and general repair of the premises. The museum is always acquiring new artefacts and documentary material and these must be catalogued and displayed or stored. This year the committee is carrying out condition reports on all artefacts as recommended by the Ontario Museum Association.

The committee has set up an Archives Working Group, which is responsible for cataloguing all the books, letters, reports, photos and other print materials that have been donated to the museum. Some of these recently donated items of community interest include:

- Stan McClellan’s local history library and his collection of professional papers
- Stan McClellan is the former Superintendent of the Provincial Park and Falothum Provincial Park. This collection includes local reports on the evolution of Fathom Five and transfer of the Provincial Park to Tobermory.
- A report on the Vernacular Architecture of the Bruce Peninsula, (i.e. the built heritage and landscape) and the availability of particular materials indigenous to the Bruce Peninsula.
- Histories of Cove Island Lighthouse by Patrick Folkes and volumes on instructions to Lightkeepers.
- Reports on the Tobermory fisheries, scuba diving and Tobermory shipwrecks

Professional development is an important priority of the committee because it enables us to constantly improve our service to the community. This year, one of our museum committee members, Mark McDade, completed an 18-week course in the Organization and Management of Museums.

Assuming that the museum will be open to the public next year, the committee is planning a major event to focus on the early cottage life, before the 1950s and going back to the early 1930s. In the absence of indoor conveniences, rudimentary roads and a vibrant wildlife population indoors as well as outside, cottage life in those days was rugged and character-building. If you have artefacts, photographs or memories of those early experiences of cottage life we would be most grateful if you could share them with us. Another project being planned is a collection of profiles over time of several pioneer families.

While we are unable to offer our core public programming and museum visits hosted by our much-appreciated team of volunteer docents, we are always pleased to welcome donations of artefacts and documents of local historical value, as well as local family histories. Please contact either Ruth Banbridge: ruthbanbridge@hotmail.com or Bob Davis: hodlvdavis@gmail.com

In The Garden: Hints From A Mrs. Gardener

Late August Gardening

Submitted by Joan Regan

The smaller garden that I have changed mostly over to containers was looking like it still needed something. So having used Sweet Woodruff in other gardens and planting blue Astilbe as well. Yup, that's what it needed. With a few fancy rocks placed it has begun to take on a bit of a woodsy look and I like it. My garden is well. Yup, that's what it needed. With a few tins, etc. over there when we started to clear the property. Might be interesting...

So thankful to have this sanctuary to take out a bit of garden stress. While putting the Sweet Woodruff I found a tiny, very sad looking Astilbe. So she went into a small planter with some good soil after hydrating overnight in a small tub of water. Fingers crossed for her.

I have learned after all of my trials with this garden. Give it up. Do not plant over here. But the Bellhelores are looking great just in the ground! Looking over there from a distance. I have also noticed that the closest plants in the garden across the path from this garden are not up to what they should be either. Hmmm... out they will come. Getting my handy dandy transplanting knife ready. hmmm... out they will come. Getting my handy dandy transplanting knife ready.

The sickly Hosta I took out of that garden was a very pathetic Astilbe that I dug out and put her in a huge pot. Empress Wu is now living up to her name. As well as the Astilbe and the Bellhelores there are a variety of other plants that seem to thrive in that garden and should be coming back in good shape.

The large country lot beside Village park, that is partially cleared, very tranquil and is not open to the general public this summer.

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