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## BPDS Junior Girls Sweep Podium at Hepworth Sawmill

Photo: Members of the BPDS Elementary Ski Team competed at Hepworth Sawmill on February 9, with five schools in attendance. BPDS had 17 skiers take the trails, set to prove cross country skiing is back at BPDS. The races started with the Junior Girls classic race (grades 4-6). These amazing girls swept the podium! Avery 1st, Georgia 2nd, Bella 3rd, Maddison 4th, Tamara 5th, Mairin 6th, Paisley 12th and Ella 18th. Read more BPDS news on page 15.

## BPMHA

## Launching Girls Hockey Program for Next Season

Submitted by Tiffany Robbins,  
BPMHA Registrar / Treasurer

Bruce Peninsula Minor Hockey Association (BPMHA) organizes, develops and promotes minor ice hockey for the youth of the Bruce Peninsula.

In September 2023, BPMHA received approval from the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) to operate Bruce Peninsula Girls Hockey Association, to include players from the areas of Sauble Beach, Wiarton, Lion's Head, Tobermory and Neyaashiinigmiing. BPMHA has been working behind the scenes to review, plan and prepare for the exciting launch of a full suite of girl's hockey programs, from ages U5 - U18, for the 2024-2025 season. The OWHA is the provincial sport organization (PSO) for female hockey and is the governing body for female hockey in the province of Ontario. BPMHA is honoured to be awarded with membership in, and receive full support from, this provincial organization.

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## Ferndale, Lion's Head and District Lions Club Celebrating 50 Years of Service!

### Annual Memorial Hockey Tournament March 8-10



Submitted by Tom Boyle

The Ferndale, Lion's Head and District Lions Club is proud to announce its 50th anniversary since its charter by the Wiarton and District Lions Club on March 22, 1974. Initially gathering at the Ferndale Women's Institute Community Centre, under the leadership of Charter President Ed McGuire, the club has since become a cornerstone of community service in the region. With a steady membership of two to three dozen dedicated individuals adhering to the motto "We Serve," the club has continuously strived to support the less fortunate and actively participate in community-building initiatives.

Founded on the principles of Lions International, which emphasizes humanitarian service, the Ferndale, Lion's Head and District Lions Club has been instrumental in enhancing the quality of life in the region over the past five decades.

In celebration of this significant milestone, the Lions are organizing a

community event later this spring at the Ferndale Park Pavilion. Further details will be provided as plans unfold.

Additionally, the club invites everyone to participate in the upcoming Annual Memorial Hockey Tournament on the weekend of March 8-10, featuring a Homecoming Dance on Saturday night. Moreover, mark your calendars for the Walk-for-Dog-Guides event, held in collaboration with the Lions Foundation of Canada, scheduled for Sunday, May 26, at Lions Head Beach Park.

Regular dinner meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Swan Lake Legion Hall, where community-minded individuals are always welcome to visit and learn more about the club's initiatives.

For more information or inquiries, please contact Lion Secretary Tom at ferndalelionsheadlions@gmail.com or call 519-793-3654.

Join us as we celebrate 50 years of service, dedication, and community spirit!

## Renos Progressing at Hellyer's Foodland

### New Coolers and Freezers Expected End of April



Photo Credit: Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

Photo: A fence has been installed to prevent materials from blowing off-site during the renovations.

By Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

There has been a lot of activity recently at Hellyer's Foodland with renovations underway. The Hellyers say there is no set date for re-opening as of yet.

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# 2024 Budget: Proposed Mill Rate Increase Now At 8.28% — Not Enough, Says Mayor

By John Francis,  
Bruce Peninsula Press

## Feb 5 Special Budget Meeting

Every winter, municipal councils across Canada spend meeting after meeting going over the year's budget, line by line.

Are there places we could find more revenue? Are there places where we could reduce our expenditures?

Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council held Special Meetings on Feb 5 and Feb 12 to help staff put the finishing touches on MNBP's 2024 budget.

The Feb 5 Meeting began with a projected mill rate increase of 7.2%. As they went over individual line items, they encountered a series of budget increases — for example, insurance

costs have risen dramatically, largely because the municipality revised the valuations of its facilities and now has to pay to insure the added value.

On the subject of increased revenues, MNBP has considered extending the Municipal Accommodation Tax to all accommodators, not just Short-Term Accommodations (aka STAs — residential properties which are rented for periods of less than 30 days).

Councillor Smokey Golden pointed out that it is unfair to extend the MAT to private campgrounds, when their main competition — national park campgrounds — would not charge MAT. She also argued that February is too late to impose a new tax for implementation in 2024. She suggested Council should be considering a 2025 rollout.

Mayor Milt McIver wondered about the existing MAT revenues, charged only

on STAs. There were thought to be at least 800 STAs in the municipality — why are there only 400 registered? He noted that there is a perception that many STAs are avoiding the MAT. How is this monitored? he asked.

Committee/Licencing Coordinator Lindsay Forbes explained the process. MNBP's contractor, Harmari, maps all the listings on the various platforms. A licence number is required for all listings in MNBP; if there is no licence number, the lister can be contacted. Mostly, they comply quickly. Forbes and Bylaw Enforcement regularly monitor and contact listings. There are a lot of new builds that are unaware of the licencing requirement who can then start the licencing process.

Mayor McIver persisted — are we sure we're getting the majority of the STAs? Yes, replied Forbes; there are many inactive listings. She noted that many municipalities are pushing for provincial regulations governing the STA industry. This would simplify the enforcement process for municipalities.

When the subject of Municipal Reserves came up, Mayor McIver made a plea for a significant contribution to capital reserves. He acknowledged that 2024 is not a good year to add new expenses but pointed out the dangers of falling behind on infrastructure. He suggested Council set a percentage for capital and asked Treasurer Teresa Shearer what a 2-3% capital increase

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**Hellyer's Foodland Renos**  
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The roof replacement is almost complete. Inside the store the electrical work is also near completion. New propane tanks have been installed and duct work has been done. The next steps are to install a new shed, new flooring and new shelving.

Coolers and freezers are ordered and possibly arriving as early as the end of April. Then the coolers and freezers have to sit running for a few weeks empty.

During the two weeks of actual winter in January and with all the challenges like snow, wind, storms... the structure went up, and all the burnt parts of the store were removed.

Kara and Kyle Hellyer say the workmen "removed the items to outside the store, and the snow came in hard, covering all the sad burnt up store pieces." They say unfortunately this activity left a big mess. The Hellyers wish "to apologize for the rubbish from the debris of the fire, and it possibly floating around town as the snow melted." Since then, they say "we have placed a fence, to keep the cleaning ongoing."

The Hellyers say "We are working so hard to get things done with the resources we have and we appreciate the community's supporting words of encouragement."



Photo taken from Facebook  
Photo: Workers continue with renovations upstairs at Hellyer's Foodland.



Photo taken from Facebook  
Photo: The interior walls on the west side of Hellyer's Foodland showing the burnt area that was removed and replaced.



Photo: Workers on the roof of Hellyer's Foodland.



Photo taken from Facebook  
Photo: The new propane tanks recently installed at Hellyer's Foodland.

**BPMHA Girls Hockey**  
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Registration will open in the coming months. In the meantime, we would love to hear from you! If you or someone you know is interested in participating in girls hockey as a player, please visit [www.northbrucehockey.com](http://www.northbrucehockey.com) and click on Girls Hockey to sign up for all new related to Girls Hockey here on the Bruce.

Also! We will be looking for coaches, trainers and other volunteers to help make our season successful. If you are interested in coaching a team next season, please navigate to [www.northbrucehockey.com](http://www.northbrucehockey.com) and click Girls Hockey. Fill out the form to declare your level of qualifications (if any), and the age group that you wish to work with. If you are interested in becoming a coach, and have no prior experience or credentials, we would love to chat with you!



Photo taken from Facebook  
Photo: The upstairs of Hellyers's Foodland showing the work completed so far.

**Next Sources of Knowledge Talk a Glimpse into 2024 Forum**  
**April 4th, 7pm at Parks Canada Visitor Centre**

Submitted by Sources of Knowledge board  
We are excited to announce our next Sources of Knowledge (SOK) Talk - Peninsula Bruce Trail Club: Blazing New Trails in Sustainable Tourism. Please join us on Thursday, April 4th at 7pm

at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre (120 Chi sin tib dek Road, Tobermory).  
With our sustainable tourism focused Forum in view, Tamara Wilson, President of the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club, will be joining us to discuss some of the highlights of the Peninsula Club's

journey from 2020 to present. She will also share future strategies for the sustainable enjoyment of the Peninsula Section of the Bruce Trail.  
Everyone is welcome! Admission for this event is free. Donations are accepted.

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# Sources of Knowledge 2024 Forum Announced:

## A Sustainable Tourism Future For The Saugeen Peninsula May 3, 4, 5

Submitted by Daryl Cowell

The Sources of Knowledge Board is excited to provide a preliminary announcement of our 2024 Forum: *A Sustainable Tourism Future for the Saugeen Peninsula*. Block your calendars now to keep May 3 – 5, 2024 open for your Spring travel to Tobermory.

As per last year, the Parks Canada Visitor Center will host the Friday evening social and Saturday/Sunday technical programs. The Banquet and guest speaker presentation will be held at the Tobermory Community Center. The dinner will be prepared and served by the Princess Hotel.

The Forum subcommittee has been busy and has received excellent support from a variety of agencies and individuals to participate. Sustainable Tourism is currently at the forefront of strategic planning and new initiatives on the Peninsula and beyond, thus

there is much to learn and discuss. We hope to provide a cross-section of local, regional and greater sustainable tourism plans and programs. Our full program is available on-line at [www.sourcesofknowledge.ca](http://www.sourcesofknowledge.ca) where you can register for the Forum as well.

Highlights confirmed to date include a pre-Forum geological hike near Dyers Bay (“Geotourism Live!”) led by local geologist Daryl Cowell; a presentation on the North Bruce Sustainable Tourism Action Plan (STAP) and implementation Advisory Group (STAG) involving many local and regional agencies. Also confirmed are presentations by the SON Environment Office and by the Niagara Escarpment for Sustainable Tourism (NEST) and Longwoods International on “Sustainable Travel and Influences of Climate Change”. GreenStep Solutions will speak to the development of links between tourism destinations and businesses.

above average. Most of it came on the 9th when a full inch fell as a snow/rain mix. A further 30mm fell in the form of snow on the 12th and 13th. It was very wet, heavy snow that qualified as heart attack potential for shovelers.

The dominant wind direction was from the west with very few of the north winds that typically bring us the very cold weather. The highest wind speed occurred on the 12th at 56 kmh - not very high by January standards.

The rest of the Province shared our weather. Most locations were distinctly warmer than usual - Toronto was 3.4C above, while areas to the north were even higher - Moosonee was 6.3C above. Precipitation was much higher than ours in the snow belts and generally lower in the North.

February so far is continuing the warm trend and very little snow depth remains. Good for snow removal budgets but bad for winter sports.

Our guest speaker on Saturday Evening will be Tony Pigott, Executive Director of “DEEPTIME: The Georgian Bay Aspiring Geopark”. Tony will provide an in-depth description of recent proposals and activities to establish the entire Georgian Bay region, including the Saugeen Peninsula, as a new UNESCO Global Geopark. The inclusion of the geology of this region within the global geopark network is described as an essential building block in creating a sustainable future for Georgian Bay.

Sunday morning will again be open to the community and will start with an historical summary of tourism on the Peninsula along with new sustainable tourism initiatives by RT07. This will be followed by a ‘roundtable’ discussion including tourism presentations by local actors involved in tourism and tourism planning (Escarpment Motel, Summer House Park, The Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association and the Municipality of North Bruce Peninsula).

Visit [sourcesofknowledge.ca](http://sourcesofknowledge.ca) for registration details.

## Do, Re, Mi

### The Spirit Singers are Warming Up

Submitted by Susanne Smith

Last year the Spirit Singers enjoyed getting out into the community once again. We are looking forward to another successful year in 2024.

One of our members quoted a comment by Paul McCartney. “I love to hear a choir. I love the humanity - to see the faces of people devoting themselves to a piece of music. I like the team work. It makes me feel optimistic about the human race when I see them cooperating like that.” So true. If you have participated in a choir or enjoyed a concert I’m sure you can appreciate this sentiment.

Our director, Vicki Corcoran, and the music committee always put together a creative and lively program that is interesting for the singers and the audience alike. Please watch for

information and postings regarding our upcoming appearances and concerts.

We welcome new members. If you like to sing then you qualify. For further information or to sign up please contact 519-793-4826 or [mbullen174@gmail.com](mailto:mbullen174@gmail.com)

We practice at the Anglican church hall in Lion’s Head every Thursday at 6:30pm from April to October. Our first practice will be Thursday, April the 11th.

Maybe I will see you there!



Photo Credit: Dominik Franken  
Photo: The Spirit Singers performing at Harbourside Music in Lion’s Head.

## Hungry Hiker Ferndale Gets Media Coverage From 97.9 The Bruce

By Joanne Rodgers,  
Bruce Peninsula Press

Mike Brough of 97.9 The Bruce was live on location at Hungry Hiker Ferndale on 10 February.

Brough, who grew up in Ferndale, encouraged his listeners to come in and check out this new eating establishment in Ferndale.

Co-owners Linda and Neil Bain were thrilled with the response of the community to date. Linda says they are proud to carry on the tradition of their grandmother Leona, a former cook at various restaurants in Ferndale.

The daily specials for Saturday were flatbreads, samosas, and soup.

More photos at [brucepeninsulapress.com](http://brucepeninsulapress.com)



Photo: Bill and Barb McNair, Uncle and Aunt of Linda and Neil Bain, are thrilled to see former Ferndale resident Mike Brough on location at the Hungry Hiker Ferndale on February 10th.

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PUBLISHER'S COLUMN

By John Francis

The Lion's Head Arena/Community Centre renovation has become a bit of a fiasco. The municipality planned an elaborate expansion on a site that turned out to have drainage problems. Council has — wisely, in my opinion — decided to stop throwing good money after bad. They will see if they can find another site for future community infrastructure.

“But they shoulda known there were problems with that site” say the armchair planners.

OK — let's explore that.

Who should have known?

The Facilities Manager? He was hired in the final stages of the project planning process to help manage construction but he wasn't part of the decision to begin that expansion.

The previous Facilities Manager? Basically there wasn't one. Maybe we should blame the guy who drives the Zamboni?

The last assessment of the arena facility was done in 2006. It was fit for purpose at the time but, it turns out, insufficiently detailed for the development proposed for 2024. Was that a fault of that 2006 assessment? Should the municipality have done a full engineering study in 2006 even though they didn't really know what they wanted to do at the site?

More recently — should the municipality have done a full engineering study before they considered expanding the arena facility?

That would have looked pretty stupid if the public consultation process told them all they needed to do was add a few dressing rooms.

So — what should a municipality do first? A needs assessment? A public consultation? A septic and drainage engineering study? A traffic flow study? Discussions with stakeholders? Discussions with public funding agencies?

The arena site is almost five acres, which is adequate for what was planned. It is in an excellent location vis à vis traffic flow — visiting teams can get to it without going through the village. It has adequate parking. It's on town water. It has adequate hydro availability. There have never been any drainage or flooding issues.

What's not to like?

Maybe It's Time We Bought Our Acrobats a Net

When an organization manages to accomplish things on a shoestring budget, everybody admires their efficiency. But when they do it over and over again, it becomes routine and onlookers forget that every project that goes off without a hitch is a minor miracle.

It's like acrobats working without a net. Everything is fine until... splat.

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One of the unavoidable consequences of MNBP having the region's lowest tax rate and smallest budget is that municipal council and staff are constantly working without a net. Mostly they get away with it through savvy and competence. This time, they didn't.

It is to their credit that, as soon as Wes Rydall warned them there was a problem, they engaged engineers to investigate.

But the question remains: do we really want to have the lowest tax rates, hang staff and council out to dry and watch our facilities go to hell in a handcart?

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The Agenda for Council's Special Budget Meeting on Feb 5 includes a list of the 84 buildings and facilities MNBP owns and maintains. (Read it online — it's an eye-opener.)

Several of those facilities were built in the 19th century; very few of them were built in the 21st. I am guessing that a considerable majority of them don't meet current codes. A lot of them have serious problems.

It's not just the arena.

Council has to decide whether it's worth fixing them — a complex question involving site and structural factors and user considerations. Times 84.

The Meeting Place building in Tobermory is a perfect example. It's a prefab, assembled 35 years ago as temporary offices for Parks Canada, with a projected useful life of 25 years. It has a clumsy layout, no foundation, a contaminated well, inadequate insulation, a leaky, flat roof and a 35-year-old septic system. Repair any one of those things and the others are still problems. But the facility gets a lot of use and the community depends on it.

Then there's the old township office/daycare building in Tobermory. Built 60-some years ago with an addition



Photo: The Meeting Place building in Tobermory – a prefab, assembled 35 years ago as temporary offices – is the perfect example of a municipal facility with some serious problems... but the facility gets a lot of use and the community depends on it.



Photo: The old township office/daycare building in Tobermory. Built 60-some years ago with an addition put on in the 1980s, it is leaky, drafty, mouldy and has chronic flooding problems, which keep getting worse as the land uphill on Cape Hurd Road gets developed and no longer soaks up the rain. Fix any one of those things and the others are still problems.

put on in the 1980s, it is leaky, drafty, mouldy and has chronic flooding problems, which keep getting worse as the land uphill on Cape Hurd Road gets developed and no longer soaks up the rain. Fix any one of those things and the others are still problems.

The obvious answer is to tear down both buildings and put up a proper facility that is tailor-made to the users' requirements. And finance it how, exactly? Out of reserves? As Mayor McIver has pointed out repeatedly — that cupboard is bare.

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Perhaps it's time to stop bragging about having the lowest tax rates within a day's drive. Perhaps it's time to stop trying to appease the chronic tax-complainers and accept that they will never stop complaining, no matter how low the taxes are.

Every other municipality in Bruce County has tax rates at least 50% higher than ours and some of them are double. Maybe they know something we don't...

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# Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024

Members Present: Mayor - Milt McIver, Deputy Mayor - Rod Anderson (Zoom), Councillor - Todd Dowd, Councillor - Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Councillor - Aman Sohrab

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer - Peggy Van Mierlo-West, Clerk - Cathy Addison, Committee/Licensing Coordinator - Lindsay Forbes, Treasurer - Teresa Shearer, Public Works Manager - Troy Cameron, GIS/IT Manager - Kara Smith, Chief Building Official - Wendy Elliott, Bylaw Enforcement Officer - Carol Hopkins, Parks and Facilities Manager - Mark Coleman

Others Present: Griffin Salen, Jeff Mielhausen, Serge Marcella, Wilfred Laman, Jessica Rivers, Charlie Anderson

Note: Members of Council and staff were present in the Municipal Office Council Chamber and the meeting was held via zoom, an electronic platform, for members of the public to view.

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## Call to Order and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Mayor McIver called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and Council members were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof that may arise during the meeting.

## Approval of the Agenda

#02-01-2024

Moved by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That the content of the agenda be approved as presented.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

Councillor Dowd - Yes

Councillor Golden - Yes

Councillor Sohrab - Yes

Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes

Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

## Adoption of the Minutes

Re: Council Meeting No. 23-31, December 11, 2023

#02-02-2024

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That the minutes of Council Meeting No. 23-31 ,December 11, 2023, be approved as printed and circulated.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

Councillor Dowd - Yes

Councillor Golden - Yes

Councillor Sohrab - Yes

Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes

Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

Public Meeting – Nil.

## Delegation

**Tobermory Chamber of Commerce - Griffin Salen**

## Re: Proposed expansion of the Municipal Accommodation Tax

Griffin Salen appeared in person at the January 8, 2024, Council Meeting.

Mayor McIver welcomed Griffin Salen to the Council Meeting.

Griffin Salen, former president of the Tobermory Chamber of Commerce, noted that the Tobermory Chamber of Commerce was selected by the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to receive 50% of the revenue from the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT).

It was noted that 50% of the revenue from the MAT must be allocated for tourism initiatives.

Griffin Salen noted the following points regarding the Tobermory Chamber of Commerce's opposition to the expansion of the MAT to commercial operators;

- The initial intent of implementing the MAT was to apply it to Short-term Accommodations.

- The revenues from the Paid Parking Program should be spent prior to the implementation of additional taxes.

- Current economic climates are not favourable for implementing an additional tax on business owners.

- The expansion of the MAT to campgrounds and trailer parks would not be applicable to those operated by the Bruce Peninsula National Park, creating an inequitable situation.

Mayor McIver thanked Griffin Salen for his delegation.

**Jeff Mielhausen, Serge Marcella, and Wilfred Laman**

## Re: Proposed expansion of the Municipal Accommodation Tax

Jeff Mielhausen, Serge Marcella, and Wilfred Laman, appeared in person at the January 8, 2024, Council Meeting.

Serge Marcella opened the presentation by stating that tourism is a vital part of the local economy. He stated that the hospitality industry is struggling with recovering from the pandemic, inflation, and hiring/retaining staff.

Serge Marcella further noted that the problem experienced within the Municipality are not from tourists, but from limited infrastructure to accommodate visitors to Tobermory.

It was noted that campgrounds and motels are part of the solution to the problem experienced throughout the Municipality.

It was noted that the Bruce Peninsula National Park would be exempt from the proposed expansion of the Municipal Accommodation Tax, due to provisions contained within the legislation permitting municipalities to collect a Municipal Accommodation Tax.

Serge Marcella further noted that efforts should be concentrated on locating and charging unlicenced Short-term Accommodation Owners.

Serge Marcella requested communication from the Municipality and an invitation to local business owners to participate in dialogue regarding the Municipal Accommodation Tax.

Jeff Mielhausen appeared in person and said that many local businesses have closed their doors or been resold to new owners within the Municipality. He stated that the implementation of a 4% tax on commercial businesses would impede businesses from being able to donate back to the community.

It was noted that a majority of businesses within the Municipality are seasonal and would therefore feel a greater impact from the expansion of the Municipal Accommodation Tax.

Wilfred Laman appeared in person and advised that operating costs are increasing substantially and that local businesses cannot afford another 4% tax. He further noted that hotels and campgrounds provide their own policing at night and do not utilize By-law Enforcement.

The Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Van Mierlo-West indicated that final comments regarding the expansion of the Municipal Accommodation Tax from Let's Talk NBP will be collected on January 26, 2024 and that a staff report will be provided at a later time outlining the findings.

Mayor McIver noted that emails submitted regarding the expansion of the MAT will be included within the report.

**Charlie Anderson, Jessica Rivers, and Ken Chasse (Zoom)**

## Re: Proposed radiocommunications tower at 75 Lindsay Road 40

Jessica Rivers appeared in person at the January 8, 2024, Council Meeting to oppose to the proposed cell tower near her home on Lindsay Road 40. She stated that the cell tower will emit frequencies that can be harmful to the human body. She questioned why she was not informed of this proposal as a

neighbouring property owner.

Jessica Rivers questioned the impact of the cell tower on local wildlife and who the tower will be serving. She emphasized that she was attracted to this area due to its remoteness. She stated that the tower could cause sickness due to vibrations, reduce property values, and cause problems for her business. She requested that Council object to the proposed cell tower.

Jessica Rivers read several pieces of correspondence submitted to her by residents of the Lindsay Road 40 area to state their noted concerns.

Jessica Rivers stated that there are alternate technologies for connectivity that would provide a choice for those who do not want to be more connected. She referred to a petition that is circulating around Dyers Bay to oppose the cell tower.

Mayor McIver noted that Council was not aware of the proposed tower.

Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, noted that the Municipality employs CRINS - SINRC, a para-municipal organization which facilitates consultations with stakeholders on proposals for the building of new radiocommunication sites and antenna towers. She further noted that all applications for such structures go to CRINS-SINRC for review/ completion prior to the applicable municipal council.

It was noted that the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula has not yet received the application from CRINS-SINRC for the proposed radiocommunications tower at 75 Lindsay Road 40.

It was noted that concerns regrading the proposed radiocommunications tower at 75 Lindsay Road 40 should be sent to Shared Towers directly

Discussion ensued regarding the potential to utilize an existing tower to achieve the desired outcomes with the proposed radiocommunications tower at 75 Lindsay Road 40.

Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, requested that the Municipality was included in conversations between the Dyers Bay community and Shared Towers.

Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, noted that the Municipality has a meeting scheduled with a representative from Shared Towers on Friday, January 12, 2024, to discuss the proposed radiocommunications tower at 75 Lindsay Road 40.

Mayor McIver thanked everyone for their delegation.

## Consideration of Agenda Items

**1. Chief Building Official Report No. BD 24-01**

## Re: Proposed Amendments to By-law 2023-94, Licensing, Regulating & Governing Food Truck Businesses

#02-03-2024

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council receives BD Report 24-01, entitled "Proposed Amendments to By-law 2023-94, Licencing, Regulating & Governing Food truck Businesses", and

That Council approves By-law 2023-94 at the January 8, 2024, Regular Council meeting.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

Councillor Dowd - Yes

Councillor Golden - Yes

Councillor Sohrab - Yes

Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes

Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

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**2. Parks and Facilities Manager Report No. PF 24-01**

**Re: Agreement with Brent Huehn for Facilities Cleaning and Maintenance**

#02-04-2024

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden

That Council receives Parks and Facilities Report PF 24-01 regarding Agreement with Brent Huehn for Facilities Cleaning and Maintenance as information; and

That Council renews the Agreement with Brent Huehn for cleaning and maintenance of the Northern Bruce Peninsula Municipal Office, the Bruce County Library Lion's Head and Tobermory Branches, Fire Station 10 in Tobermory, Fire Station 20 in Lion's Head, Ferndale Information Centre, The Meeting Place and St. Edmunds Museum in Tobermory on the following terms and conditions set out within Schedule "A" to the Agreement per By-law No. 2024-05 for a three-year term and prices as outlined within Section 1.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

Councillor Dowd - Yes  
Councillor Golden - Yes  
Councillor Sohrab - Yes  
Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes  
Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

**3. Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Report No. MLEO 24-01**

**Re: Parking Report**

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed implementation of ParkPass at the end of Big Tub Road.

It was determined that the operation of the parking area at the end of Big Tub Road remain status quo.

#02-05-2024

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council receives MLEO Report No. 24-01, and

That Council approves the recommendations as presented, and

That the following regulations remain status quo;

- Paid Parking Program in Tobermory remains status quo, and
- 3-hour max Paid Parking on Big Tub Road remains status quo, and
- The Gap free of parking remains status quo, and
- The resident only 3-hour max parking and added parking attendant for July and August remain status quo for the Grant Watson Drive site and
- Paid parking at Dunks Bay and the added parking attendant for July and August remain status quo, and
- The 4-hour reservation parking and the added parking attendant remain status quo at the Little Cove Parking lot.
- No parking/No stopping at the Dorcas Bay Road site and the added parking attendant remain status quo.
- Paid Parking remains status quo at the Dyers Bay site, and
- Paid parking remains status quo at the Borchardt Road site, and
- Paid Parking remains status quo at the Carter Rd site, and
- Parking in Lion's Head remains status quo, and
- ParkPass 4 and 8-hour reservations in the parking lot at McCurdy Drive remain status quo, and

That during peak times in July and August (Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays), the parking attendant at McCurdy be moved to Moore and Joseph Street to redirect overflow vehicles more effectively; and

That the Paid Parking and Reservation system timeline for the 2024 season remains status quo, operating from May 15 - October 15.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

Councillor Dowd - Yes

Councillor Golden - Yes  
Councillor Sohrab - Yes  
Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes  
Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

**4. Clerk Report No. C 24-01**

**Re: Proposed Notice Provisions By-law Amendments**

#02-06-2024

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council receives the Clerk's report C 24-01 as it relates updates to the notice provisions by-law for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula; and

That Council approves the updates and considers passage of By-law No. 2024-03 at the regular meeting on Council on Monday, February 12, 2024.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

Councillor Dowd - Yes  
Councillor Golden - Yes  
Councillor Sohrab - Yes  
Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes  
Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

**5. Clerk Report No. C 24-02**

**Re: Joint Grey Bruce Detachment Police Service Board**

Clerk, Cathy Addison, provided an overview of the Joint Grey Bruce Detachment Police Service Board.

Councillor Golden put her name forward to be the representative for the Joint Grey Bruce Detachment Police Service Board from the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

#02-07-2024

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council receives C 24-02 report with regards to the Joint Grey Bruce Detachment Police Service Board update, as information; and

Whereas, the Province of Ontario passed the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019 (Bill 68), which established the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA, 2019), on March 26, 2019; and

Whereas, the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA, 2019), will be proclaimed on April 1, 2024; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Solicitor General has approved the creation of a joint, Grey Bruce Police Services Detachment Board, governing all municipalities and First Nations communities within the detachment area; and

Whereas the Grey Bruce Detachment Joint Board must be established and formalized prior to the date of proclamation; and

Whereas the Grey Bruce Detachment Joint Board will be composed of an elected official of all participating municipalities and First Nation communities, 4 Community Appointees and 3 Provincial Appointees;

Now Therefore, Council hereby appoints Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden to represent the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula on the Grey Bruce Detachment Joint Board; and

That an ad-hoc selection committee be formed to select and appoint the required allotment of community representatives to the Joint Board, herein known as the Grey Bruce Detachment Joint Police Services Board Community Appointee Selection Committee; and

That the Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden appointed to the Grey Bruce Detachment Joint Board be appointed to the Grey Bruce Detachment Joint Board Community Appointee Selection Committee; and

Further, that staff be directed to jointly advertise for 4 Community Appointees to the Board, to be appointed at large throughout the detachment area.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

Councillor Dowd - Yes  
Councillor Golden - Yes  
Councillor Sohrab - Yes  
Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes  
Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

**6. Climate Action and Waste Diversion Committee**

**Re: November 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

#02-08-2024

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That the minutes of Climate Action and Waste Diversion Committee Meeting No. 23-04, November 23, 2023, be approved as printed and circulated.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

Councillor Dowd - Yes  
Councillor Golden - Yes  
Councillor Sohrab - Yes  
Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes  
Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

**Other Business**

Mayor McIver inquired regarding the status of the Lion's Head Arena Project.

Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy

Van Mierlo-West noted that the Special Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024, will encompass the Lion's Head Arena Project.

Clerk, Cathy Addison, inquired regarding the date of the Special Council Meeting Re: Road Tour.

It was noted that the Road Tour will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024

#02-09-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council approves the scheduling of a Special Council Meeting Re: Road Tour for Friday, April 26, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

Councillor Dowd - Yes  
Councillor Golden - Yes  
Councillor Sohrab - Yes  
Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes  
Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

- Correspondence**
1. Charlie Anderson (Information)  
Re: 75 Lindsay Road 40 - Proposed Shared Tower
  2. Dana Vanderaa (Information)  
Re: 75 Lindsay Road 40 - Proposed Shared Tower
  3. David Fancy (Information)  
Re: 75 Lindsay Road 40 - Proposed Shared Tower
  4. Frank Clegg (Information)  
Re: 75 Lindsay Road 40 - Proposed Shared Tower
  5. Jessica Rivers (Information)  
Re: 75 Lindsay Road 40 - Proposed Shared Tower
  6. Katherine McLeod (Information)  
Re: 75 Lindsay Road 40 - Proposed Shared Tower

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## Adjournment

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#02-17-2024

Moved by Councillor Laurie (Smokey)  
Golden, Seconded by Councillor Aman  
Sohrab

That the meeting adjourns at 2:51 p.m.

Carried



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Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes

Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

**Consideration of Agenda Items**

**1. Treasurer Report No. TR 24-01**

**Re: 2024 Budget - Draft #1 - Capital**

Mayor McIver introduced the 2024 Capital Budget and discussion was outlined as follows:

**Administration:**

Proposed upgrades to the Municipal Office, such as new furniture including ergonomic desks, improved workstations, paint and repairs (\$20,000 request).

**GIS/IT:**

As per the Asset Management Plan, the request is to provide staff with current computer hardware to conduct their jobs efficiently. This will become an annual request to keep in line with industry standards (\$20,000 request). An online booking platform is required to streamline the booking process as a whole for the campground, harbours and other facilities (\$10,000 request). Surveillance cameras need to be updated and purchased to ward off theft, vandalism and break-ins and protect municipal assets (\$20,000 request). The Asset Management Software project will improve the Asset Management Program while complying with legislative requirements.

**Fire:**

The Rescue Unit will be replaced (\$300,000 request) along with ten sets of bunker gear for firefighters due to expiry and limited supply (\$30,000 request). Acquiring an auto extrication tool (\$65,000 request) and drone (\$40,000 request) were also listed. Councillor Golden suggested that requests be made to upper levels of government for funding. Direction was provided to staff to investigate the process of requesting assistance from the provincial and federal levels of government.

**Building Inspection:**

An additional truck is needed to operate the Building Department as the department occupies two vehicles with three employees (\$60,000 request). Councillor Golden emphasized the importance of purchasing vehicles through the Climate Action lens.

**By-law Enforcement:**

The By-law Department requires a new vehicle and will investigate vehicle options that align with the Climate Action priorities (\$60,000).

**Emergency Planning:**

An Emergency Management Capital Project for 2024 includes replacing generators at the Municipal Office, Lion's Head Fire Hall and Lion's Head Medical Clinic (\$157,178 request).

**Roads:**

**Resurfacing:**

Surface treatment costs have increased in the past few years and another 10-15% increase is anticipated for 2024. To maintain road assets, approximately \$1.4M should be allocated to hard surface roads (\$1,085,000 request).

Councillor Golden commented on Cabot Head Road and recommended that Council make a decision as to whether the road will be repaired. The CAO noted the high expense associated with repairing the road and suggested that Council wait until matters with road ownership have been completed.

**Tammy's Cove Road:**

A Municipal Class Assessment will take place including a public meeting in 2024 (\$40,000 request). Councillor Dowd recommended that Cottage Cove Road be completed at the same time.

**Hidden Valley Road, Crane River:**

Funds have been set aside for fencing along the roadway and easement to McVicar Cemetery (\$30,000 request).

**North Shore Road:**

The next step of the project is a Storm Water Management Plan and design work (\$50,000 request).

**Isthmus Bay Road, Phase 2 and 3:**

Phase 2 is planned for completion in 2024 and spans from Everatt Sideroad north to Constance Drive. Bruce County is partially funding the road (\$1,135,295 request).

**Sidewalks and Curbs:**

Sidewalks are becoming a priority for many residents. Repairs to the interlocking sidewalk in Tobermory are being proposed. Replacement of some interlocking sidewalk with concrete was mentioned for Tobermory. Replacing interlock sidewalk on Main Street in Lion's Head between Webster and John Street is planned for 2024. A walking

path on Big Tub Road was considered in the past and would require more work and investigation.

Councillor Golden asked that the Tobermory Chamber of Commerce be consulted with regarding the possibility of concrete sidewalks. She said that interlocking sidewalks are more aesthetically pleasing. Councillor Golden proposed two crosswalks in Tobermory to assist with pedestrian traffic. The Public Works Manager suggested that Tobermory business owners be consulted on Let's Talk NBP regarding sidewalks. Council agreed to repair interlocking sidewalk rather than installing concrete (\$400,000 request).

**Stokes Bay Road:**

Stokes Bay Road is the highest ranking road in the Municipality for priority rating and requires reconstruction (\$15,000 request).

**Legion Street Study:**

Legion Street ranks high in the Roads Needs Study for reconstruction and should be constructed to a more urban standard with sanitary service included in the design (\$15,000 request).

**Bridges and Culverts:**

Cherry Hill Road Bridge and Spring Creek Bridge on Ira Lake Road are slated for completion in 2025. Public Meetings for the Heron Point Bridge should begin this summer (\$1,000,000 request).

**Equipment and Housing:**

A new plow truck in arriving in January (\$400,000 request) and a new one-ton truck and plow has surpassed its lifespan and should be replaced with a new truck with a dump box (\$120,000). The skid steer loader requires replacement in 2024 and is used for many functions (\$150,000 request). The Public Works sheds have a variety of problems to address, such as raccoon and mold issues. Insulation will lower energy costs and update the buildings (\$50,000 request).

**Streetlights:**

Continue to be replaced with LED lights and new lights have adjustable brightness. Councillor Dowd as if solar lights have been considered. The Public Works Manager said that he will investigate the costs.

**Airport:**

Insufficient runway lighting poses a safety risk and needs to be replaced (\$20,000 request).

The fuel pumps will be replaced with a card lock system which will make the service more efficient (\$35,000 request).

**Tobermory Harbour:**

A coin operated washer dryer system is proposed for harbour users during the months of operation (\$7,500 request). The Harbour Building and showers require upgrades (\$20,000 request). Electrical upgrades are necessary to keep up with electrical standards (\$253,000 request) and funds will come from the Paid Parking Reserve. Septic pumpout replacement is on the 2024 agenda (\$23,000).

**Lion's Head Harbour:**

A coin operated washer dryer (\$7,500 request), electrical upgrades to reinstall hydro to the docks (296,600 request), a boat and outboard motor (\$10,000 request) is proposed.

There was a break in the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

The Public Works Manager welcomed Léo-Paul Frigault, Senior Operations Manager – Grey Bruce Hub, Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) at 10:45 a.m.

**Tobermory Sewer:**

Projects include sewer main servicing, Rate Study, Wastewater Servicing Masterplan, and other OCWA capital

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projects (\$687,550 request). Tobermory sewer capital projects were discussed in detail.

Lion’s Head Water System:

Bulk water station and projects recommended by OCWA were noted (\$123,600 request).

Small Water System:

(\$30,750 request).

Mayor McIver thanked Léo-Paul Frigault for his OCWA overview of budget requirements.

Mr. Frigault left the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Garbage Collection and Waste Diversion:

Funds are budgeted to investigate options pertaining to the collection of blue box recycling materials as in 2025 regulation states that the Municipality will no longer pose that responsibility.

Waste Disposal Sites:

Capping is an important process for sustainability, public health and regulatory compliance (\$15,000 request).

Cemeteries:

Fencing around McVicar Cemetery is budgeted for completion and the rough terrain is responsible for any elevated costs (\$24,000 request). Money has been budgeted for a columbarium at the Dunks Bay Cemetery, however that project is on hold at this time (\$58,000 request).

Tobermory Medical Building:

The deck on doctors’ residence needs replaced (\$12,000 request).

Tobermory Meeting Place:

A roof and HVAC replacement is needed at this facility (\$140,000 request). A walk through of this facility will be planned in the future to determine the future of the building.

Parks and Recreation:

A vehicle purchase (\$50,000 request), furnishing and receptacles (\$75,000 request), building condition assessment (\$50,000 request), ball diamond and tennis court surfacing (\$76,600 request), beach sand groomer (\$35,000 request), accessible washroom and roof replacement at the Stokes Bay Community Centre (\$50,000 request).

Arena:

Arena project funding has been prearranged at \$4M.

Tobermory Library:

Replace concrete steps and retaining wall (\$150,000 request).

Museum:

Davis Cabin Restoration project is set to be completed in 2024 (\$14,000 request).

Rotary Hall:

Insulation, energy efficient windows, and replacement breaker panel will make the facility more efficient moving forward (\$25,000 request).

Artist Gallery:

New handrails and accessible ramp are budgeted for the facility (\$15,000 request).

Councillor Dowd asked for staff to consider replacement of the timeclock in the Arena. The Manager of Parks and Facilities stated that he will look into replacing the clock as per the agreement with Pepsi and have the clock repaired in the meantime.

Budget discussions concluded at this time and will resume at the Special Council meeting on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

#01-02-24

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council receives Draft #1 of the 2024 Budget for review of capital projects; and

That upon consideration of any comments or input received from the review, Council noted that there were no revisions for review of Draft #1 of department budgets to be presented on January 15, 2024.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

- Councillor Dowd - Yes
- Councillor Golden \_Yes
- Councillor Sohrab - Yes
- Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes
- Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

Other Business – Nil.

Reading of By-laws

By-law 2024-06

Being A By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of The Corporation of The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Held Monday, January 8, 2024

#01-03-24

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden

That the listed by-law be given 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading, and enacted.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

- Councillor Dowd - Yes
- Councillor Golden \_Yes
- Councillor Sohrab - Yes
- Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes
- Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

Closed Session– Nil.

Adjournment

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#01-04-24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That the meeting adjourns at 12:01 p.m.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

- Councillor Dowd - Yes
- Councillor Golden \_Yes
- Councillor Sohrab - Yes
- Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes
- Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

MNBP Special Council Meeting January 17, 2024  
Lion’s Head Community Centre  
Redevelopment Project

Members Present: Mayor - Milt McIver, Deputy Mayor - Rod Anderson (Zoom), Councillor - Todd Dowd, Councillor -Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Councillor - Aman Sohrab (Arrived to the meeting at 9:06 a.m.)

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer - Peggy Van Mierlo-West, Clerk - Cathy Addison, Committee/Licensing Coordinator - Lindsay Forbes, Treasurer

- Teresa Shearer, Public Works Manager  
- Troy Cameron, Parks and Facilities Manager - Mark Coleman

Others Present: Intern Architect, Salter Pilon - Kirstin Tuckey (Zoom), Principal, Salter Pilon - Ryan Stitt, Vice President - Estimating Manager, Ball Construction - Gary Hauck, Senior Estimator, Ball Construction - Brendon Aitken

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Discussion ensued regarding drainage concerns off of Tackabury Street.

It was noted that designs can be made to ensure that storm water management for the Community Centre can be tied into stormwater management infrastructure associated with Tackabury Street.

Discussion ensued regarding estimated costs for a new rink and the potential relocation of the utility room.

Discussion ensued regarding the possible reconfiguration of areas into multi-use areas.

Discussion ensued regarding estimated costs for a new build.

Discussion ensued regarding cost estimates for labour.

Discussion ensued regarding potential area reductions for the gymnasium.

It was noted that further discussions

regarding the Lion's Head Community Centre Redevelopment Project will be held at the January 29, 2024, Special Council Meeting. It was suggested that the Treasurer investigate financial options and bring a report back to Council.

It was noted that the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula will provide further clarification regarding the Lion's Head Community Centre Redevelopment Project to Salter Pilon Architecture and Ball Construction as soon as possible.

Mayor McIver thanked Ryan Stitt, Kirstin Tuckey, Gary Hauck and Brendon Aitken for their presentations.

Other Business – Nil.

**Reading of By-laws**

By-law 2024-09

Being A By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of The Corporation of The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Held Wednesday, January 17, 2024

#04-02-2024

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden

That the listed by-law be given 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading, and enacted.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

Councillor Dowd - Yes

Councillor Golden - Yes

Councillor Sohrab - Yes

Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes

Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

Closed Session – Nil

**Adjournment**

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document accessible but there may still be difficulty in recognizing all the information. Please contact the Accessibility Coordinator if you require assistance and we will make every attempt to provide this information in an alternate format.

#04-03-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden

That the meeting adjourns at 10:27 a.m.

The Clerk proceeded to call the vote.

Councillor Dowd - Yes

Councillor Golden - Yes

Councillor Sohrab - Yes

Deputy Mayor Anderson - Yes

Mayor McIver - Yes

The Clerk announced that the Motion was carried.

Carried

MNBP Special Council Meeting Minutes Jan 29, 2024 - 2024 Budget (Draft #1) Operating Budgets

Members Present: Mayor - Milt McIver, Deputy Mayor - Rod Anderson, Councillor - Todd Dowd, Councillor - Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Councillor - Aman Sohrab

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer - Peggy Van Mierlo-West, Clerk - Cathy Addison, Committee/Licensing Coordinator - Lindsay Forbes, Treasurer - Teresa Shearer, Public Works Manager - Troy Cameron, Parks and Facilities Manager - Mark Coleman

Note: Members of Council and staff were present in the Municipal Office Council Chamber and the meeting was held via zoom, an electronic platform, for members of the public to view.

Call to Order and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Mayor McIver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Council members were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof that may arise during the meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda**

#03-01-2024

Moved by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That the content of the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

**Consideration of Agenda Items**

**1. Treasurer Report No. TR24-02**

**Re: 2024 Budget - Draft #1 - Operating Budgets**

Mayor McIver introduced the 2024 Budget and discussion was outlined as follows:

**Airport**

· There was no discussion on the Operating Budget for the Airport.

**Tobermory Harbour**

· It was noted that an increase in gas sales was experienced in 2023.

· It was noted that there is not a lot of spread with respect to revenues and expenses for the Tobermory Harbour.

· Parks and Facilities Manager, Mark Coleman, noted that he will review the proposal to solely have harbour clients utilize the fuel at the Tobermory Harbour, as opposed to filling Municipal vehicles at the site.

· Discussion ensued regarding the increasing insurance costs associated with the site.

o It was noted that insurance rates have increased across the board, in addition to increased rates as a result on a recent appraisal on Municipal buildings.

· Treasurer, Teresa Shearer, noted that the actuals completed in the Council packages were compiled prior to the transfers to fuel inventory being completed.

o It was noted that purchases are approximately \$10,000 less than what is shown within the Council packages.

**Lion's Head Harbour**

· Discussion ensued regarding the utilization of funds from parking

revenues to compensate for Harbour electrical upgrades in Tobermory and Lion's Head.

· It was noted that funding for the Lion's Head Harbour electrical upgrades will come from a capital reserve as the Lion's Head parking reserve is not as sufficient as the Tobermory reserve.

· It was noted that the Parks and Facilities Department anticipates receiving pre-approval on the budget to commence the tendering process for the electrical upgrades.

**Lion's Head Doctor's Clinic**

· It was noted that unexpected maintenance expenses were experienced in 2023.

· It was noted that the invoice for the maintenance conducted on the door mechanism for approximately \$5,000, is on file for the associated warranty.

**Tobermory Medical Services Building**

· Discussion ensued regarding the increased 2023 expenses with respect for the repairs for the HVAC system.

· Discussion ensued regarding Municipal infrastructure maintenance checks.

**The Meeting Place**

· Discussion ensued regarding the Capital projects associated with the building.

· It was noted that Council must have a discussion regarding the future of the site.

**Parks and Recreation**

· Discussion ensued regarding the 2023 expenses for Parks and Recreation.

· It was noted that the expenses associated with portable washrooms were a result of additional units and extended availability at sites.

· Discussion ensued regarding the funding for services at Sandy Beach (Black Creek Provincial Park).

· A discussion will be occurring regarding the budget and the allocations of funds.

**Tobermory Community Centre**

· No discussion occurred regarding the Tobermory Community Centre.

**Lion's Head Campground**

· It was noted that time cards are filled out with respect to the associated allocation of time between the Lion's Head Harbour and the Lion's Head Campground.

· Discussion ensued regarding transient and seasonal sites and their associated allocations.

**Lion's Head Arena**

· It was noted that electrical expenditures are appearing at the site.

· Discussion ensued regarding rental fees for facilities resulting from the proposed updates to the Lion's Head Arena.

· Discussion ensued regarding increasing insurance rates.

**Tobermory Library**

· It was noted that revenue for the Tobermory and Lion's Head Library is static through Bruce County.

· Discussion ensued regarding the increasing insurance expenses for the

Tobermory building and the static revenue.

· Discussion ensued regarding the quote received for the anticipated capital project at the site concerning concrete replacement.

**Lion's Head Library**

· No discussion occurred regarding the Lion's Head Library

**Ferndale Information Centre**

· It was noted that bookings for the site were down in 2023.

· It was noted that the OPP Lease reflects an increase in rent annually.

**St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum**

· It was noted that administration costs have been reduced.

· It was noted that an capital project for the Davis Cabin remains outstanding, however some funds from the Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant are available.

**Lion's Head Rotary Hall**

· It was noted that bookings were down in 2023.

**MNR House**

· Discussion ensued regarding the revenue associated with the site as well as the property's history.

**Community Development**

· Discussion ensued regarding remaining funds from the 2019 Bruce Power Spark Grant.

o It was noted that communication has not been received regarding next steps for the funds from Bruce Power.

· Discussion ensued regarding the remaining funds from the Source Water Grant.

o It was noted that funds are placed within the budget to compensate for expenses in relation to source water.

· Clarification was provided on the Community Events line due to the allocation of \$5,000 to the Grey Bruce Hospice.

· It was noted that Council will have a discussion regarding the proposed Development Background Study in the budgeted amount of \$50,000.

**Spruce the Bruce**

· It was noted that businesses in Ferndale are eligible for Spruce the Bruce funding due to recent updates to the Local Official Plan.

· CAO, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, noted that she would review the updates from the Local Official Plan to determine if any additional areas are eligible for funding.

**Streetscaping**

· No discussion occurred regarding streetscaping.

**911 Addressing**

· It was noted that existing lots in former Eastnor Township, existing prior to amalgamation in 1999, have already paid for the materials and installation of civic address signs.

· It was further noted that fees apply for 911 Addressing in former St. Edmunds Township, former Lindsay Township, and new lots in former Eastnor Township.

**Roads**

· Discussion ensued regarding the increased demand for brushing due to the impact of the Emerald Ash Borer.

· Discussion ensued regarding the increased requests for ditching and

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# Bruce Peninsula O.P.P. Report

## Seven Impaired Related Charges In The First Five Weeks Of 2024

Media Release

(GREY BRUCE, ON) - In the first five weeks of 2024, the Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid seven impaired related charges. This number is unacceptable, we need to work on bringing this number down to zero.

On January 1, 2024, the Grey Bruce OPP arrived at a single motor vehicle collision on Concession 7 and located a vehicle in the bush. While officers were speaking to the driver, the driver was displaying signs of impairment. A 34-year-old of Chatsworth Township was charged with: Operation while Impaired - Alcohol, Operation while Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) 80 Plus.

On January 1, 2024, the Grey Bruce OPP were conducting traffic enforcement on Highway 6 in the Municipality of West Grey. The OPP observed a vehicle driving at varying speeds and conducted a traffic stop. While officers were speaking to the driver, the driver was displaying signs of impairment. A 23-year-old of the Town of the Blue Mountains was charged with: Operation while Impaired - Alcohol, Operation while Impaired - BAC 80 plus.

On January 4, 2024, the Grey Bruce OPP were notified of an impaired driver operating a U-Haul vehicle. The OPP located the vehicle in the Wiarton area and the driver was displaying signs of impairment. The driver was arrested and brought to a drug recognition expert (DRE). A 17-year-old was charged with: Operation while Impaired - Drugs and Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Methamphetamine.

On January 10, 2024, the Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a call of a motor vehicle that was in the ditch on Road 57B in the Municipality of Grey Highlands. The Grey Bruce OPP attended and while officers were speaking to the driver, the driver was displaying signs of impairment. A 39-year-old from Hanover was charged with: Operation while Impaired - Alcohol, Operation while Impaired - BAC 80 Plus, Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court.

On January 26, 2024, the Grey Bruce OPP received an Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) hit on a suspended driver. The officer could detect an odor of an alcoholic beverage. As a result, a 39-year-old from Owen Sound was charged with: Operation while Impaired - BAC 80 plus.

On January 31, 2024, at 6:11 p.m., the OPP observed a vehicle travelling at a rate of speed greater than the posted 80 km/hr on Grey Road 4 in Grey Highlands. The OPP officer conducted a traffic stop. While officers were speaking to the driver, the driver was displaying signs of impairment. A 29-year-old of London was charged with: Operation while Impaired - Alcohol, Operation while Impaired - BAC 80 Plus, Operation while Prohibited, Driving while under suspension, Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor, Speeding 1-49 km/h over posted limit.

On February 3, 2024, the Grey Bruce OPP responded to a vehicle fire and an intoxicated individual walking away from the scene. Police located the individual and the driver was displaying signs of impairment. A 58-year-old from Brampton was charged with: Operation while Impaired - Alcohol, Operation while Impaired - BAC 80 Plus.

The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. Drivers are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.

### IMPAIRED DRIVER CRASHES INTO THE DITCH

(GEORGIAN BLUFFS, ON) - On February 16, 2024, at 10:23 p.m., the Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police

(OPP) were patrolling Highway 6 in Georgian Bluffs when they observed a vehicle upside down in the ditch.

As police were speaking to the driver, the driver was displaying signs of impairment. The driver provided a sample of breath into an Approved Screening Device (ASD) which registered a fail. The driver was transported to the OPP Detachment in Wiarton for further testing.

A 22-year-old from Georgian Bluffs was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound on March 7, 2024.

If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture.

### IMPAIRED DRIVER INVOLVED IN A COLLISION

(SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - On February 12th, 2024, at 4:44 p.m., the Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a motor vehicle collision on Highway 21 in South Bruce Peninsula.

The Grey Bruce OPP were dispatched to Highway 21 for a two-vehicle collision. Officers attended and determined the driver had previously consumed alcohol and was displaying signs of impairment. There were no injuries reported.

A 53-year-old of Grand Valley has been charged under the Criminal Code with:

- Operation while Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration (80 plus).

The accused has been released from police custody and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound on March 7, 2024.

The Grey Bruce OPP want to remind the public that if you suspect impaired driving to contact the OPP anywhere in the Province of Ontario at 1-888-310-1122.

If you have any information you can contact the Grey Bruce OPP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477; submit a secure Web-Tip at [www.cstip.ca](http://www.cstip.ca); or get the P3 Tips mobile app. You will not be asked to identify yourself; you don't have to appear in court, and you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

### SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE LEADS TO IMPAIRED BY DRUG CHARGE

(SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding residents to report all suspicious vehicles to police.

On February 7, 2024, at 6:26 p.m., the Grey Bruce OPP received a report of a suspicious vehicle at a business on Berford Street in Wiarton. Upon arrival officers located an individual in the driver's seat of a vehicle. Officers spoke to the driver who was displaying signs of impairment. The driver was arrested and transported to the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment for further tests by a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)

A 42-year-old from Georgian Bluffs was charged with:

- Operation while Impaired - Alcohol - Drugs

The accused will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound on February 29, 2024.

The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. Drivers are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.

### ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL OFFENCES A WEEKLY CALL FOR POLICE

(GREY BRUCE, ON) - Parents are reminded to take a proactive approach to help protect their children from online sexual exploitation by speaking with their children regarding internet safety.

This reminder comes after the Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) investigated several incidents after being contacted by members of the community.

Due to the widespread use of the Internet and technology, incidents of Internet child exploitation continue to steadily increase. With the rapid advancement of technology, along with the ever-changing legal landscape with respect to privacy and restrictions in accessing information from service providers, Internet child exploitation investigations are extremely time consuming and require significant coordination for any police service to carry out.

Child sexual exploitation on the Internet is a community problem requiring support and involvement from not only law enforcement, but parents/guardians, educators, child advocacy organizations, government, and technology providers. Everyone needs to educate themselves to keep children safe and keep predators out of our real and virtual communities.

Parents and caregivers who would like more information or resources can visit [www.cybertip.ca](http://www.cybertip.ca) and [www.protectchildren.ca](http://www.protectchildren.ca).

Anyone with information regarding these incidents should immediately contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or leave an anonymous online message at [www.helpsolvecrime.com](http://www.helpsolvecrime.com) where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2000.

### OPP ASSIST NEYAASHIINIGMIING POLICE SERVICE WITH INVESTIGATION

(NEYAASHIINIGMIING, ON) - One person is facing charges after the Neyaashiinigmiing Police Service investigated an incident on January 6, 2024, at a residence located on the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation.

Police have charged a 56-year-old of North Bruce Peninsula, Ontario with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Indignity to a Human Body, pursuant to section 182(b)

- Fraud Under \$5000, pursuant to section 380(1)(b)

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Owen Sound on February 29, 2024.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by members of the Neyaashiinigmiing Police Service, with the assistance of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) West Region Crime Unit, OPP Regional Support Team, Provincial Liaison Team, OPP Forensic Identification Services in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario and Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

This is an isolated incident and there is no concern for public safety.

If anyone has any information, they are being asked to contact the Neyaashiinigmiing Police Service at 519-534-1233 or the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or leave an anonymous online message at <https://crimestop-gb.org/> where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

The investigation is continuing.



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# Local Travel Enthusiast Organizing Trips Overseas for Peninsula Residents

*Media Release*

Are you interested in travelling overseas with people from the Bruce Peninsula?

Brenda Foster, a retired teacher from Wiarton who led student trips for 35 years, is now organizing adult trips. A few years ago, 27 people from this area travelled to Scotland and Ireland. This past October, 32 adults accompanied Brenda to Italy and over 20 are headed to Spain with her in May 2024.

The next adventure is an 11 day trip to Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Hungary. The price, based on twin/1 queen room accommodation, includes EVERYTHING - including upgraded

hotels and food, all transportation, breakfasts and suppers and all admissions PLUS all tips EXCEPT: it doesn't include lunches, travel insurance or transportation to the airport from Bruce Peninsula, but inexpensive arrangements will be made.

Brenda does not earn money for this: it's a labour of love as she is passionate about travel. Brenda coordinates with a travel company, Explorica, the one she used for students since 2001.

To check out more details, go to [www.explorica.ca/Foster-5648](http://www.explorica.ca/Foster-5648). Feel free to contact Brenda at [brendafosterlong@gmail.com](mailto:brendafosterlong@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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would mean to the overall tax rate. "We need to see that figure," he said. "We need to do something for capital reserves, not just this year but next year and following years."

Council considered and rejected a "compact design" alternative for the Lion's Head Arena. This proposal would have reduced the cost to \$11 million but Council felt it was inadequate. As Councillor Golden put it, "let's not give a lot of time and energy to this because it's not what we want for a design." The rest of Council agreed.

Councillor Aman Sohrab asked when the last assessment was done on the arena building. CAO Peggy Van Mierlo-West answered that it was 2006.

Councillor Todd Dowd questioned why the architect hadn't looked at the limitations of the building and the site. CAO Van Mierlo-West replied that this project had been in the works since 2006; there was an assumption that these had been done. "To apply for this grant, the project should have been shovel-ready; we're playing catch-up right now."

The next item on the Agenda was a Municipal Facility Overview report. It provided a high-level thumbnail of the 84 buildings and facilities that MNBP owns and maintains. The CAO suggested that MNBP should undertake a feasibility study on municipal facilities, to know which facilities are likely to need high-cost renovations or replacement.

Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson pointed out that this would need to be comprehensive, which would make it costly. The CAO agreed that it would probably cost over \$100,000, but noted that "administrations thrive on having reports to follow".

Council went into Closed Session to discuss property issues. When they emerged, Mayor McIver made another plea for capital reserves.

Councillor Sohrab agreed with his perspective and pointed out that MNBP is also not spending enough to maintain our roads. The Mayor suggested a 2% increase for capital reserves.

Councillor Golden argued against any reserve contribution — she felt the tax increases were already hefty enough.

The Mayor cited the list of 84 properties the municipality has to maintain; "We need to be putting money aside for them." If no money is set aside, we're not really preparing for the future.

Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson suggested splitting the difference — a 1% increase to fund capital reserves. Councillor Golden agreed to support 1%.

The Mayor admitted "at least it's a start."

## Feb 12 Special Budget Meeting

Council returned to budget deliberations at another Special Meeting on Feb 12. At this point, the proposed mill rate increase had risen to 8.28%. Mayor McIver acknowledged that a 1% increase for capital budget reserves was now included but pointed out that reserves are not where they need to be — hence the 1% — but will need much more than that in the future.

Deputy Mayor Anderson agreed that next year's budget must begin with an understanding that much larger contributions to capital reserves will be needed.

Council also discussed the two properties on Centennial Drive in Tobermory — the daycare building (former St Edmunds Township Office) and The Meeting Place (former Parks Canada temporary offices).

Councillor Dowd questioned the \$140,000 in the budget for the Meeting Place. We need to decide what we are doing with that building before spending that kind of money. Do we need both that building and the daycare building? He didn't question that the Meeting Place needs repairs; his concern was more with why we need to repair a building that is well beyond its planned useful life when a much more robust building sits empty nearby. \$140,000 would go a long way toward fixing the daycare building.

Deputy Mayor Anderson noted that there are also problems with the daycare building — mould and flooding. It is probably not useable right now.

Councillor Golden stepped back a pace, pointing out that if we learned anything from the arena project, it's that you may not be able to satisfy everyone. She suggested leaving the money in the budget but not moving ahead until there is a clear plan for both buildings.

The Public Works budget was discussed at length. There have been dramatic cost increases for roadbuilding materials over the last four years. Mayor McIver suggested a phased approach — a hefty but not quite adequate increase this year, followed by another hefty increase next year to make up the difference.

The draft budget will be revised according to the directions given by Council and will be presented at a future meeting.

# Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Hosts Successful Family Day Fun in Lion's Head

*Submitted by Marg Glendon, PBTC Outreach and Membership Director*

What a great way to banish the mid-winter blues! Picture an East Coast Kitchen Party where music, friendship, fun and laughter provide just the right ingredients for a community get-together.

Peninsula Bruce Trail Club (PBTC) organized a free community event at the Rotary Hall on Sunday, February 18th. Although the wintry weather kept some folks away, the snowy trails did not deter PBTC Hike Leaders and their adventurous group of hikers at Lion's Head! Hikers had options of choosing a guided hike which matched their stamina, skill and interest – all to celebrate "family".

While hikers explored the trails, non-hikers enjoyed the warmth of the Rotary Hall to play board games, listen to live music, enjoy some hot chocolate and homemade cookies! Wingspan was the favourite board game and puzzlers almost finished a 275 piece puzzle during the afternoon.

Thank you to the musicians who volunteered to share their time and talent with us – lifting up our spirits in the midst of winter. Blue Sky Band opened and closed with East Coast ballads, Neil Young tunes and even a Stompin' Tom song! Sadaf Sohrab offered a toe-tapping set of traditional Scottish and Irish fiddle tunes. Beige McIntosh used her musical magic to create an indoor campfire singalong – with call and response songs by Blind Melon, Bill Withers and Jack White.

Thanks to Dan Bryans for his huge help in setting up and cleaning up the Rotary Hall. Thanks to Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula for its support. Thanks to all the PBTC outreach and snack volunteers, too!

Peninsula Bruce Trail Club is proud to be an active member of this very special community! Learn more about PBTC here: [www.pbtc.ca](http://www.pbtc.ca).



Photo: Peninsula Bruce Trail Club (PBTC) Community Family Day Hike at William's Cave in Lion's Head.

# New Explore the Bruce Rewards App Launches to Encourage Destination Discovery in Bruce County

*Media Release*

February 12, 2024 – Bruce County Economic Development is excited to launch Explore the Bruce Rewards, a new mobile tourism marketing app that features destinations within Bruce County that focuses on culinary tourism, hiking trails, prominent landmarks and other attractions.

Exploring new places has never been more rewarding in Bruce County — in more ways than one. Not only is the app a convenient tool for people wanting to explore Bruce County, but it also incentivizes the experience. The more destinations visited; the more points earned. And the more points earned, the more rewards. It's that simple.

"If you're looking to explore Bruce County but don't know where to start, download Explore the Bruce Rewards," says Jeffrey Loney, manager of economic development. "We've highlighted places for you to eat, shop, see and do and curated lighthouse, hiking and additional tours to help plan your next Bruce County adventure."

By using Explore the Bruce Rewards to promote Bruce County as a tourism destination and increase awareness and visitation to key areas and attractions, Bruce County is working to:

- Increase the number of visitors to Bruce County
- Lengthen the stays and increase money spent by visitors
- Disperse visitors to less-trafficked areas of Bruce County
- Encourage staying and spending during spring, fall and winter seasons
- Promote local tourism businesses and operators

Bruce County's Economic Development team worked with Driftscape to create Explore the Bruce Rewards. Additional support came from local tourism operators, businesses and municipalities.

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# BPDS Panthers Show Their Athletic Pride

Submitted by Emily Cameron

February was a very exciting month for many of our student athletes at Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS). Our secondary girl's hockey team travelled to Toronto to participate in a Hockey tournament. Playing at 5-rink arena next to York University, BPDS Panthers placed 3rd overall in our pool, scoring a total of 15 goals across four games. The girls played their hearts out in every game, held their ground when the going got tough and most importantly, had a ton of laughs and made great memories as a team throughout the tournament. Coaches Karlee Kelly and Mrs. Cutfield could not be prouder! The coaches said, "Our girls really stepped up as a team in the face of many injuries, played better hockey with each game and represented our school well." The first game was the toughest at



Photo: Girls Hockey players Paityn Handley and Charlie Firth.

a 5-2 loss and a few too many penalty minutes (against LCHS Gators). But the girls came back with a 3-3 tie the next game (Earl Haig S.S.) and then a crushing win the following morning 6-1 (Gravenhurst Gryphons). The coaches went on to say, "our proudest moment was when our girls showed amazing leadership and respect, deciding to mix teams in the 4th game, rather than crushing the same rather inexperienced team we had just played. This was the most fun and exciting game by far, going into overtime with a 3-on-3 and then a shoot-out." New friendships were made and this other team – comprised of mainly ringette players - learned a few tips from our girls. A few girls were in tears after scoring their first goal and winning their first game ever.

The coaches also noted, "A special shout out to Alexis Liverance for stepping up as a goalie, having never played before, yet getting compliments from other teams! And a huge thank you to Karlee Kelly and Muffy Davies as volunteer coach/trainer, as well as our lovely parent drivers. We couldn't have done it without you!" On February 9, the Elementary ski team competed at Hepworth Sawmill. There were five schools in attendance. BPDS had 17 skiers take the trails, set to prove cross country skiing is back at BPDS. The races started with the Junior Girls classic race (grades 4-6). These amazing girls swept the podium! Avery 1st, Georgia 2nd, Bella 3rd, Maddison 4th, Tamara 5th, Mairin 6th, Paisley 12th and Ella 18th. Next up was the Junior Boys classic race. The boys had a great race! Emmett 5th, Lincoln 10th, TA 11th, Sam 15th and Owen 17th. Finally, the Senior Girls classic race (grades 7-8) saw a great finish! Brooklyn 1st, Kenzie 4th and Mary 5th. The day ended with relay races. Our Junior team of Avery, Georgia, Emmett and TA took home the top prize out of all Junior relay teams. Maddison and

Tamara joined forces with two students from PSDS and took home second in the exhibition race. The coaches are so proud of everyone who attended this race. For most, it was their first-time racing. The team did not have much time to practice, and the conditions have been challenging, but this amazing group of athletes made a name for themselves today in the world of ski racing! In Secondary Skiing, James Wheeler competed in CWOSSA on February 14th and placed 3rd in the High School Division and 5th overall. James is headed to OFSAA to compete against skiers from across Ontario. Congratulations James! The junior girls volleyball team has just wrapped up a whirlwind season in

early February. The girls showed great perseverance throughout the season, never giving up on a game or themselves through the ups-and-downs of the season. The girls learned new skills and positions, and were happy to play wherever they were needed to help the team. Coach Clark said, "The girls made BPDS and their coaches very proud this year." In other news, BPDS Secondary is excited to announce we are in the early planning stages of a Europe trip for the 2024/25 school year. Next year's grade 11 and 12 students are invited to participate in the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands trip. More information will be made available to interested students and families in the very near future!

## Report From the Principal's Office

Submitted by Brenda Brewer, Principal, and Breanna Heels, Vice-Principal We hope everyone had a wonderful Family Day weekend! As we near the end of February, March Break is just around the corner. Although we haven't had much of a winter (hopefully I didn't speak too soon), I think we are still slowly getting ready for Spring! As I write this, the Grade 10 Outers have just left for their Winter Camp at the Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre, so as soon as their Winter Camp is done, we are ready for Spring, or at least Spring Break!

BPDS has been celebrating love, kindness and inclusion all month with lots of activities around Valentine's Day, the UNESCO club leading discussions about Black History Month in elementary classrooms, Student Council creating a Kindness Board where students can take or leave a kind note, and Pink Shirt Day which raises awareness around bullying. We have been focusing on the UN Global Goal: Reduced Inequalities and learning about

ways to fill each other's buckets and promote equity within our school and community. We hope you have a wonderful March Break! **Important Dates:** -February 26 – Elementary Report Cards sent home -February 28 – Pink Shirt Day – Wear pink to promote kindness -March Break – March 11-15 -March 29-April 1 – Easter (No school on Friday and Monday) -April 8 – PA Day

If you don't already follow our Facebook page, you can follow us at Bruce Peninsula DS or St. Edmunds Public School Community to see all of the amazing things happening at the school. If you ever have questions or concerns, give us a call at (519) 793-3211 or by email: Brenda\_Brewer@bwdsb.on.ca and Breanna\_Heels@bwdsb.on.ca.

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# Men’s Breakfast Learns About Bone Health (Osteoporosis)

*Submitted by The Men’s Breakfast*

Yes! Even men get it. In fact 1 in 5 men (20%) will have an osteoporotic fracture during their lifetime. This is more common than prostate cancer (1 in 8) strokes, or heart attacks. Nancy Dunbar, currently a volunteer with Osteoporosis Canada (OC) provided an interesting presentation on bone health to the February 10th Men’s Breakfast. She also provided some guidance on how to lessen/minimize decreasing bone density along with exercises to strengthen bones.

Nancy, recently retired from 40+ years of nursing and long-term care, gave up an early winter morning to educate, inform and empower us regarding risk reduction and treatment of osteoporosis, as per the mandate of OC. Osteoporosis slowly weakens bones by reducing bone density making them more porous and more susceptible to fracture. Although typically more common in women, Nancy’s message was for us old guys not to be too smug. Most people go through many years without symptoms, but as it is a progressive disease, without noticeable symptoms, after age 50, 80% of fractures are osteo related. Shoulders, spines, hips and wrists are most susceptible.

Spinal fractures are common and often go unnoticed for long periods. Symptoms of spinal fracture susceptibility include body shortening, forward stumping (curvature), protruding abdomen (may be hard to distinguish from too much beer consumption!), digestive disorders, and trouble breathing. It is recommended that after age 50, one should consider having a bone density test.

Osteoporosis management is a lifestyle choice: good bone and muscle health are dependent on good nutrition and exercise. Calcium, vitamin D and proteins are particularly important for supporting good bone health. Thus, milk and other dairy products (cheese, yogurt, etc.) are essential to help maintain bone density. Proteins, including meat, fish, almonds and so on are also important to maintaining good bone density. Vitamin D is also important so be sure to get outside when the sun shines (which has been a rare occurrence this winter!). Direct food consumption and direct sun-time are preferable to vitamins and supplements which are not considered as effective.

Exercise is also very important particularly in order to maintain good posture and balance which help minimize falling. Strength training using weights, exercise bands, and lifting against gravity helps strengthen bones and muscles along with moderate to vigorous weight-bearing aerobic exercises of at least 30 minutes duration.

Osteoporosis Canada’s web site ([www.osteoporosis.ca](http://www.osteoporosis.ca)) provides excellent guidance including information on specific topics, recommendations and webinars. As noted above, nutrition and exercise are very important and the website provides

specific guidance on these including the provision of a calcium/protein calculator and recommended exercises (<https://osteoporosis.ca/bone-health/>).

Unfortunately, the worst storm of this season (so far) arrived in the evening and early morning hours leading to our planned January 13th Men’s Breakfast. We apologize for any inconvenience in cancelling at the last minute but the kitchen crew arrives at 6 AM and the four feet of snow at the end of my driveway

beckoned for more bed time!

We are very excited to announce that our next breakfast – March 9 – will feature a photo exposition by the best wildlife and scenic photographer on the peninsula: Ethan Meleg. See you at 8 – 8:30 for coffee and mingling.

If you are planning to attend, it would be helpful if you let us know, by contacting Martin at [hogarth@auracom.com](mailto:hogarth@auracom.com).



Photo: Nancy Dunbar, volunteer with Osteoporosis Canada (OC), provides an interesting presentation on bone health to the February 10th Men’s Breakfast.

# Stopped in Awe: News from Tobermory United World Day of Prayer Features the Voices of Women in Palestine

*Submitted by Rev. Sheryl Spencer*

Many thanks to all who attended or helped with the Tobermory United annual pancake supper on February 13. Heather Munn has coordinated this event for 14 years, and once again, she made it look easy! More than a hundred people were treated to sausages, ham, pancakes, baked beans, devilled eggs, fruit and goodies and a time of fellowship with friends and neighbours. Donations were collected at the door and amounted to almost \$1400.00! From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

The Season of Lent, a time of prayer and discernment, has begun, and at Tobermory United, we’ve got a prayer tree installed in the sanctuary. Each week, all are invited to add a prayer in the form of a colourful piece of fabric or ribbon to the tree. By Easter, we should have a colourful tree filled with our prayers at the front of the church!

These days, we’re also preparing to be part of a community effort to host the 2024 World Day of Prayer service. This is a tradition that has been going

on for almost a hundred years, and it involves Christians from more than 170 countries praying the same things on the same day, with a focus on issues relevant to women and children. Each year, one specific country prepares the service from their perspective and, though the writing committees are chosen years in advance, it seems significant that this year’s resources come from Palestine. The World Day of Prayer will take place on March 1 at Tobermory United at 2:00 p.m.

Tobermory United Church Council continues its important work. Recently we decided to take a long hard look at the Northern Bruce Peninsula Climate Action Plan. Over the next few months, Council members will be discerning how Tobermory United can better align itself with the initiatives and targets included in the plan.

As winter turns to spring, it is a blessing to do this work in this place.

*Rev. Sheryl Spencer is the minister at Tobermory United Church.*

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# Wildlife Wood Sculptures a Highlight at Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association Family Day Event

Submitted by Stu Paterson for BPSA  
Photos Credit: Kat McCulloch, Paterson Media

Wiarton, Ontario: February 19th 2024 marked another successful FAMILY DAY at the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association. (BPSA)

It's an annual affair and this year our Family Day Open House attracted several hundred visitors, young and old, all interested in discovering what our conservation club is all about.

Our Family Day event gives us an opportunity to promote the great outdoors as well as the programs we offer. This day helps us introduce young people to outdoors activities such as the heritage pursuits of fishing and hunting.

There were Fish Hatchery tours. Since the sixties our volunteers have raised and stocked over 4-million fish to enhance our sports fishery.

Our younger guests got a chance to try archery, one of Canada's fastest growing sports. We offer both youth and adult archery programs.

Visitors were interested in our rifle and handgun target shooting programs, youth firearms safety classes and a wide array of collector firearms.

A large display of wildlife wood sculptures by Grey-Bruce expert carver Clayton Urbshott, received rave reviews. His works are meticulously crafted from kiln-dried basswood. Countless hours are

poured into each piece from start to finish. Urbshott's wood carvings

have garnered attention from collectors and art enthusiasts alike. His passion for the craft shines through in every delicate detail. Clayton Urbshott's remarkable wood sculpture left a lasting impression on BPSA Family Day attendees.

Guests got to cook their own hot dogs and enjoyed drinks compliments of BPSA.

Several visitors took the opportunity to join BPSA which has been operating since the sixties with a focus of preserving and protecting fish and wildlife. BPSA offers several conservation programs including tree planting. We promote the sale of apple trees to feed deer in winter. We boast an invasive species awareness Boot Scrubber Program. So far we have installed 75 scrubber units across Grey Bruce. All BPSA programs are staged as a community service and are run by our volunteers.

BPSA President Carl Jones said he was encouraged with the turnout which

he suggested "helped introduce our club to folks who have never been here before."

Jones said "We strongly support our Family Day and Kids Fishing events where young people are taught the joys of outdoors recreation and conservation. We encourage those young people to carry on the good conservation work started many years ago by our club's pioneers."

Regular BPSA club meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the last Thursday night of each month.

If you think you might want to check us out, join us Thursday February 29 at our clubhouse on North Acres Road west of Wiarton.



Photo: Wildlife wood sculptures by carver Clayton Urbshott were a huge hit with youth in attendance.



Photo: A large collection of wildlife wood sculptures by Grey-Bruce expert carver Clayton Urbshott were on display.



Photo: Children enjoyed the archery station at the BPSA Family Day event.



Photo: The BPSA Family Day BBQ team cooking hot dogs.



Photo: Families enjoy a tour of the fish hatchery.



Photo: Families enjoyed free hot chocolate at the annual BPSA Family Day event.



Photo: Family day firearms display with Kelly Lang and Frank Hutter.



Photo: Guests got to cook their own hot dogs and enjoyed drinks compliments of BPSA.

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Tobermory Legion Br 290 News  
Executive Members Needed

Next General Meeting Moved to March 12th, 3pm

Submitted by Judy Hurst

It is my sad duty to announce that as of our executive meeting on February 13th, Sean Hurst has resigned his position as president of the branch in Tobermory effective immediately, to enable him to focus on caring for an elderly parent in declining health. We wish him all the best as he goes through this difficult phase of life.

Following his resignation, 1st Vice President Neil Golden, 2nd Vice President Brad Inglis, Secretary Elaine

Sinha, and Sgt At Arms Chris McCoy also tendered their resignations effective immediately.

Without a secretary to take minutes we were unable to have a general meeting, so all business has been put on hold until we can hold elections for the vacated seats. We have temporary replacements so that we can hold a meeting in March and hold off on an election until April when there will be more members in town and able to attend the meeting for a proper vote.

As our branch by-laws require an election every 2 years on the odd year, this emergency election will be for persons to complete the existing term and not for the standard 2 year term.

If you know of a legion member who you think may be a suitable fit to fill one of these positions, we ask that you reach out me as Past President or one of the other members of the executive, to go over the duties of each position, or simply bring your questions to the March meeting where there will be much to discuss.

The general meeting will be at 3pm on Tuesday March 12th with no Executive meeting. There is business to discuss and a lot of questions on next steps, so we would strongly encourage everyone to come out to the meeting.

All the regular branch events will continue on as usual, with Darts on Thursdays at 7:30pm, the meat draw on Saturdays at 4:30pm and every Monday the Ladies Auxiliary hosts Bingo at the Community Centre at 1pm.



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Happenings at Lion's Head Legion Branch 202  
Seeking Volunteers for Committee Work

Submitted by Sharron Colter, Secretary and PRO

February has been a fun month with Pancake Day Suppers, Valentine's Day treats and Family Day activities.

Fun has continued at the Lion's Head Legion with darts on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30

p.m. Bring your own darts. You do not have to be a member. Cost is \$3.00 with snacks provided. Cribbage is also played on Thursday.

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The Legion continues to seek volunteers for committee work. The Legion could not give back to the community and provide a pleasant hall to meet, to visit, to play darts and to cater meals without volunteers. What are the benefits to volunteering? According to a recent survey from Saint John Ambulance, the benefits include connecting with others, helping to make a difference in one's community, meeting and volunteering with like-minded people, feeling positive about one's activities helping an organization and giving a purpose to help others.


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## OBITUARIES



**BARKER, Howard "Bear"** - of Wiarton, peacefully at Brightshores Health System - Wiarton on Sunday February 4, 2024. Howard Bruce Barker at the age of 88 years. Beloved husband to the late former Irene Hutson (2013). Dear father of Ron and Susan Barker, and Dennis and Judy Barker, all of Howdenvale, and Howie and Wendy Barker, of Hope Bay. Cherished grandfather of Rachelle Barker, Nicole Barker, Amanda Fox (Kory Wilkins), Rebecca Fox (Adam Pettengill), Ashley (Dylan Jackson), Shawna Barker, and Wade Barker; and great-grandfather of Cali, Kiki, and Cayden. Brother-in-law of Patricia White, of Goderich. Friend and companion of Jean Campbell, of Wiarton. Sadly missed by his nieces, nephews, and friends. Predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth; brothers, Bob, Nate, and Bud; and sisters, Lucille, Evelyn, and Pauline. Family wish to express their gratitude to the doctors and nursing staff of the Wiarton and Owen Sound hospitals, Care Partners staff, visiting Bruce County Paramedics, and to Tom and Jeff for their exceptional care and compassion. Private family arrangements entrusted to the Thomas C. Whitcroft Funeral Home & Chapel, Sauble Beach (519) 422-0041. Donations to the Owen Sound Animal Shelter, Grey Bruce Animal Shelter, and the R&R Rescue & Resort would be appreciated. Condolences may be expressed online at [www.whitcroffuneralhome.com](http://www.whitcroffuneralhome.com)



**BENNETT, Michael "Mike" Arnold** - With great sadness we announce that Michael "Mike" Arnold Bennett, of Red Bay, passed away in the house he built surrounded by his beloved guppies and family on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at the age of 72 years. Dear husband and best friend of "Debbie" Court (predeceased) for over 47 years. Devoted father of Dawn (Nick Stuart), of Spring, Texas, Jason Bennett (Ixchel), of Richmond Hill, Rachel (Joe Spencer), of Red Bay, Darcy Bennett, of Oliphant, and Rebecca Bennett (Jordon Sutter), of South Bruce Peninsula. Cherished grandfather of 16. Forever missed brother of Rebecca (Peter Gavidia), of Red Bay, Virginia Bennett, of Wiarton, and Connie Storrar, of Red Bay; and brother-in-law of Darlene (David Sheppard), of Dundalk, Sandra (Carmen Vendittelli), of London, Sherry (Stan Williamson), of Oliphant, and Bo Court, of Alban. Sadly missed by his many cousins, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents, Arnold and Myrtle Bennett; and by Debbie's parents, Jack and Bernice Court; and his sister Sarah Bennett. He will be remembered for his hospitality to his family, friends, and guests at Evergreen Resort and Little Red Bay Marina; calling the square dance; Friday night sticky buns; and his love of fishing. He was a chef by trade but could fix just about anything. It was not uncommon to see him at the marina after dinner helping someone troubleshoot problems with their boat and motor. He was known for his generosity and helping others. Many will also remember him volunteering at Quick Builds and cooking at assemblies of Jehovah's Witnesses back in the day. He loved to fish! Mike's grandpa taught him how to drive a boat when Mike was only 3 years old. He was always ready to tell a good fishing story. Friends are invited to visitation on Saturday February 17, 2024 from 1-4 PM at the Thomas C. Whitcroft Peninsula Chapel, 272 Berford St., Wiarton (519) 534-5341. Donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Condolences may be expressed online at [www.whitcroffuneralhome.com](http://www.whitcroffuneralhome.com)



**REGAN, Pete** - 83, died on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at his home in Tobermory, Ontario. Pete was so deeply in love with his wife, Joanie, and married for 63 years. He was the eldest child, born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario, raised by Tim and Peg Regan. Though a seemingly loud man, he lived a quiet life. After retiring from Stelco, he moved Joan and himself up to Tobermory to retire and settle down. Pete could make something from nothing. Joan was the gardener, Pete the carpenter. If you were lucky enough to explore the Regan's garden, you could spot some beautiful wooden sculptures Pete made, that he simply 'just put together' and often a funny sign or two (like for Pete's Sake on his shop building or *Potree by Pete*). Pete was a funny guy, although seemingly gruff in character at times, he had a big heart. He met the love of his life by pulling up in his 1954 Black Chevy Bel Air and offering Joanie a ride. The rest was history. Pete and Joan as a couple would always keep you guessing. To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Joan and Pete got commemorating tattoos, Joan on her wrist and Pete on his neck; this prompted dozens of tattoos over the last decade of his life. Pete is survived by his beloved wife, Joan, and his son, Scot, and grandchildren Jaida, Lauren, Zack, and Luke, and great-grandchildren Summer-Lynne and Memphis. He will be dearly missed by his sister, Kathy, husband Hank, and niece and nephew, Tim and Allison; his brother, David, and wife Linda and nephews, Sean and D'Arcy. For those who knew Pete, you likely saw him walking around town with his walking stick, all-black attire, and a dog by his side. He will be joining his dearly missed daughter, Paula, and his furry pals Canoe, Doc, Kizzy, Coal, and Tar. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Owen Sound Animal Shelter, <https://www.owensoundanimalshelter.com> For those who knew Pete, it's no surprise that he is opting out of having a formal memorial service at this time. We just ask you to send your love Joanie's way.

## OBITUARIES



**SHOULDICE, Lottie** - Passed away at the Lion's Head Hospital on Thursday evening February 8, 2024. Lottie Shouldice (Tyndall) of Lion's Head in her 98th year. Beloved mother of Molly (John) and Richard (Susan). Loved grandmother of Hannah (Darcy), Kate (A.J.), Justian (Scott) and Shirree (Martin) and great grandmother of James, Claire, Annie and Hazel. Dear sister of Vic Tyndall (Dorothy) and sister-in-law of Audrey Tyndall. Missed by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Mabel (Moore) and Charles Tyndall, sister Inez Richardson (Howard), brothers Charlie, Bert (June), Norman (Nellie), Jack and Bill, children Michael and Mary-Lou and grandson Niram. Interment at Eastnor Cemetery at a later date. Mom received great care as a patient of the Peninsula Family Health Team Clinic/Hospital and, in the last four months, as a resident of the Golden Dawn Nursing Home. We are fortunate to have such wonderful facilities and compassionate caregivers in our community for our loved ones. Arrangements entrusted to Grey Bruce Cremation and Burial Services, Owen Sound. Expressions of remembrance and condolences may be sent to the family through [www.greybrucecremation.com](http://www.greybrucecremation.com).



**MURRAY, Grant Hugh** - peacefully with family by his side at Lion's Head Hospital Monday February 12, 2024. Grant Murray of Lion's Head in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Karen (nee Carr) for 64 years. Cherished father of Jennifer Green (Andrew), Jeff and Doug and grandfather of Theresa (Brent) and Tyler (Alina) and great grandfather of Layla, Corbin, Wyatt, Lucy and Jonas. Dear brother of Neil (Joan), Cameron (MaryAnn) and Dale (Marlene). Predeceased by daughter BethAnn, parents Doris (nee Hutchison) and Athol Murray and brother Keith. Private family arrangements entrusted to the George Funeral Home Lion's Head Chapel Lion's Head. Expressions of remembrance to the Grey Bruce Animal Shelter would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through [www.georgefuneralhome.com](http://www.georgefuneralhome.com)



**GOODALL, Ronald** - peacefully at Lee Manor Nursing Home Owen Sound on Monday, February 19, 2024. Ronald Goodall formerly of Tobermory and Toronto in his 92nd year. Beloved husband of the late Grace Goodall (2020). Cherished father of Richard, Ross (Catherine) and Lise-Ann Hellmich (Adam), all of Toronto. Missed by nieces and nephews in Ontario and Quebec. Predeceased by parents Violet (nee Bailey) and James Goodall. Private arrangements entrusted to the George Funeral Home, Lion's Head Chapel, Lion's Head. Expressions of remembrance to the Wiarton Salvation Army would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through [www.georgefuneralhome.com](http://www.georgefuneralhome.com)

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MONDAY

**Tobermory Coffee Club.** Tobermory Community Centre. All welcome. **7:30–10am**  
**Bruce Men's Shed Drop-in Coffee.** Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact [brucemensshed@gmail.com](mailto:brucemensshed@gmail.com) or 519-793-3005 to get involved. **9–11am**  
**Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation Virtual Board Meeting.** Contact Catherine at 519-534-5856 for info. **(last Mon.) 9–11am**  
**Laughter with Carolyn.** Part of Senior's Centre Without Walls (SCWW). Pre-register at 519-793-3473. **11–11:30am, 1–1:30pm, 2–3pm**  
**Chair Yoga.** Lotusheart Yoga & Mindfulness. [facebook.com/brucepeninsulayoga](https://facebook.com/brucepeninsulayoga). 519-270-4905. **10–11am**  
**VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes.** Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Call 519-371-5331 for info. **10–11am**  
**Mind~Body~Chair~Yoga.** Anglican Church Hall, Lion's Head. Drop in, or register at [nina@lovingyoga.ca](mailto:nina@lovingyoga.ca). **11:15am**  
**Bingo.** Tobermory Community Centre. Hosted by the Legion Branch 290 Ladies Auxiliary. **1pm**  
**Bid Euchre.** Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Bid Euchre and/or Bridge. [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com). **1pm**  
**Darts.** Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Bring your own darts. All are welcome. **1pm**  
**MNBP Council Virtual Meeting.** **(2nd & 4th Mon.) 1–4pm**  
**Nar-Anon Family Groups Meeting.** Frank St. Baptist Church, 365 Frank St, Wiarton. For more information, call 519-375-2901. **7pm**  
**Curling.** Lion's Head Arena. Contact 416-805-5830 or [curlionshead@gmail.com](mailto:curlionshead@gmail.com) for info. **7pm**  
**Euchre.** Pike Bay Community Centre. \$4 entry. **7pm**  
**Pickleball.** St. Edmunds Public School, Tobermory. Ages 12+. **7–9pm**

TUESDAY

**Scale Model Building.** Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact [brucemensshed@gmail.com](mailto:brucemensshed@gmail.com) or 519-793-3005 to get involved. **9–11:30am**  
**Adults Learn to Play Pickleball.** Tobermory Community Centre. Guests welcome. \$5. **9am–12pm**  
**Line Dancing.** Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. May not be suitable for beginners. [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com). **10–11am**  
**Hatha Yoga.** Lotusheart Yoga & Mindfulness. [facebook.com/brucepeninsulayoga](https://facebook.com/brucepeninsulayoga). 519-270-4905. **10–11:15am**  
**Meeting Place Gym.** The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 10am–3pm**  
**Nia Dance Fitness.** In-person & on Zoom. Contact [wendy@rhythmwood.ca](mailto:wendy@rhythmwood.ca) or 519-793-4687. **11am–12pm**  
**Rug Hookers.** Hosted by Lion's Head Friendship Club. Call Maxine at 519-375-0959 for info. **1pm**  
**Drum Circle.** 172 McArthur Rd, Tobermory. Bring your chair. Shade tree provided. Weather permitting, otherwise indoors at Tobermory United Church. 289-439-1413 for info. **1–3pm**  
**Tobermory Legion Branch 290 General Branch Meeting.** Tobermory Legion. **2nd Tues. each month, not July/Aug. 3pm**  
**Youth Learn to Play Pickleball.** Tobermory Community Centre. Guests welcome. \$5. **6–9pm**  
**The Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula.** Hybrid virtual and in-person meeting. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. More info at [facebook.com/LionsHeadRotaryClub](https://facebook.com/LionsHeadRotaryClub) or 519-793-4040. **1st and 3rd Tues. 7–8pm**

WEDNESDAY

**Peninsula SWANS Meeting.** New members welcome, contact Roberta at [rjmielhausen@gmail.com](mailto:rjmielhausen@gmail.com) or 519-374-4110. **1st Wed. Not July/Aug.**  
**Yin & Yang Yoga.** Via Zoom. Contact [barbara@lovingyoga.ca](mailto:barbara@lovingyoga.ca). **7am**  
**Tobermory Coffee Club.** Tobermory Community Centre. All welcome. **7:30–10am**  
**Tea Time Quilters.** United Church Hall, Lion's Head. Quilters meet to work on their projects. **9am–3pm**  
**Tobermory Quilters.** Light & Life Chapel. Quilt, share ideas, collaborate. Contact Glenna at 519-596-8332 if interested. **9:30am–3pm**  
**Chair Yoga.** Lotusheart Yoga & Mindfulness. [facebook.com/brucepeninsulayoga](https://facebook.com/brucepeninsulayoga). 519-270-4905. **10–11am**  
**Yoga for Bone Health.** Via Zoom. Contact [nina@lovingyoga.ca](mailto:nina@lovingyoga.ca) to register. **10am**  
**Meeting Place Gym.** The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 10am–3pm**  
**Tip of the Bruce Woodcarvers Meeting.** Tobermory Community Centre. **11am–2:30pm**  
**Afternoon Jamboree.** Wiarton Legion Br. 208. Music & Dancing. All are welcome. **Doors 1pm, Music 2-5pm**  
**North Bruce Truth & Reconciliation Group.** The Meeting Place, Tobermory. **1–3pm**  
**Bruce Peninsula Environmental Group Meeting.** Anglican Church Hall, Lion's Head. Presentations each meeting. **1st Wed. 7pm**  
**Euchre.** Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com). **7pm**  
**Lion's Head & District Lions Club Dinner Meeting.** Swan Lake Legion Hall. **2nd & 4th Wed. ea. month. NOT Jul./Aug. 7–9pm**  
**Badminton/Sports Night.** St. Edmunds Public School, Tobermory. Ages 12+. **7–9pm**

THURSDAY

**Good Food Box Program, Lion's Head.** Not-for-profit sustainable food program. Fresh fruits & vegetables. Drop off order before last Thurs. Each month. Pickup box first Thurs (bring a reusable bag). Bring sealed envelope with your name & \$22 to: LH Pharmacy, Peninsula Pet Supplies. Pick up at LH Rotary Hall (between 3:30–5pm). Info on Facebook [@LHGoodFoodBox](https://facebook.com/LHGoodFoodBox).  
**Good Food Box Program, Tobermory.** As above. Drop off order and payment at The Meeting Place, Tobermory during business hours or contact 519-596-2313 or [food@tobermorymeetingplace.com](mailto:food@tobermorymeetingplace.com). Pickup at the Meeting Place 5:30–6:30pm.  
**Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary Meeting.** New members welcome. Contact [lhha220@gmail.com](mailto:lhha220@gmail.com) for more info. **1st Thurs. each month.**  
**Hatha Yoga.** Lotusheart Yoga & Mindfulness. [facebook.com/brucepeninsulayoga](https://facebook.com/brucepeninsulayoga). 519-270-4905. **10–11:15am**  
**Meeting Place Gym.** The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 10am–3pm**  
**Mind~Body~Chair~Yoga.** Anglican Church Hall, Lion's Head. Drop in, or register at [nina@lovingyoga.ca](mailto:nina@lovingyoga.ca). **11:15am**

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(THURSDAY, CONTINUED)

**Tai Chi.** Tobermory United Church. Call 519-596-8003 for info. **10–11:30am**  
**Friendship Club Luncheon & Bingo.** Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. \$7 for members. Contact 519-375-0959 [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com) for time & more info. **2nd Thurs. each month.**  
**Open Play Pickleball.** Tobermory Community Centre. Guests welcome. \$5. **1–4pm, 6–9pm**  
**Darts & Cribbage.** Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Cribbage \$3/person. All are welcome. **Not 1st Thurs. each month. 1pm**  
**Warton Legion Branch 208 Members Meeting.** Warton Legion. **2nd Thurs. Not Jan/Feb. 1pm**  
**Book Study "The Gifts of Imperfection".** Tobermory United Church. 519-596-2394 for info. **Until Mar. 21. 1–3pm**  
**Lion's Head Legion Branch 202 General Branch Meeting.** Lion's Head Legion. **1st Thurs. each month. 2pm**  
**Warton Rotary Club Virtual Meeting.** email [wartonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:wartonrotary@gmail.com) for more info **6–8pm**  
**Spirit Singers Choir Practice.** Anglican Church Hall, Lion's Head. For info or to sign up, contact 519-793-4826 or [mbullen174@gmail.com](mailto:mbullen174@gmail.com). **Apr. 11–Oct., 6:30pm**  
**Darts for Fun–Tobermory.** Tobermory Legion Branch 290. Darts, euchre, pool, or shuffleboard. Entry \$2 plus 10¢ to the duck! [tobermorylegion.org](http://tobermorylegion.org) **7pm**  
**Stokes Bay Community Meeting.** Stokes Bay Community Centre. **4th Thurs. each month. 7pm**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous.** United Church. 54 Main St, Lion's Head. 519-619-7781. **7–8pm**  
**Bruce Peninsula Sportsman's Association Monthly Meeting.** BPSA Clubhouse, 611 Northacres Rd, Warton. Visit [bpsportsmen.com](http://bpsportsmen.com) for info. **Last Thurs. each month. 7:30pm**

**FRIDAY**

**Tobermory Coffee Club.** Tobermory Community Centre. All welcome. **7:30–10am**  
**Body Rolling for Myofascial Release.** Via Zoom. Contact [barbara@lovingyoga.ca](mailto:barbara@lovingyoga.ca). **8:50am**  
**Beginners Line Dancing.** Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com). **9:30–10am**  
**Myo Yin Yoga.** Via Zoom. contact [barbara@lovingyoga.ca](mailto:barbara@lovingyoga.ca). **10am**  
**Laughter with Carolyn.** Part of SCWW. Pre-register at 519-793-3473. **11–11:30am, 1–1:30pm, 2–3pm**  
**Nia Dance Fitness.** In-person & on Zoom. Contact [wendy@rhythmwood.ca](mailto:wendy@rhythmwood.ca) or 519-793-4687. **11am–12pm**  
**Bid Euchre.** Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Bid Euchre and/or Bridge. [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com). **1pm**  
**Darts & Karaoke.** Warton Legion Br. 208. All are welcome. **Darts 7pm, Karaoke 8pm**  
**Narcotics Anonymous.** Frank St. Baptist Church, 365 Frank St, Warton. For more information call 519-375-7125. **7–8:30pm**

**SATURDAY**

**Bruce Men's Shed General Meeting.** Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact [brucemensshed@gmail.com](mailto:brucemensshed@gmail.com) or 519-793-3005 to get involved. **Next Mar. 16. 9–11am**  
**Darts for Meat.** Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Bring your own darts. All are welcome. **1pm**  
**Repair Café.** Owen Sound Library. Email [GBOSRepairCafe@gmail.com](mailto:GBOSRepairCafe@gmail.com) to get involved, or [osngupl.ca/repair-cafe](http://osngupl.ca/repair-cafe) for info. **Second Sat. each month. Starts Mar. 9. 1–4pm**  
**Music & Dancing.** Warton Legion Br. 208. Music & Dancing. All are welcome. **Doors 1pm, Music 2-5pm**  
**Meat Draw.** Tobermory Legion Branch 290. \$7 for 3 draws, plus bonus draw. All are welcome (19+). [tobermorylegion.org](http://tobermorylegion.org) **4pm**  
**Friendship Club Meal.** Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Full course meal. \$14 for members, \$15 non-members. Contact 519-375-0959 [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com) for time & more info. **Last Sat. each month.**

**SUNDAY**

**Open Play Pickleball.** Tobermory Community Centre. Guests welcome. \$5. **9am–12pm**  
**Rotary Club Coffee Socials.** Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Drop in for coffee and conversation. **12–4pm**  
**Cantata Choir Rehearsals.** Bethel Missionary Church. For info contact David at 519-793-4015. **Until Mar.24. 2pm**

**Through the Week**

**Yoga.** Yoga Hive North. [facebook.com/yogahivenorth](https://facebook.com/yogahivenorth)

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**Ongoing**

**Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Hikes.** **Easy Hikes:** <3km. **Peninsula Blue Series:** 5–11km. Dates, times, locations, and registration at [pbtc.ca](http://pbtc.ca), or follow us on Facebook under PeninsulaBTC.

**Friday March 1**

**World Day of Prayer.** Tobermory United Church. Focusing on voices of women in Palestine. **2pm**

**Friday March 8 – Sunday March 10**

**Lion's Head & District Lions Club Annual Memorial Hockey Tournament & Homecoming Dance.** Lion's Head Arena. Tournament through the weekend. Dance Saturday evening.

**Saturday March 9**

**Men's Breakfast.** Tobemory Community Centre. Featuring a photo exposition by Ethan Meleg. Please RSVP by contacting Martin, [hogarth@auracom.com](mailto:hogarth@auracom.com) **Coffee ready 8am, Breakfast 9am**

**Monday March 4**

**Chocolate Dipping Kit Order Deadline.** The Sweet Shop, Tobermory. \$20/kit. Order at [order@sweetshop.ca](mailto:order@sweetshop.ca) or 519-596-2705. Pickup Mar. 11. See ad pg. 3.

**Wednesday March 13**

**Kids Make Your Own Pizza Lunch.** Pharos Restaurant, Tobermory. Call ahead to book a spot. See ad pg. 3. **11:30am**

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**Friday March 15**  
**Lion's Head & District Food Bank Easter Hamper Order Deadline.**  
To register, contact 519-378-8842 or [lhdfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:lhdfoodbank@gmail.com). Hampers will be distributed Mar. 28.  
**St. Patrick's Day Skating Fundraiser.** Lion's Head Arena. Skating, activities, snacks, treats, and more. Entry by donation. Proceeds to Tobermory Primary Place. See ad pg. 2. **11am–1:30pm**

**Tuesday March 19**  
**Tobermory Food Bank Easter Hamper Order Deadline.** To register, contact 519-596-2333, 519-375-7010, or visit the Meeting Place, Tobermory during Food Bank hours, Tues. 1–3pm.

**Saturday March 30**  
**Purple Valley Maple Syrup Festival.** 565 Purple Valley Rd. \$5/person, \$20/family, pre-schoolers free. See ad pg. 3. **9am–2pm**

**Thursday April 4**  
**SoK Talk: Peninsula Bruce Trail Club: Blazing New Trails in Sustainable Tourism.** Parks Canada Visitor Centre, Tobermory. Hosted by Sources of Knowledge. All are welcome. Free admission, donations accepted. [sourcesofknowledge.ca](http://sourcesofknowledge.ca). **7pm**

**Friday May 3 – Sunday May 5**  
**SoK Forum: A Sustainable Tourism Future for the Saugeen Peninsula.** Hosted by Sources of Knowledge. See [sourcesofknowledge.ca](http://sourcesofknowledge.ca) for more information. See ad pg. 4.

**Friday Evening Social.** Parks Canada Visitor Centre, Tobermory. **6pm**  
**Technical Programs.** Parks Canada Visitor Centre, Tobermory. **Saturday/Sunday.**  
**Banquet with Guest Speaker.** Tobermory Community Centre. Dinner prepared by Pharos Restaurant, Tobermory. **Saturday, Bar 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30pm**

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55 Main St, Lion's Head, 519-793-3784  
**SUNDAY: Service, in person and online, email or call for link, 11:30am**

**Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church,** [bethelemc.ca](http://bethelemc.ca)  
18 Ferndale Rd, Lion's Head  
**SUNDAY: Indoor Service, 10:30am**

**Light and Life Community Chapel,** [lightandlifecommunitychapel.ca](http://lightandlifecommunitychapel.ca) or search Facebook for Light and Life Chapel, 7347 Hwy#6, Tobermory  
**SUNDAY: Service, 10:30am - Live on Facebook at 11am**

**Lutheran & Anglican Services,** [laamb.ca](http://laamb.ca) 519-534-1604  
**Tobermory:** St. Edmund's, 38 Big Tub Rd  
**Cape Chin:** St. Margaret's, 133 East Rd  
**SUNDAY: St. Edmund's Service, 3pm**

**Pentecostal Country Church,** [pentecostalcountrychurch.org](http://pentecostalcountrychurch.org),  
2627 Hwy#6, Lion's Head, 579-793-3443  
**SUNDAY: Service, also available online, call for link, 10:30am**

**Pike Bay & Lion's Head United Church,**  
519-793-3312, 54 Main St, Lion's Head  
**SUNDAY: Lion's Head, in-person and online, contact church for details, 10:30am**  
**Pike Bay, 9:30am. Not Jan. 7–Mar.31.**

**St. Mary's and the Missions Catholic Church,** [stmarysandthemissions.ca](http://stmarysandthemissions.ca), St. Mark's, Lion's Head, 54 Main St, 519-376-0778  
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St. Thomas Aquinas, Wiarton, 552 Gould St  
St. Thomas the Apostle, Tobermory United Church, 5 Brock St  
**SATURDAY: St. Mark's - (Sunday Liturgy) 9:30am**  
**St. Thomas the Apostle - 11:30am**  
**SUNDAY: St. Thomas Aquinas - 11am**  
**St. Mary's - closed until further notice**

**Tobermory United Church,** [tobermoryunited.ca](http://tobermoryunited.ca),  
5 Brock St, Tobermory, 519-596-2394, [tobermoryunitedchurch@eastlink.ca](mailto:tobermoryunitedchurch@eastlink.ca)  
**SUNDAY: Service, in-person, 10:30am**

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the associated positive impacts on the integrity of roads.

• Discussion ensued regarding the information contained within the Roads Needs Study.

o Discussion ensued regarding hard top and loose top maintenance of Municipal Roads.

• It was noted that the price of materials such as gravel, sand, and dust suppressant have increased significantly.

• Discussion ensued regarding issues with beaver dams.

• Discussion ensued regarding the reflectivity programs regarding safety devices and signs.

**Streetlights**

• Discussion ensued regarding efforts to replace streetlights and ensure dark sky compliance.

• It was noted that a request will be submitted to reduce rates once the transition to LED streetlights is complete.

• Clarification was provided regarding the Stokes Bay streetlights and their associated Ontario Hydro ownership

**Lakewood Sewer**

• It was noted that the annual report for the Lakewood Sewer will be included on the February 12, 2024, Council Agenda.

**Tobermory Sewer**

• It was noted that there is a cost for utilizing the service as well as lagoon fees.

• It was noted that the Ontario Clean Water Association (OCWA) monitors looks after both Lakewood and Tobermory Sewage so their contract is included within operating

**Lion's Head Water**

• It was noted that OCWA monitors and maintains the Lion's Head Water System.

• It was noted that the original loan utilized to install the water meters will be paid off in 2027.

**Small Water systems**

• It was noted that OCWA monitors and maintains all small water systems within the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

**Waste Management**

• It was noted that Waste Management contracts went up approximately 2.5%.

• It was noted that funds have been budgeted for countertop composters due to the success of the Municipal Innovation Council pilot project in 2023.

**Waste Disposal Site**

• Discussion ensued regarding the acceptance of contaminated waste at the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula landfill sites.

o It was noted that regulations must be followed to meet the criteria of the reasonable use guideline.

• Discussion ensued regarding the capacity of the landfills to accept scrap

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• It was noted that the Public Works Department will advertise regarding the capacity of the landfills to accept polystyrene.

• It was noted that all the 2023 actuals are not included within the Council Package.

**Agriculture (Municipal Drains)**

• It was noted that two requests have been submitted to have sections of the Fern Creek Drain and the Swan Lake Drain cleaned in 2024.

Council commenced a break at 10:45 a.m.

The Council Meeting resumed at 10:52 a.m.

It was noted that the 2022 Energy Audits should be reviewed regarding potential approaches to reduce operating costs.

CAO, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, noted that the 2022 Energy Audits would be brought back to Council as information to review,

Discussion ensued regarding the increasing costs to maintain and operate facilities.

Discussion ensued regarding the economic burdens currently facing members of the public.

Deputy Mayor Anderson noted that a Cost-Benefit Analysis may need to be completed.

Councillor Golden commented on the need for a Notice of Motion to ask Federal and Provincial Governments for financial assistance regarding the increased demand for Northern Bruce Peninsula Fire and Emergency Services within Federal and Provincial parks.

Discussion ensued regarding the previous Tobermory Primary Place Daycare building.

It was noted that Council should tour the building prior to having discussions regarding the future of the site.

within the Survey are primarily utilized by Tourists.

#03-03-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives Treasurer's Report TR24-03 regarding facility condition assessments and Designated Substance Surveys (DSS); and

That Council approves the expenditure of \$75,000 to perform DSS on approximately 30 facilities to comply with PSAB regulations relating to Asset Retirement Obligations (AROs); and

That the project be funded by the Facilities and Municipal Accommodation Tax Reserves.

Carried

**3. Chief Administrative Officer Report**  
No. CAO 24-01

**Re: Lion's Head Community Centre and Arena Design and Costing Options Update**

Mayor McIver stated that the project at the current site is challenging. He further stated that discussions regarding Chief Administrative Officer Report No. CAO 24-01 Re: Lion's Head Community Centre and Arena Design and Costing Options Update, should be held in open and closed session at the February 5, 2024, Special Council Meeting following Budget Discussions.

Discussion ensued regarding the estimated remaining useful life of the Lion's Head Arena.

Discussion ensued regarding the existing accessibility issues with the existing Lion's Head Arena.

Discussion ensued regarding potential alternative plans for the Lion's Head Arena Project.

#03-04-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives CAO Report 24-01 regarding Lion's Head Community Centre and Arena Design and Costing Options Update as information.

Carried

Other Business – Nil.

**Reading of By-laws**

By-law 2024-08

Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Held Monday, January 29, 2024.

#03-05-2024

Moved by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That the listed by-law be given 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading, and enacted.

Carried

Closed Session – Nil.

**Adjournment**

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#03-06-2024

Moved by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson

That the meeting adjourns at 11:32 a.m.

Carried

MNBP SPECIAL Council Meeting Minutes  
February 5, 2024 – 2024 Budget -  
Draft #1 - Operating Budgets

Members Present: Mayor - Milt McIver, Deputy Mayor - Rod Anderson, Councillor - Todd Dowd, Councillor - Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Councillor - Aman Sohrab

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer - Peggy Van Mierlo-West, Committee/Licensing Coordinator - Lindsay Forbes, Treasurer - Teresa Shearer, Public Works Manager - Troy Cameron, GIS/IT Manager - Kara Smith, Chief Building Official - Wendy Elliott, Fire Chief - Jack Burt, Parks and Facilities Manager - Mark Coleman

Note: Members of Council and staff were present in the Municipal Office Council Chamber and the meeting was held via zoom, an electronic platform, for members of the public to view.

**Call to Order and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

Mayor McIver called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and Council members were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof that may arise during the meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda**

#05-01-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden

That the content of the agenda be approved as presented. Carried

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Consideration of Agenda Items

1. Treasurer Report No. TR 24-04

Re: 2024 Budget - Draft #1 -  
Operating Budgets

Mayor McIver introduced the 2024 Budget and discussion was outlined as follows:

2024 Assessment Comparison

It was noted that the 2024 taxable assessment has increased 1.67% over 2023. It was further noted that this increase is related to growth as a reassessment has not occurred since 2016.

2024 Tax Levy

It was noted that the proposed tax levy for 2024 Municipal purposes is \$8,399,770, denoting a levy increase of \$701,472 or 9.11% over 2023. It was further noted that this represents a 7.2% increase in the tax rate when factoring in the assessment increase.

2024 Taxpayer Impacts

It was noted that in 2023 an assessment of \$100,000 would yield a levy of \$467.02, whereas in 2024 an assessment of \$100,000 would yield a levy of \$500.67, representing an increase of \$33.65 per \$100,000 of assessment.

2024 Reserve Projections

It was noted that \$5,383,594 of reserve funds are proposed to be utilized for 2024 capital projects and that \$842,550 would be contributed back to reserves.

It was further noted that the Municipal share of the Arena Renovation Project will be funded through the NBP Capital Reserve in 2024.

Payments-In-Lieu

It was noted that the rate for Payments-In-Lieu properties is the same as if the property were taxable.

It was noted that the province has recognized the significant impact of the reduction in education tax experienced by some municipalities since 2021. It was further noted that the province provided one-time funding of approximately \$156,000 for 2021, 2022, and 2023 to assist with the loss in funding.

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

It was noted that each municipality receives an unconditional grant from the province called the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), the 2024 allocation for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula is \$1,686,900 which is a decrease of \$13,100 from 2023.

It was noted that the province has also been providing an annual Transition Mitigation amount of approximately \$9,000, this amount is to offset the loss of tax revenue when long-term care homes became exempt from taxation.

Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) (Formerly Federal Gas Tax)

The 2024 allocation from the CCBF is \$138,470 – an increase of \$6,127 over 2023.

It was noted that the CCBF can be used for public transit, wastewater infrastructure, drinking water, solid waste management, community energy systems, local roads and bridges, capacity building, highways, local and regional airports, short-line rail, short-sea shipping, disaster mitigation, broadband and connectivity, brownfield redevelopment, culture, tourism, sport, recreation, fire halls

It was noted that this funding has previously been utilized for micro-surfacing and staff are proposing to continue status quo in 2024.

Penalty/Interest Tax Arrears

It was noted that the amount of penalty and interest depends on the level of tax arrears.

Investment Income

It was noted that Investment Income in 2023 was higher than the estimate as reserve spending for capital was less than projected. It was further noted that the estimate for 2024 investment income is \$550,000 with respect to the Arena Project.

Council

It was noted that a pay review was conducted for Council members in 2023. As a result of the review, Council members receive a monthly salary with no additional per diem amount for meetings.

It was further noted that an increase of 8% is proposed for 2024.

Administration

It was noted that insurance costs are increasing by approximately 16.5% for 2024. It was further noted that this is primarily due to the updated building evaluations resulting from a recent appraisal.

GIS/IT

It was noted that Microsoft licensing is increasing approximately 6%.

It was noted that a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be released regarding managed IT services to ensure that the Municipality is receiving the best possible cost for services.

It was noted that internet costs will continue to decrease due to the recent implementation of Fibre internet.

Discussion ensued regarding the allocation of funds in 2023 regarding managed IT services.

Short-term Accommodation

It was noted that staff are proposing to use \$10,000 of the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) for surveillance cameras.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed expansion of the MAT with regard to increasing revenues and increasing the capacity to add additional funds to reserves to assist with tourism facility management.

Discussion ensued regarding the implementation timeline associated with the proposed expansion of the MAT.

It was noted that if the expansion of the MAT is approved, implementation would be similar to the implementation of the MAT for Short-term Accommodations (STAs) in 2022.

It was further noted that the when the MAT was implemented on STAs in 2022, it was implemented in the second quarter. To accommodate the implementation timeline, if accommodation owners are able to provide proof that the reservation/booking occurred prior to the implementation of the MAT, the reservation/booking would be exempt from the MAT.

It was noted that the Municipality has requested an annual report from the Tobermory Chamber of Commerce to fulfill the requirement within the MAT contract between the Municipality and the Tobermory Chamber of Commerce.

An overview of the management of Short-term Accommodations within the Municipality was provided by the Committee and Licensing Coordinator. The overview included the utilization of address identification, listing reviews, issuing letters and the anticipated utilization of features offered by Air BnB regarding the mandatory inclusion of a licence number to create/advertise a rental listing.

Fire

It was noted that a pay review for firefighters will be conducted in 2024 as part of the corporate pay review process. Additionally, a new organizational structure with additional officers will be implemented in 2024.

It was noted that focus will be placed on completing mandatory Firefighter certification training along with continued special teams training including water, ice, and high angle rescue.

Discussion ensued regarding budgeting for wages and new positions.

It was noted that wages are determined based off training sessions and the number of service calls received annually by Northern Bruce Peninsula Fire and Emergency Services.

Policing

The estimated policing cost for 2023 is \$1,307,728. It was noted that this is a decrease of \$23,272 from 2023.

Building

It was noted that staff wages include part time wages for an inspector on an as needed basis.

It was noted that the Comprehensive

Zoning By-law Amendment and mapping update are anticipated for 2024.

It was noted that the capital purchase of a truck has been allocated out of reserves.

By-law Enforcement

I was noted that an RFP was completed in 2023 for a new parking enforcement contract.

Discussions ensued regarding parking fines, customer service provided through parking lot management and ensuring that residents and tourists abide by the parking regulations.

It was noted that Credit Card Fees relate to the services which accept credit card payments on the parking machines. It was further noted that these fees are allocated by the supplier.

Health & Safety

It was noted that the funds facilitate Occupational Health and Safety training and support the operation of the Health and Safety Committee.

Emergency Planning

Decreases were observed in the operating budget for 2024 regarding phone services, materials, and supplies.

Cemeteries

It was noted that the Cemetery Manager's contract was renewed in July 2023; however, the lawn care maintenance portion was removed from the contract and moved to the Parks and Facilities Department. It was further noted that the contract is now based on time and material and is not a fixed amount.

It was noted that an Archeological Assessment has been completed at Dunks Bay Cemetery and a report will be presented to the Cemetery Committee and Council.

Accessibility

It was noted that the funds facilitate training for staff and capital upgrades.

Following a review of the information contained within Treasurer Report No. TR 24-04

Re: 2024 Budget - Draft #1 - Operating Budgets, Council engaged in discussions regarding the information contained within the documents.

Discussion ensued regarding Reserve health and long-term planning regarding rebuilding reserves.

Council directed Treasurer, Teresa Shearer, to provide information regarding a proposed 1% and proposed 2% increase on the overall tax rate to be allocated to capital reserves.

Discussion ensued regarding the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and the increased number of new builds within the Municipality in recent years.

Mayor McIver noted that the Council meeting would proceed from Treasurer Report No. TR 24-04, Re: 2024 Budget - Draft #1 - Operating Budgets, at 9:53 a.m. for the Treasurer to create the requested information.

Council returned to Treasurer Report No. TR 24-04, Re: 2024 Budget - Draft #1 - Operating Budgets, at 11:46a.m. and evaluated the information provided by the Treasurer.

Discussion ensued regarding a proposed increase in the tax rate by 1% to supplement capital reserves.

Council determined that the tax rate would be increased by 1% to support capital reserves.

#05-02-2024

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson

That Council receives Draft #1 of the 2024 Budget for review of departmental operating budgets; and

That upon consideration of any comments or input received from the review, Council directs staff to make the necessary revisions for Draft #2 to be presented on February 12, 2024.

Carried

2. Treasurer Report No. TR 24-05

Re: Community Emergency Preparedness Grant

#05-03-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That the Council of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula hereby authorizes staff to apply for a Community Emergency Preparedness Grant to support the purchase of a Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) program; and

That Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Van Mierlo West, and the Treasurer, Teresa Shearer, to sign the grant application.

Carried

3. Chief Administrative Officer Report No. CAO 24-02

Re: Lion's Head Community Centre and Arena Design and Costing Update

It was noted that the compact design included within Chief Administrative Officer Report No. CAO 24-02, Re: Lion's Head Community Centre and Arena Design and Costing Update, does not contain items which Council considers as priorities for the Lion's Head Arena, such as a foyer, and does not include consistent dressing room space allocations.

Discussion ensued regarding the previous building assessment completed on the Lion's Head Arena.

It was noted that a building assessment was completed on the Lion's Head Arena in 2006. It was noted that the assessment notes challenges regarding potential future expansion of the facility.

It was noted that a Building Assessment needs to be conducted on the Lion's Head Arena to determine the building's life expectancy.

Council commended Facilities staff for maintaining a clean and inviting space for community groups, activities, and events.

It was noted that a subsequent report will be brought to Council regarding the completion of the Building Assessment.

#05-04-2024

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

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### OFFICE CLOSURE

The Municipal Office will be closed on March 29th for Good Friday  
and Monday, April 1, 2024, for Easter Monday  
Happy Easter

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 28, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Chi-Cheemaun Festival Committee Meeting at The Meeting Place
Tuesday, March 5, 2023	9:00 a.m.	Museum Committee Meeting ZOOM
Monday, March 11, 2024	1:00 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting Public Meeting for the Presentation 2024 Budget
Monday, March 25, 2024	1:00 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Monday April 8, 2024	1:00 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday April 9, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Museum Committee Meeting in person at The Meeting Place
Monday April 22, 2024	1:00 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Friday April 26, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Road Tour Council Meeting

EVENTS CALENDAR



### NOTICE 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, March 11th, 2024, in the Council Chambers at 56 Lindsay Road 5, Lion's Head, Ontario.

**By-Law No. 2024-11** A by law to amend the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula By-law 2002-54, as amended. (512 The Bury Road).

**By-law No. 2024-17** Being a By-law to Adopt the estimates of All Sums Required During the Year and Set the 2024 Tax Rates.

**By-Law No. 2024-18** Being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 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 WBR Pt Lot 6 RP 3R173 Part 17(St. Edmunds); 43 China Cove Road, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

### INTERIM TAX BILLING

The interim tax invoice will be distributed the first week of February 2024. Just a reminder that the Interim Tax Billing for 2024 will have two (2) tax due dates:

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE – CALLING FOR MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula is seeking individuals to provide advice, recommendations, and oversight on matters related to municipal drainage within the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

The Municipal Drainage Committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) members to a maximum of five (5) members, which will include a municipal representative. The Committee will be appointed for the balance of the 2022-2026 Council term.

The Terms of Reference is available from the Clerk, upon request. Please go to [www.northbrucepeninsula.ca](http://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca) under Committees of Council to complete the fillable application form. **Please ensure it is submitted no later than Friday, March 8th, 2024, at 12:00 Noon.**

### PUBLIC NOTICE – WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

From November 1 of any year to April 30 of the following year between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., parking is prohibited on any highway including a boulevard that will interfere with the removal of snow from any road or sidewalk in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

### NEW MONTHLY COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

We've got some super exciting news to share with you. We are thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new monthly community E-newsletter!

Why are we so excited about this, you ask? We have been listening to your feedback, and we want to improve our communication with each one of you. We want to keep you in the loop about all the amazing events and activities happening in our beautiful Municipality.

Our E-newsletters will be sent out on the first business day of each month, filled with upcoming events, cool activities, important announcements, and so much more. You don't want to miss out!

Now, you might be wondering, how can I be part of this fabulous E-newsletter club? Just head on over to our website at [www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/newsletter](http://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/newsletter)

It's that simple! Say goodbye to FOMO (because you'll be the first to know about all the fantastic things happening in our community.



Sign-up for our E-Newsletter

### ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.  
Rotary Hall – Lion's Head

Hey there!

Do you know someone in your community who deserves a big shoutout? Well, now is the perfect time to show them some appreciation! It could be anyone - a member, an executive, a team, a coach, a parent, a group, or even a fan - young or old, they all deserve a pat on the back!

But wait, before you go ahead and sing their praises, there are a few things you need to know. Local groups and organizations need to let the Clerk know who their chosen recipient(s) are. You can do this by sending a letter or a quick email, just make sure to do it before **Thursday, March 28th, 2024, at 12 Noon**. And don't forget to include the name of the person from your organization who will be making the presentation.

Here's the exciting part. Each group will get a few minutes in the spotlight at the Recognition Day ceremony to present their chosen recipient(s) with their well-deserved recognition. Groups can also choose to go the extra mile and purchase a cool gift like a fancy plaque or beautiful flowers to present on behalf of the group.

**If you have any questions about Recognition Day, just reach out to the Clerk. You can give her a call at 1-833-793-3537, ext 236. or [clerk@northernbruce.ca](mailto:clerk@northernbruce.ca).**

So, what are you waiting for? It's time to recognize those outstanding individuals who make our community shine. Let's show them some love and appreciation at Recognition Day!



### MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX (MAT) NEW PAYMENT SITE

The Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) remittance is due on **April 30th, 2024**. To remit payment visit the municipal website or scan here to be directed to the page.

**MNBP have NO agreements with 3rd party companies like Vbro, Airbnb, etc., and they are not collecting MAT on behalf of MNBP.**



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### LANDFILL SITES HOURS OF OPERATION NOVEMBER 1ST TO MARCH 31ST

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	Eastnor 10-4		St Edmunds 10-4			Lindsay 10-4

Eastnor Site – 1252 West Road

Lindsay Site – 627 Ira Lake Road

St. Edmunds – 71 McArthur Road

To ensure your materials are collected, please have them curbside no later than 8:00 a.m. on Mondays. All issues with curbside waste and recycling collection, are to be directed to the contractor at 1-888-730-3344 extension 1.

### AFTER-HOURS TELEPHONE NUMBER

If you require immediate assistance with a municipal water or sewer emergency, please call **(519) 372-3034**. For a municipal road hazard, by-law or livestock claim emergency, please call **1-866-750-8219**.

### LION'S HEAD DRINKING WATER SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT

A copy of 2023-2024 Lion's Head Drinking Water Inspection Report is available for viewing on the Municipal Website. The report was presented to Council at the February 12, 2024, regular Council meeting.

### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 2022-2026

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Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden – [councillorgolden@northernbruce.ca](mailto:councillorgolden@northernbruce.ca) – (519) 596-2614

Councillor Aman Sohrab – [councillorsohrab@northernbruce.ca](mailto:councillorsohrab@northernbruce.ca) – (647) 890-0632

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February 5/24  
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That Council receives CAO Report 24-02 regarding Lion’s Head Community Centre and Arena Design and Costing Update; and

That a Building Assessment be conducted on the Lion’s Head Community Centre and Arena; and

That Council reject the compact design included within Chief Administrative Officer Report No. CAO 24-02, Re: Lion’s Head Community Centre and Arena Design and Costing Update.

Carried

4. Chief Administrative Officer Report No. CAO 24-03

Re: Municipal Facility Overview

It was noted that staff would recommend a Feasibility Study be completed in 2025 for Municipal facilities regarding future construction and renovations.

It was noted that there are some incorrect dates included within Chief Administrative Officer Report No. CAO 24-03. It was further noted that amendments will be made to ensure accuracy in the information.

#05-05-2024

Moved by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives CAO Report 24-03 titled Municipal Facility Overview, for information. Carried

Other Business – Nil.

Reading of By-laws

By-law 2024-12

Being A By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of The Corporation of The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Held Monday, February 5, 2024

#05-06-2024

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Laurie (Smokey)

Golden

That the listed by-law be given 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading, and enacted. Carried

Closed Session

#05-07-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson

That Council moves into Closed Session at 10:14 a.m. pursuant to Section 239(2) of The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, as amended, for the following reasons: (c) a proposed or pending or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; (Arena Property Proposal) and (Big Tub)

Carried

Reconvene from Closed Session to Resume Council Meeting

#05-08-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council reconvenes from Closed Session at 11:45 a.m. to resume the Council meeting.

Carried

Following Closed Session, Mayor McIver advised that Council approved the minutes of the January 8, 2024, Closed Session meeting and Council directed the CAO to investigate next steps regarding property proposals for the arena site and Big Tub properties.

Adjournment

We are attempting to make every document accessible but there may still be difficulty in recognizing all the information. Please contact the Accessibility Coordinator if you require assistance and we will make every attempt to provide this information in an alternate format.

#05-09-2024

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson

That the meeting adjourns at 11:54 a.m.

Carried

Free Tax Preparation at  
The Meeting Place Tobermory

Submitted by Jace Weir

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) provides free tax preparation of your personal income tax for qualified people. If you have a simple tax situation, and your income is \$35,000 or less for one person, up to \$45,000 for two people, plus \$2,500 for each additional person (dependant), then you may qualify. Your tax situation is simple if you have no income, or if your income comes from any of these sources:

- employment
- pension
- benefits such as the Canada Pension Plan, disability insurance, employment insurance and social assistance
- registered retirement income funds (RRIFs)
- support payments
- scholarships, fellowships, bursaries or grants
- interest (under \$1,000)

You can start dropping off your tax information beginning Tuesday, February 27th at The Meeting Place, 20 Centennial Drive, Tobermory. Jen Williams, Community Information and Resource Coordinator, will be contacting clients from the previous tax year directly to coordinate the drop-off of tax documents.

As we have done for the past four years, tax returns will be processed off site. However, an in-person follow-up meeting may be scheduled once you have been contacted that your tax return has been completed. If you have not previously had your taxes prepared by a tax volunteer at The Meeting Place, or you wish to have a follow-up meeting with Jace, please contact Jen at 519-596-2313 to arrange a suitable date and time.

Drop-off times are as follows:

-Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at The Meeting Place between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm.

Other drop-off times will be by appointment only.

Please bring your current (2023) tax slips (T4’s, T5’s, etc.), your property tax bill (final) for 2023, or rent paid for the calendar year, including the name of your landlord. Please also bring your Notice of Assessment for 2022 and your copy of your tax summary from 2022. If you are a new client, your address as of December 31, 2023, your birth date, phone number, email address, marital status and SIN. If you are a couple, both tax returns must be done at the same time. If you have minor children or grandchildren in your care, their information must be included (name, DOB, SIN, if available, and any tax slips they may have received).

My Account is Canada Revenue Agency’s personal portal for all of your tax-related information. You can get your Notice of Assessment, tax slips such as T4’s, T4A’s, CPP, OAS, update your address or phone number, your banking information and other important information. My Account is secure. If you don’t currently have access to My Account, please go to Canada.ca, select My Account and follow the directions. My Account is a two-part application process, so be patient, as it will take approximately two weeks to complete. If you need help with accessing My Account, please contact Jace Weir at 519-596-2057 or jacemweir@gmail.com.

If you have previous tax preparation experience, and you would like to become a CVITP volunteer, please contact Jace Weir by phone or email.

Lion’s Head Food Bank Gearing Up for Easter

Submitted by Lion’s Head & District Food Bank

The Lion’s Head & District Food Bank is planning to provide Easter Hampers again this year. Easter is early this year so register soon. Deadline for ordering is March 15.

A hamper full of the delights of a ham dinner will be provided. Hampers will be

distributed on Thursday March 28th.

To register text or call 519-378-8842. Orders may also be placed through email to lhdfoodbank@gmail.com.

Thanks to all our donors and those contributing to Christ Church’s “Gifts of Gratitude” Christmas fundraiser. These donations allow us to provide these special holiday hampers!

Time To Register For Easter  
Hampers At Tobermory Food Bank

Submitted by Linda Godhue

It is time to register for Easter Hampers at Tobermory Food Bank for those in need of some help to have a Holiday Meal. You can register at the Tobermory Food Bank during regular day and time – Tuesdays between 1-3 p.m. Or you can call Linda at 519-596-2333 or Jim at 519-375-7010. Please try to register by Tuesday March 19th.

Without the support of our many donors, we would not be able to supply Hampers at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is wonderful to think the Community endeavours to ensure that everyone, no matter their circumstances, can share in the celebratory meals that we have three times a year. With the increase in visits to Tobermory Food Bank in the past months, that support is more than ever appreciated.

One example of community support is a project that Tobermory United Church is undertaking again this year. People are asked, if they are able, to put aside a Food Bank item or a small amount of cash every day during the 40 days of Lent. This endeavour was very successful last year with many items donated as well as money donations. This undertaking is not limited to those attending Tobermory United, but anyone who would like to adopt the practice during this time.

There are many ways to donate. You can donate at Tobermory Post Office, Tobermory United Church when open, or cash donations can be e-transferred to tobermoryfoodbank@gmail.com or mail a cheque to 211 Eagle Rd, Tobermory ON, N0H 2R0. Or at the check-out at Peacock’s you can make a donation that is applied to the Food Bank account.

As said many times, the Tobermory Community has supported our Food Bank since its inception in 2008. On behalf of the Tobermory Food Bank Committee, Thank you.



2024

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Thurs. Mar. 14	2-4 pm	Bear Cubs Restaurant
Fri. Mar. 15	2-4 pm	Blue Heron Co.
Sat. Mar. 16	6-9 pm	Hofstrand Contracting
Sat. Mar. 23	6-9 pm	Verna's
Sat. Mar. 30	6-9 pm	Peacock’s Foodland

For a schedule of Municipal ice programs, free skates and cancellations please contact Bob at 519-596-1226 or bobhofstrand@gmail.com



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# Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula Tends Bar at Curling Bonspiel

Submitted by Rob Hiscott

Rotarians Jerry Greig and Rob Hiscott tended bar on Saturday afternoon, February 10th for the RE/MAX Grey Bruce Curling Bonspiel held at Lion's Head Arena. It was a busy Bonspiel with five rinks and 40 participants on the ice. Rotarians John White, Dan Bryans and Mike Bird also helped with bar setup and takedown that day.



Photo: 115 people came out to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Rotary Hall on February 13th.

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Rotary Hall

On Tuesday, February 13th, your local Rotary Club and Christ Church Anglican co-hosted the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Rotary Hall. A total of 115 patrons showed up for a delicious supper of pancakes with real maple syrup, breakfast sausages, apple crisp with ice cream, and beverages of coffee, tea or apple juice. This was a free will donation event with a very generous outpouring of support from the community. Fundraising proceeds will go towards the Bruce Peninsula

Hospice, in memory of Pat Horner, a founding member of the local Hospice organization.

## Induction of New Rotarian

At our most recent Club meeting held February 20th, Stacey Bridge was inducted as our newest Club

member. Stacey was formally inducted and welcomed by past Club President Cathryn Buckley, with assistance from Rotarian Dan Bryans who sponsored Stacey for membership in the Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula. Stacey has joined our Club to help serve the local community through Rotary.



Photo: Newly inducted Club member Stacey Bridge (centre) with past Club President Cathryn Buckley (left) and sponsoring Rotarian Dan Bryans (right).

## VON SMART Class Lion's Head Celebrates Valentine's Day



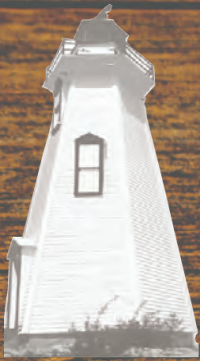
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Photo: The VON SMART Class level 1 celebrates Valentine's Day at the Friendship Hall in Lion's Head (L-R) – Jeanette, Darrell, Cecile, Colleen, Sherri, Mary (front) Jim, Phyllis, and Dorothy.

The seniors meet twice a week in the friendship hall to exercise and socialize.

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**Drainage Concerns May Derail New Arena/Community Centre**  


Photo: Plans to renovate the Lion's Head Arena and Community Centre are on hold after MNPB council heard of drainage issues that would add considerably to the cost. Council will meet February 5th in a Special closed session council meeting to consider their options.

By John Francis,  
Bruce Peninsula Press

The renovation project at the Lion's Head Arena/Community Centre has hit a major roadblock — there are drainage problems which would add considerably to the cost (and complication) of adding extra facilities at that location.

Addressing the drainage issues would add at least \$1.5 million to an already bloated construction budget — Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNPB) had allotted \$10 million for the project, but the most recent projection puts the required budget at \$17 million.

MNPB Council heard about this in a CAO Report presented at the January 29 Special Council Meeting to address the municipality's 2024 Budget. Faced with cost overruns, Council elected to put the project on hold and consider their options at a Closed Session at the February 5 Special Council Meeting.

This was not the first time Council heard about drainage challenges at the arena site. At the November 14, 2023 council meeting, Wes Rydall appeared as a delegation to speak about the arena site.

After half a century working in the excavation and haulage industry, Wes Rydall has developed sharp insights into

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