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BPDS Staff Team Up for Matching Monday

Photo: Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) Secondary Teachers partipate in Matching Monday, part of the March Madness dress up days leading up to the March break. Dress up days included Matching Monday, Tropical Tuesday and Western Wednesday. Turn to page 12 for BPDS news.

Rotary Club of NBP Celebrates 70 Years Of Service

**Honouring The Past
and Building The Future
– Saturday, April 13,
2024 at 7 p.m.**

Submitted by Cat Henderson, President

On March 12, 2024, the Rotary Club celebrated the 70th Anniversary of its charter in Lion's Head in 1954. In 2013, the name was changed to include all the communities on the Peninsula and became the Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula and includes members from Tobermory south to Pike Bay and in between. We have a long history of service to the community, and fellowship among its members.

Speaking of members and fellowship, we are heartbroken to share that we have lost one of our dearest members this week. Robert Spearing, known to many as Bonzai or Bob, passed away this past week. Many will remember

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Annual Broadfoot / Lemcke Memorial Hockey Tournament Wraps Up Exciting Weekend of Competition

*Submitted by Lion Tom Boyle,
Secretary, Ferndale, Lion's Head
and District Lions Club*

LION'S HEAD, March 10, 2024 - The community of Lion's Head came alive again this past weekend as the annual Broadfoot / Lemcke Memorial

Hockey Tournament hit the ice again at Lion's Head Arena. From Friday through Sunday, twelve teams battled it out across three divisions, showcasing thrilling displays of skill, determination, and sportsmanship.

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Join the Peninsula Family Health Team Waitlist for Primary Care

*Submitted by Pamela Loughlean,
Executive Director, Peninsula FHT*

In 2021, the Peninsula Family Health Team stopped accepting new names for our waitlist as the size of the list had reached record numbers. We were in the height of the pandemic and the FHT was not in a position to onboard new patients.

Now as we look forward in 2024 and thanks to the successful recruitment of Dr. Heather Reid last fall, we are pleased to reopen the waitlist.

It is important to remember that by adding your name to our waitlist, this may not guarantee a swift match with a Physician. All of the Physicians at the

Peninsula FHT have full rosters and we will be working through welcoming new patients into the practice on a controlled monthly basis throughout the year.

If you are not already on our waitlist, you may apply by calling (519) 793-3445 extension 295.

When you call this number, you will be prompted to leave your full name and telephone on the Waitlist voicemail and one of our Medical Secretaries will call you back to obtain your personal health details.

We will continue to work diligently in offering rostered spots to local residents and providing primary care as close to home as possible.



Photo: EPH Division Trophy winners – The Zamboni Drivers.

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Biosphere Association Easter Egg Fundraiser Returns

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Submitted by Donna Cole,
Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association

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The Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association is organizing some exciting fundraisers to fund our conservation and outreach projects!

MNBP Reporter's Notebook: Taxes Up 8.28%; 4% MAT on Hotels/Motels for 2025

By John Francis,
Bruce Peninsula Press

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula has several controversial issues on its plate this winter and spring, which means it has several difficult decisions to make.

An upgrade to the municipal arena in Lion's Head has been paralyzed by spiralling costs compounded by recently discovered drainage problems at the existing arena site. Alternatives are being explored; a staff report is eagerly awaited.

Municipal infrastructure is aging, while the costs of improvements are rising much faster than inflation, also much faster than recent tax increases. This is especially true of roads, which are by far the largest single element on both sides of the municipal budget — capital and operating.

MNBP's capital reserves — funds set

aside to fund long-term improvements — are nowhere near adequate to deal with the looming shortfalls. Council recently agreed to increase taxes by an extra 1% and designate that for Capital Reserves, but Mayor Milt McIver has stated repeatedly that this is not nearly enough.

Operating expenses are also increasing steadily — the Bylaw Enforcement department has more incidents to deal with each year, as does Fire and Emergency Services. These costs far outstrip overall inflation.

At its March 11, 2024 Meeting, MNBP Council passed the 2024 Budget, implementing a tax increase of 8.28% and a budget increase of 10.21%. Mayor McIver commented, "I'd like to see more going in to capital reserves; it doesn't take long to spend it..."

Long-term strategies to generate more revenue without increasing taxes

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Photo: Volunteers Pat and Rob Sein selling the Biosphere's famous Laura Secord style Easter Eggs at Peacock's Foodland.

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Hooked on Health Lottery Raises \$22,000 for Wiarton, Lion’s Head Hospitals

Submitted by April Patry,
Executive Director

Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation (BPHF) is pleased to announce that their annual Hooked on Health Lottery (#M756875) raised \$22,000 in support of Wiarton and Lion’s Head Hospitals.

Brightshores Wiarton and Lion’s Head Hospitals’ site manager, Jamie Nigh Milbrandt drew the winning tickets at the Wiarton Hospital on February 22nd. Donna Thompson of Lion’s Head was the lucky 1st place winner of \$5,000; 2nd prize winner of \$1,500 was Shirley Hale of Sauble Beach; 3rd prize winner of \$1,000 was Brenda Barham of Wiarton; 4th place winner of \$800 was David



Photo Right (L-R): BPHF Board Directors; Brian Taylor, Nancy Strang and Kevin Walsh, (Chair), present a cheque to winners Kelly and Donna Thompson at the Lion’s Head Hospital on February 26th, with help from Directors Ann Iles, Connie Slaughter and Linda Myles-Gallinger.

Beeston of Lion’s Head, and 5th prize winner of \$500 was Mary Ann White of Wiarton.

This year, Hooked on Health lottery proceeds will assist in upgrading our Nurse Call Systems at both Wiarton and Lion’s Head Hospitals.

“A huge thank you for the continued community support of Wiarton and Lion’s Head hospitals,” said Jamie Nigh Milbrandt, adding, “we greatly appreciate all of the donors who contributed to this draw and extend a big congratulations to the winners!”

The BPH Foundation team extends a huge thank you to all of our family physicians from the Sauble Health Team, the South Bruce Peninsula Family Health Organization, and the Peninsula Family Health Team for generously supporting the cash prize for this lottery again this year!

Cantata Choir Preparing for Performances March 24 Tobermory, March 29 Lion’s Head & Neyaashiinigmiing

Submitted by David Warder

It is 5 years since we have had a full choir to perform on Good Friday! Besides the choir, we also have several people who will be narrators and character actors, and participation by various active and retired ministers. In total, over 30 people are involved. They come from all over the peninsula, from Tobermory in the north to Wiarton in the south, to rehearse each week in Lion’s Head.

In previous years, the Good Friday cantatas took the form of a Tenebrae Service incorporating the lighting and extinguishing of seven candles to leave the church in complete darkness by the end of the performance.

This year’s cantata, entitled “In My Place,” is also divided into seven segments but, instead of extinguishing candles, nails are placed at the foot of a cross while the The Story is re-told by Narrators quoting Scripture passages, costumed Readers describing, in their own words, what they did, and the Choir singing a song to tie each segment together.

I’m always looking for cantatas that present these ancient stories in a way that helps us glean something new that we may have never thought about before.

“In My Place” has been on my list for several years.

I especially like what the character actors have to say. It’s easy for us, 2,000 years later, to analyze the situation, point fingers and lay out how it all could / should have played out differently. The writers of this cantata have revealed that, 2,000 years later, we’re no different than those people. I hope people will come away with a better understanding of why it happened this way and what it means in our lives 2,000 years later.

The music is the most difficult we have performed under my direction but the quality of the rest of the cantata made it worth the effort. The choir has risen to the challenge. Rehearsals are going really well and I am certain that this will be an excellent portrayal of the familiar story in a unique way. I’m really excited!

This cantata focuses on Good Friday rather than the entirety of the events of Holy Week. We can’t be everywhere on Good Friday, so we will have our first performance on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 7:30 pm at Tobermory United Church (5 Brock Street). On Good Friday, March 29, you can attend performances at Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church in Lion’s Head (18 Ferndale Road) at 10:30

am, and Cape Croker United Church (Pit Road and Community Centre Road, Neyaashiinigmiing) at 7:30 pm.

At Cape Croker United Church, the cantata narrations will come from the First Nations Version of the New Testament which was published in 2021. This may be of particular interest to those who are interested in learning more about Indigenous culture and how it intersects with Christianity.

The net proceeds from a free-will offering will go towards the redevelopment of the Golden Dawn Senior Citizen Home in Lion’s Head.

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Lion’s Head Curling Club Wraps up Season with Bonspiel, Draw 4 and AGM

Submitted by Janice Sim

Our third and final Bonspiel of the season was played on February 10, 2024. The day got off to a good start at 8am with coffee and muffins. Our President, George Hambleton welcomed the sold out crowd and outlined the events for the day.

This bonspiel was generously sponsored by Ashley Jackson/RE/MAX Grey Bruce Realty. They did an exceptional job of making the day a huge success and we very much appreciate their support of our curling club.

The winning team, after 8 ends of curling, was Ross Cochrane, Joanne Lamport, Arran de Malmanche, skipped by Lindsay de Malmanche.

Our fund raising activity – the infamous glass turkey – was won by Betty Hastings this time. There were prizes for all participants, so with the Rotary Club manning the bar, the ever-

helpful arena staff, good food, good friends and a full day of curling – who could ask for anything more!

Draw Four

Draw 4 ended March 11 and was won by Chris Mawdsley’s team. Skipped by Chris, Vice Pete Hart, Second Katherine McCormack and Lead Brad Inglis.

This draw was sponsored by Rachel’s Restaurant and the winning team received gift certificates for some fine dining! Thank you, Rachel’s!

This marks the end of our 2023-24 curling season. Many thanks to all participants and we look forward to seeing all of you in the fall.

Lion’s Head Curling Club Holds AGM

Our President reported on a successful year, three sold out bonspiels

and four draws with the second draw having an afternoon group as well as the evening curlers. It looks like we will have enough funds to finish replacing the final three sets of stones so that next fall all five curling sheets will be as nice as the two we had done last year. This is a major accomplishment for our club and will improve the appeal and accuracy of our curling.

Our election of officers resulted in mostly sustaining the present contingent. George Hambleton is President, Claudio D’Arcangelo is Treasurer, Susan McLachlan, Secretary, Betty Hastings, Draw Master, Janice Sim, Vice Draw Master, Lindsay de Malmanche, Bonspiel Coordinator. Brenda Nelson was voted in as Vice President and Susan Avis will be 2nd Vice President.

A secret ballot vote was held for the Most Improved and Most Sportsperson-Like curlers. Most Improved was a tie vote for Paul Hubacheck and Laura Stevenson and Most Sportsperson-Like was won again for the third year by Susan McLachlan. Well deserved awards.

Visit from BPDS Students

On the morning of March 4, 15 students from Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) came to the arena for some curling instruction as part of their

phys ed class. Our volunteers provided some tips on how to throw rocks, how to sweep and how to read signals from the skip.

After some practice they played a couple of ends and had a great time. It was good exercise and hopefully we have created some interest in curling for these young folks.



Photo: Most Improved curlers Laura Stevenson (left) and Paul Hubacheck (right) and Most Sportsperson-Like curler Susan McLachlan (centre).



Photo: Lindsay de Malmanche instructs BPDS students on Rock delivery.



Photo L-R: Ashley Jackson/RE/MAX Grey Bruce Realty Bonspiel champions – Ross Cochrane, Joanne Lamport, Arran de Malmanche and Lindsay de Malmanche.



Photo L-R: Draw 4 winners Chris Mawdsley’s team – skipped by Chris, Vice Pete Hart, Second Katherine McCormack and Lead Brad Inglis.

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PUBLISHER'S COLUMN

Our 2024 Budget Has Lost Sight of the Forest – It Barely Funds the Trees

By John Francis

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula recently concluded a gruelling budget process, arriving at a final set of numbers that will satisfy — pretty much nobody.

Taxes are going up 8.28% and the overall budget is going up 10.21%.

According to a Statistics Canada press release in February 2024, “The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.9% on a year-over-year basis in January, following a 3.4% gain in December.”

Our resident tax scolds will be outraged by the tax increases. They will argue that the Consumer Price Index increases should be the upper boundary for municipal budget discussions.

Some who follow municipal governance closely are concerned that this budget leaves large gaps in the funding of our infrastructure and services.

The municipal roads budget got a big boost this year, but it was nowhere near enough to cover the increase in costs the department faces for materials and services. The roads budget will probably need an equally large boost again next year just to get its head above water. If we actually want improvements, it will take another large boost beyond that.

Then there’s infrastructure. The Meeting Agenda for our Council’s Feb 5 Special Budget Meeting included a list of

84 “built” assets the municipality owns or is responsible for.

A few of them have been built in the current century — Lion’s Head lighthouse, the Ferndale information centre, some recycling buildings and washrooms and a couple of sand domes.

But there is also a daunting list of 19th century buildings — the Rotary Hall in Lion’s Head, the SS#2 Schoolhouse/Museum in Tobermory, the two pioneer cabins at that museum and Tobermory Library. All of these require or will require significant investments to keep them serviceable but every one of them is different and presents unique challenges. For challenges, read “long hours of staff time figuring out how to solve problems and estimating budgets”.

The rest of the 84 built infrastructure items date from the 20th century; many of them were built between 1945 and 1975, a 30-year period in which the populations of Ontario and Canada doubled. Almost by definition, they do not meet modern building and safety codes, which means every repair, renovation or improvement is complicated. Once again — long hours of staff time figuring out how to solve problems and estimating budgets.

Our municipal “built infrastructure” — our buildings and facilities — are becoming increasingly inadequate as our population increases. We don’t just need to fix the decrepit buildings we already have, we need to build new ones. A lot of them.

We desperately need a replacement for the Friendship Club building in Lion’s Head — it is used almost daily but it is a money pit. You could probably spend a quarter million just figuring out whether or not the walls could support the new roof it needs. Nobody remembers what’s under that panelling.

The Meeting Place building in Tobermory is also used almost daily. It needs a six-figure repair to its roof and HVAC systems. But if we make those repairs it will still be a clumsy, temporary building long past its designed lifespan.

Repairs and renovations to buildings have become much more expensive in recent years. Partly it’s the cost of materials. Partly it’s the new building codes. Partly it’s that wages have gone up across Canada. Partly it’s that dramatic local increases in the cost of housing have driven local wage costs up by more than the national average — nobody here can afford to work for minimum wage anymore because the cost of living is too high.

The costs of running our municipality have gone up a lot more than 10.21%. Somehow staff and Council will find a way to spread that money around

so that nothing actually falls down or washes out.

But even the 1% of the budget that will go into capital reserves doesn’t begin to address what is needed.

In concentrating on all the trees, we lost sight of the forest.

There is nothing in the budget to address the desperate need for a water system in Tobermory. (Guesstimate — \$60 million).

There is nothing in the budget to replace the (decrepit) Friendship Club, the undersize library or the logistical problems at the arena (a new complex solving these problems and a few more would be around \$25 million.)

There is nothing in the budget to get Lion’s Head municipal water to Ferndale. (I dunno — \$10 million maybe?)

There is nothing in the budget to address the need for a sewage system in Lion’s Head. And so forth.

Add it all up, it comes to somewhere over \$100 million. Amortize a hundred million at 5% over 25 years and the payments are around \$6 million per year.

We send \$8 million a year to Bruce County and don’t get much back.

Hmmm.

Letter: Powerful Public Opposition to Proposed Radiocommunication Tower

For our small Dyers Bay community, 2024’s holiday season brought some not-so festive news. On January 24th it was revealed to the public through the Bruce Peninsula Press that a company called Shared Tower Inc. proposes to install a 90m guyed radiocommunication tower at 75 Lindsay Rd. 40, right in the middle of our rural residential community. Alongside this announcement, citizens were asked to pose any concerns and inquiries - by January 26th.

Blindsided by this urgent news, residents were given only two short days to respond to proponent Shared Tower Inc. before the unexpected consultation period expired.

Responses from Shared Tower and the MNBP administrative staff were not forthcoming. Contacting council members directly, we were surprised to learn they, like the public, had no prior knowledge of the tower proposal.

Acting quickly, a concerned community member filed a Freedom

of Information request hoping to gain additional knowledge that was clearly not being communicated to either public or council. The FOI request troublingly revealed that MNBP administrative staff, as opposed to elected councilors, had been communicating with Shared Tower for well over a year.

Although pre consultation with Land Use Authorities is the essential first step in the approval process for such a project, prep work on the site had been physically underway for over a year without LUA ever having been notified.

When asked why neither council nor public had been informed, MNBP staff stated they determined council didn’t need to know about the proposal until government funded service CRINS (Canadian Radiocommunications Information Notification Service) submitted its report.

Unfortunately the FOI also revealed that Shared Tower and MNBP administrative staff were aware that

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Bruce County Public Library Seeks Feedback for Community Programming Survey

Media Release

Bruce County Public Library is excited to announce that it will be undertaking a comprehensive review of its programming offerings and is reaching out to the community for input. As part of this initiative, BCPL has launched online and in-person surveys to gather feedback from residents and patrons. Survey responses will be collected until the end of March.

The programming review aims to enhance BCPL services and ensure they align with the interests and needs of the community. By gathering input directly from those who currently wish to use or are already utilizing the Library’s resources, they hope to shape future programming to serve their diverse communities.

The online survey will be available through the Library website, while the in-person survey can be picked up at any of their 17 Branches, and on the Bookmobile. You can also access the survey directly at www.surveymonkey.com/r/JZ99QN9. Participants will have the opportunity to share their preferences, suggestions, and ideas. Together, we can create a vibrant and inclusive library experience for everyone.

Bruce County Public Library is committed to its role as a trusted community connector, digital community facilitator and community sharing place. Consisting of 17 Branches and a Bookmobile BCPL provides access to information, resources, and programs throughout Bruce County.

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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Meeting Minutes February 26, 2024

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

Members Absent: Mayor - Milt McIver, Chief Administrative Officer- Peggy Van Mierlo-West

Staff Present: Clerk - Cathy Addison, Committee/Licensing Coordinator - Lindsay Forbes, Treasurer - Teresa Shearer, GIS/IT Manager - Kara Smith, Chief Building Official - Wendy Elliott, Parks and Facilities Manager - Mark Coleman

Others Present: Bruce County Planner - Megan Stansfield, Planning Consultant - Ron Davidson (Zoom), Charlie Anderson, Dr. Laura Vanderaa (Zoom), Sheena Symington (Zoom), Dr. Magda Havas (Zoom)

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.

Note: In the absence of the ability to vote by a show of hands, in accordance with By-law No. 2023-89, Part III - Meetings, Section 64.3, Committee votes will be recorded for resolutions presented at electronic Committee meetings.

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

Following the adjournment of Committee of Adjustment Meeting No. 24-01, Deputy Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. and Council members were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof that may arise during the meeting.

Councillor Golden noted the following, "While I do not have a pecuniary interest, to avoid the perception of conflict, I will not comment on, or vote on any action, pertaining to Correspondence items 6 & 7 as it involves property owned by a sibling of mine".

Approval of the Agenda

#08-01-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That the content of the agenda be approved as presented.

The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:

Councillor Dowd Yes

Councillor Golden Yes

Councillor Sohrab Yes

Deputy Mayor Anderson Yes

The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.

Carried

Adoption of the Minutes

Re: Special Council Meeting No. 24-06, February 12, 2024.

#08-02-2024

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting No. 24-06, February 12, 2024, be approved as printed and circulated.

The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:

Councillor Dowd Yes

Councillor Golden Yes

Councillor Sohrab Yes

Deputy Mayor Anderson Yes

The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.

Carried

Re: Council Meeting No. 24-07, February 12, 2024.

#08-03-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That the minutes of Council Meeting No. 24-07, February 12, 2024, be approved as printed and circulated.

The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:

Councillor Dowd Yes

Councillor Golden Yes

Councillor Sohrab Yes

Deputy Mayor Anderson Yes

The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.

Carried

Public Meeting

Bruce County Planner, Megan Stansfield

Re: Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2024-001 (Hicks c/o Davidson)

Bruce County Planner, Megan Stansfield, appeared in person at the February 26, 2024, Council Meeting.

Deputy Mayor, Rod Anderson, welcomed Megan Stansfield to the meeting.

Megan Stansfield provided an overview of Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2024-001 (Hicks c/o Davidson), the following was noted;

- This application proposes to sever 11.47 hectares of farmland and merge this parcel with an abutting lot to create a 51.88 hectare farm; and, to retain a 26.36 hectare farm lot. No new lot will be created as a result of this lot line adjustment. This application further proposes to amend the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Zoning By-Law by reducing the minimum lot area requirement of the RU1 zone from 39 hectares to 26.36 hectares as required to facilitate the severance.

- This zoning by-law amendment is to permit an agricultural lot with a minimum lot area of 26.3 hectares. The zoning by-law requires a minimum lot area of 39 hectares for agricultural lots. The proposed amendment facilitates

the severance/lot addition of an approximately 11.5 ha portion of the property at 512 They Bury Road, and addition to the adjacent parcel. The resulting retained parcel will be 26.3 ha and, as demonstrated in the Planning Justification Report, the lot area is sufficient for the current and future use of the property, as a horse farm.

- The property is designated as Rural and Agricultural in the County Official Plan. The agricultural consent policies apply in this case and the provisions for a severance require that the severed and retained parcels are generally 40 hectares in size. The Official Plan allows for smaller lots provided that:

1. the severed and retained will be used for agriculture;
2. similar sized lots are unavailable within a 25km radius; and,
3. the size of each lot is suitable for the intended agricultural use.

- The Planning Justification Report details how the proposed retained lot still meets these requirements. In general,

1. the proposed retained lot is an established horse farm, which operates on a portion of the land, while the severed lot will continue use as a cropped field.
2. The retained 26 ha will be sufficient

for the use of a horse farm and it is unreasonable to assume that the operation could be moved to a different parcel, even if one was available.

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3. The retained horse farm is of sufficient size - the lot is generally larger than the average horse farm. The proposed severed parcel is not integral to the operation of the farm. The lands are currently being rented to the neighbour. This proposed amendment is not creating any new lots within the Agricultural designation, it is only re-aligning property boundaries to better fit the current and intended agricultural uses of the properties.

Planning Consultant, Ron Davidson, appeared via Zoom for the February 26, 2024, Council Meeting, and provided a brief overview of the information contained within the Planning Justification Report.

Deputy Mayor Anderson opened the public meeting at this time.

No public comments were received at this time.

Deputy Mayor Anderson thanked Megan Stansfield for her presentation.

#08-04-2024

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

That Council approve Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2024-001 by Hicks and the necessary by-law be forwarded to Council for adoption.

The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:

Councillor Dowd Yes

Councillor Golden Yes

Councillor Sohrab Yes

Deputy Mayor Anderson Yes

The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.

Carried

Delegation

Charlie Anderson

Re: Proposed radiocommunication tower at 75 Lindsay Road 40

Charlie Anderson appeared in person at the February 26, 2024, Council Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Anderson welcomed Charlie Anderson to the meeting.

A PowerPoint Presentation created by Charlie Anderson was presented

to Council regarding the Proposed radiocommunication tower at 75 Lindsay Road 40.

Information contained within the presentation outlined the following:

- Insufficient public consultation process
- Lack of meaningful public consultation
- Lack of justification for development
- Impairment of the natural and cultural heritage features of Dyers Bay
- Health and Safety unknowns

Mrs. Anderson asked for a member of Council to make a motion to vote for non-concurrence due to the insufficient public consultation process regarding the proposed radiocommunication tower.

Deputy Mayor Anderson thanked Charlie Anderson for her presentation.

Deputy Mayor Anderson, noted that legal consultation is being obtained.

Councillor Golden further noted that the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula is solely a commenting agency regarding the proposed project.

Dr. Laura Vanderaa, Sheena Symington and Dr. Magda Havas (Zoom)

Re: Creating a low RF zone in the Dyers Bay area

Dr. Laura Vanderaa, Sheena Symington and Dr. Magda Havas appeared via Zoom at the February 26, 2024, Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Anderson welcomed Dr. Laura Vanderaa, Sheena Symington and Dr. Magda Havas to the meeting.

A presentation was provided to Council regarding the benefits of a low radio frequency community.

Several links to resources were contained within the presentation regarding electromagnetic injury and the corresponding human health effects of radio frequency radiation.

The benefits associated with the establishment of a low radio frequency area were presented to Council. The following was noted;

- They provide choice which equates to accessibility and connectivity for all
- They provide digital detox opportunities which can result in increased tourism
- They provide a safe area for young families
- They provide a safe haven for plants and animals

Technologies which facilitate connectivity within a low radio frequency zone were noted as follows;

- Fibre Optics
- Starlink
- Wireless boosters for residents who desire wireless technology in their homes
- VOIP
- Wifi calling
- Satellite phones
- Cell boosters

Committee and Licensing Coordinator, Lindsay Forbes, left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

An overview of the proposed location for the low radio frequency area was presented to Council.

Committee and Licensing Coordinator, Lindsay Forbes, returned to the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

It was noted that the proposed location encompasses a community outside of Dyers Bay, commencing at Crane Lake Road and extending to the end of Lindsay Road 40.

Deputy Mayor Anderson thanked Dr. Laura Vanderaa, Sheena Symington and Dr. Magda Havas, for their presentation.

It was noted that Health Canada should be contacted regarding this request as it appears outside the scope of local government.

Sheena Symington noted that she would offer her assistance regarding the creation of a low radio frequency zone.

Consideration of Agenda Items

1. Chief Building Official Report No. BD 24-03

Re: No Demand for Services Site Plan Control Agreement

Owner: Mr. Sean Charles Skinkle

Town Plot Bury WBR Pt Lot 6 RP 3R173 Part 17, 43 China Cove Road

Assessment Roll No. 4109-680-004-11514-0000

Property Identifier Number (PIN): 33100-0152(LT)

#08-05-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That, registration of a No Demand for Services Site Plan Control Agreement requested by Mr. Sean Charles Skinkle, owner of the property legally described as Town Plot Bury WBR Pt Lot 6 RP 3R173 Part 17 and located at 43 China Cove Road, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula be approved.

The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:

Councillor Dowd Yes

Councillor Golden Yes

Councillor Sohrab Yes

Deputy Mayor Anderson Yes

The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.

Carried

2. Chief Building Official Report No. BD 24-04

Re: Lift Holding (H) Zone

Owner: Mr. Sean Charles Skinkle

Town Plot Bury WBR Pt Lot 6 RP 3R173 Part 17, 43 China Cove Road

Assessment Roll No. 4109-680-004-11514-0000

#08-06-2024

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

That the removal of the Holding “H” zone requested by Mr. Sean Charles Skinkle of the property legally described as Town Plot Bury WBR Pt Lot 6 RP 3R173 Part 17 (St. Edmunds);43 China Cove Road, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula be approved, and;

The passage of By-law No. 2024-18 being a by-law to lift the Holding “H” zone, at its Council meeting on Monday March 11, 2024.

The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:

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

The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.

Carried

3. Parks and Facilities Manager Report No. PF 24-03

Re: Grant Funding Applications

Discussion ensued regarding the submission of a grant application for the Tobermory Meeting Place in light of the outstanding Council review of the property concerning long-term objectives.

Discussion ensued regarding the grant funding application process and associated timelines for the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

#08-07-2024

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

That Council receives Parks and Facilities Report PF 24-03 regarding Grant Funding Applications as information; and

That Council concurs with the noted funding applications.

The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:

Councillor Dowd Yes

Councillor Golden Yes
Councillor Sohrab Yes
Deputy Mayor Anderson Yes

The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.

Carried

4. Chief Administrative Officer Report No. 24-07

Re: Municipal Accommodation Tax Proposed Amendments

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendments to the Municipal Accommodation Tax program.

It was noted that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula initially implemented the Municipal Accommodation Tax on all accommodation providers.

Discussion ensued regarding the exemption of campgrounds and amending the proposed effective date of the program to facilitate education for accommodation owners regarding the remittance requirement.

Discussion ensued regarding the implementation of a year-round Municipal Accommodation Tax or a seasonal implementation for the proposed accommodation providers.

A breakdown of the estimated revenue from the proposed expansion of the Municipal Accommodation Tax was requested by Council.

Discussion ensued regarding a reduction of the Municipal Accommodation Tax to 2% for accommodations captured within the proposed expansion of the Municipal Accommodation Tax Program.

#08-08-2024

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

That Council receives the report titled Municipal Accommodation Tax Proposed Amendments for discussion, and;

That Council supports the expansion of the Municipal Accommodation Tax to include hotels, motels, hostels, boarding house, lodge, cabin, Inn, resort, lodging or room house, bed and breakfast, or other establishments providing lodging, or in all or part of a dwelling; and

That campgrounds and marinas will be exempt from the Municipal Accommodation Tax; and

That Staff will bring a report back to Council with further information pertaining to an effective date of January 1, 2025, for the expansion of the Municipal Accommodation Tax Program with a possible remittance amount reduced to 2% for this expansion to the March 11, 2024, Council Meeting.

The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:

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

The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.

Carried

5. Accounts Payable Voucher Re: December 2023

Clarification was provided by the Treasurer regarding payments for the Discovery Pass and the Second Dwellers Refund.

Discussion ensued regarding the \$40,408.80 paid to Salter Pilon Architecture for the Lion’s Head Arena Project in December 2023.

It was noted that Salter Pilon Architecture issue bills as work is ongoing.

#08-09-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives approved Accounts Payable Voucher for December 2023, in the amount of \$4,360,996.26.

The Clerk proceeded to call and record

the votes of Council:

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

The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.

Carried

6. Accounts Payable Voucher Re: January 2024

#08-10-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives approved Accounts Payable Voucher for January 2024, in the amount of \$3,443,486.50.

The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:

Councillor Dowd Yes
Councillor Golden Yes

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Councillor Sohrab Yes
Deputy Mayor Anderson Yes
The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.
Carried
7. Climate Action and Waste Diversion Committee

Re: Information requested regarding December 14, 2023, Climate Action and Waste Diversion Committee Minutes Climate Lens Policy - Accepted by Council on May 9, 2022 - Resolution No. 13-02-2022

#08-11-2024
Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd
That Council receives Agenda Item #7 Climate Action and Waste Diversion Committee Re: Information requested regarding December 14, 2023, Climate Action and Waste Diversion Committee Minutes Climate Lens Policy - Accepted by Council on May 9, 2022 - Resolution No. 13-02-2022, as information.
The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:
Councillor Dowd Yes
Councillor Golden Yes
Councillor Sohrab Yes
Deputy Mayor Anderson Yes
The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.
Carried
Other Business – Nil.

Correspondence

1. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program (Information)
Re: 2024 Event Schedule
2. Cleanfarms (Information)
Re: Funding Expiring for Cleanfarms Agricultural Plastics Recovery Project in Bruce County
3. Dan Cuff (Information)
Re: Short-term Rentals
4. Kendra Platt and John Hudson (Information)
Re: Amendments to the STA Program regarding minimum night stays
5. Ministry of Transportation (Information)
Re: Licence Plate Renewal
6. Bob Blackburn (Information)
Re: Response to CAO
Having declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor Golden did not participate in this portion of the meeting.
7. Brent Robins (Information)
Re: The Gap
#08-12-2024

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab
That correspondence items # 6 and #7 be received as information as printed and circulated.
The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:
Councillor Dowd Yes
Councillor Sohrab Yes
Deputy Mayor Anderson Yes
The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.
Carried
8. Resolution - Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group (Information)
Re: Wind Turbine Projects
Councillor Golden returned to the meeting at this time.
9. Resolution - Township of Ramara (Information)
Re: Request for Province of Ontario and AMO Social and Economic Prosperity Review to Promote the Stability and Sustainability of Municipal Finances
10. Resolution - Town of Petrolia (Information)
Re: Return to combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences
#08-13-2024
Moved by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd
That the correspondence items #1-5 and 8, 9, and 10 be received as information as printed and circulated.
The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:
Councillor Dowd Yes
Councillor Golden Yes
Councillor Sohrab Yes
Deputy Mayor Anderson Yes

The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.
Carried
Reading of By-laws
By-law 2024-10
Being A By-Law to Establish and Appoint Members to an Ad Hoc Museum Committee for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula
By-law 2024-13

Being a By-law for a Service Agreement between Top Defence Security and the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula
By-law 2024-14
Being a By-Law to Authorize the Closure and Conveyance of Unopened Road Allowance known as Part 3, Part 6, and Part 8 on Registered Plan 3M-199 and Plan 3R-10663 Part of Greenough Point Road (former Lindsay Township)
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PIN 33114-0360 (LT) Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

By-law 2024-19

Being A By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council Meeting of The Corporation of The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Held Monday, February 26, 2024

#08-14-2024

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

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

The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:

Councillor Dowd Yes

Councillor Golden Yes

Councillor Sohrab Yes

Deputy Mayor Anderson Yes

The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.

Carried

Closed Session – Nil.

Adjournment

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#08-15-2024

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

That the meeting adjourns at 2:55 p.m.

The Clerk proceeded to call and record the votes of Council:

Councillor Dowd Yes

Councillor Golden Yes

Councillor Sohrab Yes

Deputy Mayor Anderson Yes

The Clerk announced that the motion was carried.

Carried

Happenings at Lion’s Head Legion Branch 202

Submitted by Sharron Colter, PRO and Secretary

The Lion’s Head Legion, Branch 202 is looking forward to welcoming the Old Schoolhouse Seniors as they return to their monthly lunch and dinner schedule starting in April. The first meeting and luncheon will be held on Tuesday April 2nd at 11:30 – 1:30 a.m. Please rsvp to Peter and Janice Jackson at janjackson260@gmail.com or 519-793-3589.

The Bruce Men’s Shed continues to meet on Monday mornings at 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. for coffee and connecting with others. If you attend, you will find out about the upcoming hikes and other planned events. Bruce Men’s Shed will also meet on Saturday March 16th at 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Legion. To support the Bruce Men’s Shed, a grant was presented from the Retired Teachers of Ontario, (RTOERO).

The S.W.A.N.S. meet at the Legion on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. with the Legion Ladies Auxiliary catering their dinner meeting at 7:00 p.m. (not in July and August).

The Legion has continued to be home for the Ferndale and Lion’s Head Lions Club. The Lions have their meetings and dinners catered by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (not in July and August).

All groups are not-for-profit. They contribute to the Northern Bruce Peninsula to ensure age-friendly initiatives. All groups are looking for new members and volunteers to continue their not-for-profit activities. These activities make the Northern Bruce Peninsula a better community for all. Each group has a role in their community to strengthen communication, health and wellness for all.

If you are interested in stretching yourself beyond your comfort level, meet new likeminded people, and to contribute your strengths and talents to an organization consider contacting one or two of the groups mentioned above and become involved in your community. Phone 519-793-3473 or e-mail dshcolter@eastlink.ca for more information. Volunteering in your community is good for one’s own health and wellness.

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The Legion General Membership meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. Plan to become a member to help with activities at the Legion, to help veterans and their families and their community.

On Saturday May 4, 2024 there will be a spaghetti dinner and a silent auction beginning at 5:00 p.m. for social and 6:00 p.m. for dinner. The silent auction will be open from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. for bidding. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

The proceeds from the dinner and the silent auction will be donated to the Peninsula District School’s Grade 11 and Grade 12 students’ trip to Europe in May 2025 for the “80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland by the Canadian Military.”

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To the Tub with Love Annual Dinner April 18th

Submitted by Rev. Sheryl Spencer

Tobermory United was the site of a wonderful service marking the World Day of Prayer on March 1. This service is prepared each year by writing teams in different parts of the world. The 2024 writing team was from Palestine, and so it was meaningful and poignant to hear the voices of Palestinian women, especially at this time.

Many church folk from the northern peninsula collaborated to celebrate this service, and it was delightful to work together. Not only that, but over \$800.00 was collected in the offering to go to the Women’s Inter-Church Council, which not only supports the World Day of Prayer in Canada, but also distributes funds through grants to projects that support women and children all over the country.

A study on Brene Brown’s book The Gifts of Imperfection has been in progress at Tobermory United since mid February. This initiative is also a collaboration, being led by Pastor Janaki Bandara, Rev. Mona Goulette and me. Between 10 and 16 participants have been involved each week, taking part in reflection and focused conversations, most in person, and some via Zoom. One gift of the pandemic has certainly been the introduction of electronic participation in events when in-person attendance is not possible. The study ends March 21.

The snow has disappeared, the sun shines brighter and longer and Holy Week is not far off. Tobermory United is honoured to host a performance of the Easter Cantata Choir’s performance of “In His Place: Remembering Christ’s Sacrifice of Love” on the evening of March 24. We will also hold a Maundy Thursday service on March 28 at 7:00 p.m. This is a quiet, contemplative service remembering Jesus’ last supper with his friends. Preparations are also underway for the celebration of Easter on March 31. Can you say flowers? Can you say music? There will be an abundance of both!

Tobermory United is also looking forward to being part of *To the Tub with Love*, the annual dinner hosted by the four churches in the community in gratitude for the community’s support of the churches and also the Community Outreach Fund. Mark your calendars for April 18, 5 to 7 at the Tobermory Community Centre.

Blessings to all for meaning and joy at Easter!

Rev. Sheryl Spencer is minister at Tobermory United Church.



Photo: Some of the collaborators for the World Day of Prayer, held at Tobermory United on March 1. (L-R) Lee Bartley, Maureen Sloat, Ruth Smith, Tammy Farah, Elaine White, Rev. Sheryl Spencer, Laine Ehrhardt, Barbara Zych, Marlene (Mazie) Davies.

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BPDS Panthers Leapt into Action This February!

Submitted by Emily Cameron

The fact that February 2024 was a leap year suited Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) just fine because we leapt into all sorts of activities the past few weeks.

February 28 was Pink Shirt Day, and staff and students threw on their various shades of pink to show their support of anti-bullying initiatives. In fact, Elementary students have been focused on UN Goals related to inclusion by exploring how to reduce inequalities. They created a kindness board on which students can take or leave a kindness note to brighten someone's day. For Valentine's Day, Elementary students created a display filled with hearts and kind messages.

Speaking of Valentine's Day, Secondary students also got in on the theme of spreading kindness by selling candygrams at lunch. Staff and students could purchase a small envelope of treats and write a kind note to the receiver. Candygrams were delivered at the end of the day by members of the Student Council, along with a complementary cup of hot chocolate. There was also a friendly staff vs student volleyball game at lunch for grades 6-12 – which was a lot of fun!

There have been so many extracurricular activities, it has been hard to keep track of them all – but let's try! On February 22, James Wheeler participated in OFSAA skiing and placed 11 out of 121 skiers. Way to go James! On February 7, several secondary students attended an 'After Graduation' event at Georgian College with Mrs. E Cameron where they got to tour the college and learn about some of Georgian's state-of-the-art programming. There was an Elementary Winter Carnival held on March 1, and on March 3 the Elementary Choir sang 'Oh Canada' at the Lion's Head Skating Club's year end Showcase. Secondary Outers went to Winter Camp at the OEC from February 21-23 and the weather was fantastic! The secondary gym class went Curling on March 5 and would like to give a big shout out to the Lion's Head Curling Club for volunteering their time and expertise. On March 6, we held our first annual Pawprints Festival at which students in grades 7-12 could try out a variety of skill-based activities and learn about different careers including trades, policing, theatre, textiles, art, and fitness. We would like to thank Kiem Barnes, Constable Belanger and Constable Linthorne, Michelle Mink, and BWDSB and the Grey Bruce OYAP Trades Trailer for running sessions. Both Students' Councils participated in March Madness dress up days leading up to the March break including Matching Monday, Tropical Tuesday and Western Wednesday. We wrapped it all up with the Crepe Breakfast Fundraiser for the Secondary 2025 Europe trip and Elementary skating. We sure have been busy!

On March 5, students participated in the annual Legion Public Speaking competition. There were so many great topics. Thank you to Kim White and Legion members, as well as our judges.



Photo: BPDS students and staff participated in Pink Day against bullying on February 28th.

- The following students placed:
- Primary:**
- 1st - Carmen Lyle
 - 2nd - Kellie Thomson
 - 3rd - Cora Stewart and Tucker Tackaberry
- Junior:**
- 1st - Mabel Cameron
 - 2nd - Trent Lyle
 - 3rd - Owen Cameron
- Intermediate:**
- 1st - Veer Choudray
 - 2nd - Scarlet Whittaker
 - 3rd - Kaylin McAfee
- 1st place winners are off to the next competition March 23 in Owen Sound.

In athletics, Elementary boys and girls Basketball teams have started practicing. BPDS will be hosting the North Bluewater Girl's Tournament in the coming weeks. Both Elementary and Secondary Badminton have started up and the gym is a busy place these days.

We have over 40 Secondary Co-op students this semester completing a variety of work placements in fields such as construction, welding, culinary, education, and administration. We are thankful to all local businesses who lend their time to our students and provide opportunities to learn valuable skills. THANK YOU!

Play rehearsals are well underway! Mark your calendars for Heist Quest for the weekend of April 18-21. More information about this hilarious comedy and ticket sales will be published in the next BPDS submission for the Bruce Peninsula Press.

- Other upcoming dates/ events include:**
- March 18 – Elmira Chicken orders are due (to support the grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip)
 - March 21 – Special presentation and wilderness workshop hosted by Wyatt Black who was the second-place contestant on this year's season of the tv show Alone.
 - March 21 – Let is Sow orders are due (to support the 2025 Europe Trip)
 - Friday March 22 – Secondary Interim Reports will go home
 - March 26 and 27 –

- Secondary Outer's First Aid Training
- March 27 – Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews PM
 - March 29 and April 1 – Easter Weekend (no school on either of these 2 days)
- Please continue to check the school's Facebook Page for more updates and pictures.



Photo: Crepe Breakfast patrons.



Photo: At the first annual Pawprints Festival students in grades 7-12 could try out a variety of skill-based activities and learn about different careers including trades, policing, theatre, textiles, art, and fitness.



Photo: Public Speaking Speech winners



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Bruce Men's Shed Spring Into Action

Submitted by The Bruce Men's Shed

As spring arrives today (March 19) we are gearing up for outdoor activities and to that end we are building bat houses for our resident species, the little brown bat and the big brown bat.

Based on recommendations from Canadian bat specialist Karen Vanderwolf of the University of Waterloo, we designed and built a number of three-chamber houses that will be installed and monitored by Nature Conservancy Canada on properties on the Bruce Peninsula. We will also be making smaller versions that homeowners might want to purchase as well.



Photo: Lee Brown with the prototype bat box.

With so many skills within our group, we want to make a point of teaching while we gather to build these houses. We learned about operating a radial arm saw, a table saw, and using a table saw to run dado grooves in the wood. The dado slots make for a perfect fit. I'm sure that the bats will really love the boxes.

We learned techniques for gluing up and nailing the boxes together using a pneumatic nailer. Lee Brown, who is a dynamo in the workshop, walked us through the steps from start to finish. Michael kindly let us use his workshop to do final assembly, in a warm space too!

Next month Bruce Men's Shed will celebrate its first full year and we are planning a breakfast event to be held at the Lion's Head Legion noted at the end of this article. At a kickoff breakfast in April last year we had 44 men come out. At that time we had about 15 members, and now almost a year later, we count more than 70 and over one third are regular attendees.

Our latest venture, cooking/baking classes led by Chris Koos got off to a soft start. Soft in that a few guys got together in test classes to make what Chris calls "breakfast boats" the first week and muffins and scones the next week. I can attest that they were delicious.

In preparation for our anniversary breakfast we will continue sampling recipes that we can duplicate the morning of the April meeting.

In coincidental timing, a few of us attended a webinar hosted by Men's Sheds Ontario, the topic was "Nutrition for Senior Men" which of course applies to all seniors.



Photo: The bat boxes were a great learning experience on design and assembly.



Photo: Bruce Men's Shed members preparing breakfast boats.

Tuesday afternoons when the kitchen is available we will hold more cooking classes, contact us if you would like to join in!

- Weekly Meeting: Monday Morning Coffee from 9-11am,
- Monthly Meeting: Third Saturday each month from 9-11am, at Legion 202

on highway 6 just north of Ferndale. Doors open at 8:30am.

For further information about the Men's Shed movement and the Bruce Men's Shed reach us at brucemensshed@gmail.com or call Gerry at (519) 793-3005 or check us out on FaceBook and YouTube.

SWANS Induct 2024 Executive

SERVICE – WE ASSIST, NURTURE, SUPPORT

Submitted by Bonnie Warder

February was a quiet time for the SWANS but that's okay, the rest will do us good.

We returned to a regular monthly meeting in March and there was a lot of energy in the hall. President Cathy McLay welcomed three prospective members to the meeting. We enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by the Lion's Head Legion Ladies and then got right down to business because there was a long agenda.

The members discussed a few requests for catering and Conveners were signed up to make the necessary arrangements.

Dannah Oliver performed the induction ceremony for the 2024 Executive of Peninsula SWANS. They look like a fun group!

Annual Fashion Show to be held May 9th

SPRING means FASHION SHOW! The groundwork is completed and the members were updated. The fundraising show will be held on May 9th in the Auditorium at the arena in Lion's Head. The theme is "Okay Barbie, Let's Go Party!" The decorating committee will work hard to make you think you are in Barbie Land and it promises to be a fun evening. Keep posted for further details in the next edition.

If you are looking for a way to meet new people and have some fun making a difference in our community, please text/call Roberta Mielhausen at 519-374-4110.



Photo Credit: Kelly Grant

Photo L-R: 2024 SWANS Executive – Dannah Oliver, Director, Bonnie Warder, Media, Lindsay deMalmanche, Director, Roberta Mielhausen, Secretary, Cathy McLay, President, Jane Clayton, Past President. Overlooking from the back row is Gail Preston, Luncheon Convenor.

Missing from photo are Bev Miller, Treasurer and Katie Reimer-Catteau, Director.



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1.8 ACRES ON DORCAS BAY

This 1.8 Acre parcel offers a circular driveway in place. Located on a paved year-round maintained roadway, with hydro at the roadside. Listen to the waves of Lake Huron nearby. Only a short distance away is a communal boat launch and public water access.

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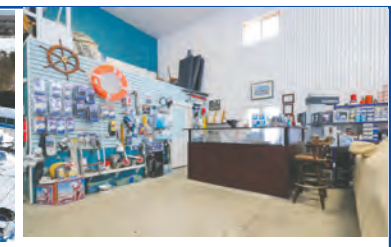


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came up on two separate occasions later in the Meeting: an extension of the Municipal Accommodation Tax and a renegotiation of MNBP’s contributions to Bruce County.

4% MAT Will Apply to Motels, Hotels for 2025

One of this Council’s objectives is to find ways to make “tourism pay for tourism”. Property owners have long complained that it was unfair to pay for tourism-related expenses — washrooms, parking lots, bylaw enforcement, emergency response — out of property tax revenues. In a move to address this, the 2018-22 Council implemented a 4% Municipal Accommodation Tax on Short-Term Accommodations, aka STAs. (STAs are residential properties that are rented commercially for periods of less than 30 days.) After much discussion, the current Council voted on March 11 to extend the 4% MAT to hotels, motels, hostels, cabins, cottages and Bed and Breakfasts, (but not on campgrounds or marinas) beginning Jan 1, 2025.

Council members were not entirely comfortable with this decision. Councillor Todd Dowd pointed out that a lot of commercial operators oppose this, despite the fact that their Chamber of Commerce will benefit (half of MAT revenues must be given to a tourism-supporting organization, Tobermory Chamber of Commerce in this instance). He noted that he had yet to hear any suggestion of an alternative way of generating comparable amounts of revenue.

Mayor McIver noted that the business community wants to know where the MAT revenues will be spent.

Councillor Smokey Golden stated that Council had received many presentations in recent years; opposition to this kind of initiative is not new. STA operators resisted the licencing initiative and the MAT just as commercial operators are resisting now. “It’s fair to say there are mixed feelings.” She pointed out that Council had agreed at its last meeting not to implement the MAT extension in 2024 but in the long term, MNBP needs to “bite the bullet — I’m not sure we’ll ever get 100% support.”

Councillor Aman Sohrab is Council’s representative on Tobermory Chamber of Commerce; he has been privy to business reaction to the proposed changes. He argued for implementing a 2% MAT on commercial operators, not 4%. He suggested that commercial operators pay commercial taxes and have to meet many onerous regulations from which STAs are exempt. The 2% reduction was a matter of fairness. Councillor Golden agreed that it would be good to meet businesses part way. She felt that adding 4% to a bill might make a difference between people coming and not coming, whereas 2% “seems innocuous”.

Councillor Sohrab suggested that MNBP could always raise it from 2% to 4% at a later date. Mayor McIver argued that if you’re going to 4%, you might as well start there.

Treasurer Teresa Shearer explained that charging two different rates would introduce a lot of complication. Many residential properties are owned and operated by commercial accommodators. What rate do you charge them and how do you decide? She suggested a single rate is preferable. In the end, Council followed her suggestion.

Tracking the \$8 Million/Year We Send to Bruce County

Under “Other Business”, Deputy Mayor Anderson once again raised the issue of tracking what we contribute to Bruce County. After completing the 2024 budget process, “we realize it will be a bit of a struggle as years go on”. He pointed out that Bruce County gets as much of

Weekend in Warton’s Bluewater Park located on the beautiful shores of Colpoys Bay.

With the annual Warton Rotary Village Fair having been cancelled after 82+ years, local Service Clubs and Community Organizations have

our tax money as we do and strongly recommended that we do a cost/benefit analysis on that money. He asked other Council members for feedback.

Mayor McIver agreed that a cost/benefit analysis was a good idea. He asked if a consultant should be engaged to conduct it.

CAO Peggy Van Mierlo-West stated that staff would love to do this themselves, but it is simply too large an undertaking. She offered to prepare a report for Council’s next Meeting with information concerning costs.

Councillor Dowd wondered if we could put the shoe on the other foot and get the county to tell us what they give us. The Deputy Mayor argued against this, suggesting that “it would be interesting to compare our numbers with theirs”. Mayor McIver agreed, noting that he had discussed this with county administrators, asking for a summary of county expenditures in MNBP. “They are counting on doing that,” he said, “but I think it’s important that we do it too”.

Councillor Golden was cautious about spending money on this and wondered what the possible outcomes might be. Is it legally possible to leave the county?

The Mayor suggested a more nuanced approach. If there’s a huge discrepancy between what we’re sending and what we’re getting back, we have to prove it. Just saying we’re getting a raw deal isn’t enough. But we also need to look at reality — what is possible?

The CAO explained that other small municipalities have tried to de-amalgamate and have found that they could not do it. “But we can evaluate what we are getting in services; should we find that there are discrepancies and want to change that, we can start a negotiating process with the county”. Are the various county services a benefit to us? If not, why are we contributing to them? “We need to have that conversation. My belief is that at the end of this process, we will end up with a better relationship with the county.”

The CAO will bring a report to the next Council Meeting suggesting next steps and anticipated costs.

Proposed Communications Tower on Lindsay Rd 40

Shared Tower Inc proposes to install a telecommunications tower at 75 Lindsay Road 40 (the first concession north of Dyers Bay Road). The proposal has run into stiff resistance from some local residents and landowners. In letters and delegations to Council, they cite numerous studies linking microwave towers to health concerns, even cancers. They also claim the public consultation process was not conducted properly.

Shared Tower presented to Council on Feb 12. They stated that Federal regulations require that microwave radiation be kept to less than 2% of the level shown to cause harm. The Shared Tower facility will introduce a further safety margin — it will be limited to 2% of the amount they are permitted. They presented 62 letters of support.

On March 11, MNBP Council received a delegation of four presenters opposing the tower. (Their documentation can be found online in the Agenda for the Mar 11 Meeting.)

After the presentations, Councillor Golden kicked off the discussion by stating that her only concern was whether the consultation process was compliant. “The science is not for us to decide.”

Mayor McIver agreed that there is a process to follow. Council is waiting on a staff report as to whether the process followed the rules.

The CAO stated that there are a few things Council is waiting on, one of which is a letter from the municipality’s lawyer addressing whether or not to start over.

come together to create: “Warton Homecoming Weekend”

This new event with activities for all ages will take place on the Saturday and Sunday of the Civic Holiday Weekend (August 3-4, 2024.)

Planning is well underway with many local Community Organizations set to participate.

To date, the following events/activities are confirmed:

- Tournaments: Baseball, Pickleball, Horseshoes and Corn Hole
- Market Vendors: 30-40
- Display Booths: 15+ Community Organizations
- Classic Car Show: Saturday
- Demonstrations: Both days
- Food Booth: Both days
- Pie Booth: Both days
- Pig Roast: Saturday evening
- Pancake Breakfast: Sunday morning
- Beer Garden: To be hosted in conjunction with a Saturday night concert

Tobermory Legion Br 290 News Elections to be Held at April 9th Meeting

Submitted by Judy Hurst

Springtime is here! After a winter that has seen a lot of activity at the branch, we are now looking towards the warmer days, and the official busy season at the branch. Which brings us to the annual call for volunteers.

Saturday night dances have been a longstanding tradition at the branch in the summer, bringing in much needed revenue to the branch and providing a space where people can come out, have some fun and dance the night away. It was discussed at the March meeting that we would like to attempt to return to having a dance every Saturday night of the summer season (July and August at least) but to do that, we will need more people to volunteer their time to work the event. If you have your smartserve, we could use you! We will need bartenders, door people and a floater to assist with picking up empties throughout the evening, mopping up spills as they happen and generally making sure people are being respectful. Ideally, we will have enough people so that no one has to work every event, so that no one burns out. If you need further details or if you know someone who might be qualified, please reach out to Ways and Means Chair, Judy Hurst at runjude@gmail.com

Speaking of events. This March has been a little quieter at the branch, but that doesn’t mean that things aren’t happening. Regular events are still going on, with Darts on Thursdays, Meat Draw on Saturday afternoons and Bingo, hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary at the Tobermory Community Centre on Mondays.

Sip & Paint March 24th

On Sunday March 24th at 1pm we will be hosting another Sip and Paint event, hosted once again by

-Kids Zone: Free activities for children on Sunday afternoon

-Musical Entertainment: Concert (Pop/Rock) in the new Band Shell on Saturday night; Classical Music on Sunday afternoon

-Games: For all ages

-AND..., there are several other events and activities in process.

Local Non-profit Organizations and Charities are being provided an opportunity to showcase their work in the community with information displays. People interested in learning more about how they can contribute to the community are encouraged to speak with these groups to ask about membership or volunteer opportunities.

The Organizing Committee continues to plan for this first of what is expected to become an annual Warton Homecoming Weekend event.

Updates will be posted to the event’s social media sites as they become available. Follow on Facebook and Instagram at Warton Homecoming Weekend.

Sarah Gowland, who will guide the participants through creating their own painting to take home. Cost of the event is \$60 and spots are filling up. Pre-Registration is required and can be done at the branch or by sending an e-transfer for the payment to donate@tobermorylegion.org with a note that it is for the Sip and Paint event.

Notice of Motion Vote/ Elections to be Held April 9th

At the March 12th meeting a motion was made, and seconded that we revert back to the original rule at the branch requiring all guests and members to remove their hats upon entering the branch. The motion is on the table and will be voted on by secret ballot at the April 9th meeting. You must be at the meeting to be able to vote.

While we understand that there are many in the community that have strong feelings about this issue, we request that people remember to be kind to each other while we go through this process.

Elections are set for the next meeting on April 9th where we will be voting for a new President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary. If you are curious about the tasks or the workload expected from any of these positions, you are encouraged to speak to a member who has held the position in the past for information on what to expect. Ideally, more than one person is nominated for each position to give the membership a choice in the leadership of the branch.

The next general meeting will be at 4pm on April 9th. Please plan to attend. As members of this community, this is your legion, and if you want to have a say in it’s direction, you need to show up and vote.

WELCOME TO THE BRUCE.

To Daniel and Mica, a warm welcome we send,

To Dorcas Bay's shores where the waters blend.

Nestled on the Bruce, where the cedars grow tall,

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Lion's Head Skaters Compete at Provincial Series Competitions

Submitted by Lion's Head Skating Club

Lion's Head skaters attended Provincial Series Competitions in Stratford, Milton and Brampton this season.

Skaters set their personal best in Milton and they all beat their personal best in Brampton.

Visit www.brucepeninsulapress.com for more photos.



Photo Right: Ryder Anderson Burley with Coach, Cindy McMann.



Photo L-R: Skaters from the Lion's Head Skating Club Elizabeth Davies, Jordan McMann, Hadee McDonald, and Brielle Lawrence.

Upcoming SOK Talk Sheds Light on Sustainable Tourism and Bruce Trail Conservation Efforts

Submitted by Leslie McBeth, Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Communications Director

The Sources of Knowledge (SOK)Board, in collaboration with the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club (PBTC), invites the community to a presentation focused on sustainable tourism and conservation efforts along the Peninsula section of the Bruce Trail. This free event will be held at the National Park Visitor Centre located at 120 Chi sin tib dek Rd, Tobermory, on Thursday, April 4, 2023, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

In 2020, the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club (PBTC) observed a significant increase in foot traffic along its trails and conservation areas. With Ontario residents seeking respite in nature during challenging times, the trails saw an influx of visitors, many of whom were unfamiliar with wilderness trail etiquette and conservation practices. This unprecedented surge in visitor numbers posed unique challenges, particularly as certain parts of the Bruce Trail, previously known for being tranquil waypoints, suddenly became popular destinations.

Facing these challenges, the PBTC collaborated with various stakeholders, including the Sustainable Tourism Advisory Group (STAG), formed by the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula, Bruce Peninsula National Park, Ontario Parks, and RTO7. This partnership aimed to develop sustainable tourism strategies, manage visitor traffic, and protect the natural beauty and integrity of the trail and its surrounding areas.

The upcoming presentation will highlight the journey of the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club from 2020 to the present, discussing the challenges faced, the collaborative efforts undertaken with local stakeholders, and the strategies developed for sustainable tourism and trail conservation. Attendees will also learn about future plans to ensure the continued enjoyment and preservation of the Peninsula section of the Bruce Trail.

This event aims to be an educational experience for all, from seasoned hikers to those newly interested in exploring the great outdoors. It is a unique opportunity to gain insight into the collective efforts being made to balance the benefits of tourism with the need to preserve our natural heritage. Whether you're a local resident, a conservation enthusiast, or simply someone who loves the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula, this presentation is not to be missed. Join us to support and learn more about sustainable tourism and the conservation of one of Ontario's most cherished natural landscapes.

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Broadfoot/Lemcke Tournament
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The tournament culminated in a celebration of hockey and community spirit, with numerous standout performances and memorable moments. While every team displayed

commendable effort, there were five exceptional performances which were honored with coveted trophies:

- EPH Division Trophy: The Zamboni Drivers**
- Top Goalie Trophy: Gotlin Burt**
- Walsh Garage Division Trophy: Bridges**
- Fair Play Trophy: Liverances**
- Rydall Contracting Division Trophy: Dump and Chase**

Adding to the festivities, a lively homecoming dance extended well into the wee hours, featuring the tunes of Mike, our favorite disc jockey. Lions members were out in full force, serving up refreshments and fostering the vibrant community atmosphere that

has become synonymous with the tournament.
The success of the event would not have been possible without the generous support of the local business

community. The Ferndale, Lion's Head, and District Lions Club extend their heartfelt thanks to the seventy sponsors who contributed prizes and trophies, ensuring that the tournament remains a cherished annual tradition.



Photo: Top Goalie Trophy – Gotlin Burt.



Photo: Walsh Garage Division Trophy winners – Bridges.



Photo: Fair Play Trophy winners – Liverances.



Photo: Rydall Contracting Division Trophy winners – Dump and Chase.

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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
BPMHA 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 Noyahshingling. BPMHA has been working behind the scenes to review, plan and prepare for the exciting launch of a full suite of girls' 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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Tobermory Wave Adventures is a small, personal tour boat company providing educational and varied programs to small groups of visitors in our two National Parks. We are now taking applications for the position of Interpretive Tour Guide/Crew, in particular, individuals who are locally based and are: outgoing, enthusiastic, reliable and have a willingness to learn. Preference will be given to candidates with knowledge of the area and its history, as well as, background in environmental education or adventure tourism. Training is available for the right individuals. The position is part time with flexible hours. If you are looking for a varied and interesting day on the water, this is the job for you! Please send your resume to admin@tobermorywave.com

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I'm usually not at a loss for words, but the care and compassion shown to Grant and I during his illness and after his death was incredible. A simple 'thank you' seems too little to offer but I am grateful and stunned at the number of people who gave us their support and help, I'll always remember this kindness.

Thank you again, Karen Murray

IN MEMORY

In Loving Memory of Beth

I thought of you with love today
But that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday,
And the day before that too.
I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name.
All I have is memories,
And a picture in a frame.
Your memories are a keepsake,
For which I'll never part.
The Creator has you in their keeping,
I have you in my heart.

Moe, Jo Anne & Jeff,
your family and your friends.

OBITUARIES



CONSTANT, Alan - of Tobermory, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2024 at Victoria Hospital in London, Ontario after a long battle with renal disease. He is survived by his mother, Frances Constant, and sister, Lise Constant. He was predeceased by his father, Jack Constant. Alan spent much of his life in Tobermory, where he worked on the Chi Cheemaun. He authored several books, including "Sinking of the Montrolite." Alan also found joy in woodworking, photography, card games, and playing Bingo at the Community Centre. A memorial service to honour Alan will be held at a future date. His ashes will be interred at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, London, Ontario during a private ceremony. Donations in memory of Alan can be made to the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation, 369 Mary Street, Wiarton, ON, N0H 2T0.



GIVEN, Kathleen 'Kathy' - peacefully with family by her side at Owen Sound Hospital on Tuesday afternoon February 27, 2024. Kathy Given of Lion's Head in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late Bud Given (2011). Cherished mother of Gail Fulton of Haileybury, Beatrice Miller and her husband Dave of Owen Sound, Patrick Given and his wife Sandra of Owen Sound and Daniel Given and his wife Lisa of Australia. Much loved grandmother of Kris (Elaine), Lace (Andre), Gordon (Priscilla), Patrick (Kelsey), George (Sarah), Emily, Niomi and Leisha and great grandmother of Lillian, Nathan, Beau and Eleanor. Missed by her sisters, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Christena (nee Campbell) and Duncan Robinson, son-in-law Gord Fulton, brothers and sisters. Family and friends were invited to share memories at the George Funeral Home, Lion's Head Chapel, Lion's Head on Sunday, March 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary Branch 202 conducted a service at 2:00 p.m. Expressions of remembrance to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through www.georgefuneralhome.com



BREJAK, Emil - peacefully with family by his side at Lion's Head Hospital on Friday, March 8, 2024. Emil Brejak of Lion's Head in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of Trude and cherished father of Claudia Challis and her husband Mike. Much loved Opa of Nathan (Kate) and Kendra. Survived by siblings Tony (Sharon) and Eugene (Judy). Dad, thank you for all the years of love, you always said you were happiest at home surrounded by your family. Those were our happiest times too. We love you in our hearts forever.....A special thanks to all involved in the care of my Dad at Lion's Head Hospital. A graveside funeral service will be held at the Eastnor Cemetery in the spring. Arrangement entrusted to the George Funeral Home, Lion's Head Chapel, Lion's Head. Expressions of remembrance to the Lion's Head Hospital c/o Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through www.georgefuneralhome.com

OBITUARIES



SMITH, "Boo" Wm. Roy Douglas - his 48th year, at Hamilton General Hospital on Friday, March 8, 2024 as a result of a motor vehicle accident. Boo was the proud, adoring father of Jackson whom he cherished, son of Doug and Marie, brother of Jennifer and partner of Melisa. He is also survived by his grandparents Dawn and Pat Fulford, several aunts and uncles, numerous cousins, and special niece Tiarra. Boo was born and raised in Tobermory and loved returning to visit. He was an avid photographer, blessed with a keen eye for composition. He enjoyed walking and nature. He had been a volunteer firefighter and was extremely proud of his time spent on the fire department helping others. He was very particular and any project he tackled was done just right! Boo loved long drives and spontaneous visits to friends and family. Boo has been cremated and there will be a Memorial/Celebration of Life held in Tobermory on Saturday, April 6th at the Light and Life Chapel, 7347 Highway 6, beginning at 1 p.m. with a short visitation beginning at 12 noon. A reception will be held at the Tobermory Legion following the service where we can share stories and anecdotes of Boo's life. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Mark Preece Family House in Hamilton or the Canadian Mental Health Association would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Grey Bruce Cremation and Burial Services, www.greybrucecremation.com

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Clubs, Organizations, Groups, etc., call us before Apr. 3, 2024 to be included in the next Press.

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 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 Chair Yoga with Carolyn. Part of Senior's Centre Without Walls (SCWW). Phone 519-793-3473 for the link. **10–10:30am**

Chair Yoga. Lotusheart Yoga & Mindfulness. 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. **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. **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 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 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. **10–11am**

Hatha Yoga. Lotusheart Yoga & Mindfulness. 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 or 519-793-4687. **11am–12pm**

The Old Schoolhouse Seniors Lunch. Lion's Head Legion Branch 202. Visit oshs.brucepen.com to reserve or call Peter at 519-793-3589 for more info. **First Tues. each month, Apr.–Oct. 11:30am**

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. 4pm**

The Old Schoolhouse Seniors Dinner. Lion's Head Legion Branch 202. Visit oshs.brucepen.com to reserve or call Peter at 519-793-3589 for more info. **Last Tues. each month, Apr.–Oct. 5–7pm**

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 or 519-793-4040. **1st and 3rd Tues. 7–8pm**

WEDNESDAY

Peninsula SWANS Meeting. New members welcome, contact Roberta at rjmielhausen@gmail.com or 519-374-4110. **1st Wed. Not July/Aug.**

Yin & Yang Yoga. Via Zoom. Contact 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. 519-270-4905. **10–11am**

Yoga for Bone Health. Via Zoom. Contact 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**

Writer's Workshop. Phone-in. Part of SCWW. Call 519-793-3473 for the link. **Mar. 20. 1–2pm**

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. **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**

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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. Pickup at the Meeting Place 5:30–6:30pm.

Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary Meeting. New members welcome. Contact lhha220@gmail.com for more info. **1st Thurs. each month.**

Hatha Yoga. Lotusheart Yoga & Mindfulness. 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. **11:15am**

Meditation. Part of SCWW. Phone 519-793-3473 for the link. **Mar. 21. 11:15am–12pm**

Fun Trivia. Part of SCWW. Phone 519-793-3473 for the link. **Mar. 28. 11:15am–12pm**

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 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. Bring your own darts. All are welcome. **Not 1st Thurs. each month. 1–3:30pm**

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. **Last day Mar. 21. 1–3pm**

Lion's Head Legion Branch 202 General Branch Meeting. Lion's Head Legion. **1st Thurs. each month. 2–3pm**

Warton Rotary Club Virtual Meeting. email 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. **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 **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 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. **8:50am**

Beginners Line Dancing. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. **9:30–10am**

Myo Yin Yoga. Via Zoom. contact barbara@lovingyoga.ca. **10am**

Laughter Chair Yoga with Carolyn. Part of SCWW. Phone 519-793-3473 for the link. **10–10:30am**

Nia Dance Fitness. In-person & on Zoom. Contact 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. **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 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 to get involved, or osngupl.ca/repair-cafe for info. **Second Sat. each month. 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 **4pm**

Friendship Club Meal. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Full course meal. \$14 for members, \$16 non-members. Contact 519-375-0959 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**

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting. The Meeting Place, Tobermory. **Apr. 7, May 5, Jun. 9. 2–3pm**

Cantata Choir Rehearsals. Bethel Missionary Church. For info contact David at 519-793-4015. **Until Mar. 24. 2pm**

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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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, or follow us on Facebook under PeninsulaBTC.

Saturday March 23
Open Mic. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. *7pm*

Sunday March 24
Palm Sunday Service. Tobermory United Church. *See ad pg. 5. 10:30am*
Palm Sunday Service. Lion's Head United Church. *See ad pg. 5. 10:30am*
Tobermory Legion Sip & Paint Event. Tobermory Legion Branch 290. Hosted by Sarah Gowland. \$60. Pre-register at the branch or send payment to donate@tobermorylegion.org with a note that it is for the Sip & Paint event. *1pm*
Palm Sunday Service. Tobermory United Church. *See ad pg. 5. 7:30pm*

Monday March 25
Songwriter Series. Pharos Restaurant, Tobermory. *See ad pg. 7. 6pm*

Thursday March 28
Maundy Thursday Service. St. Peter's Lutheran & Trinity Anglican Church, Wiarton. *See ad pg. 5. 4pm*
Maundy Thursday Service. Tobermory United Church. *See ad pg. 5. 7pm*

Friday March 29
Good Friday Service & Easter Cantata Performance. Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church, Lion's Head. Free. Free-will offerings support redevelopment of Golden Dawn Senior's Home. *See ad pg. 5. 10:30am*
Good Friday Service. Tobermory United Church. *See ad pg. 5. 10:30am*
Good Friday Service, Ecumenical Service. Faith Tabernacle, Wiarton. *See ad pg. 5. 11am*
Good Friday Service. Christ Church, Lion's Head. *See ad pg. 5. 1pm*
Good Friday Service. St. Edmund's Church, Tobermory. *See ad pg. 5. 3pm*
Good Friday Service & Easter Cantata Performance. Cape Croker United Church, Neyaashiinigmiing. Free. Free-will offerings support redevelopment of Golden Dawn Senior's Home. *See ad pg. 5. 7:30pm*

Saturday March 30
Purple Valley Maple Syrup Festival. 565 Purple Valley Rd. \$5/person, \$20/family, pre-schoolers free. *9am–2pm*
Craft & Vendors Show. Sauble Beach Community Centre. Donations will be accepted for R&R Animal Rescue. *10am–3pm*
Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Tobermory Legion, branch 290. Hosted by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. Kids 12 & under. *See ad pg. 3. 11am*

Sunday March 31
Easter Sunday Service. Lion's Head United Church. *See ad pg. 5. 10:30am*
Easter Sunday Service. Tobermory United Church. Light breakfast served before service. *See ad pg. 5. 10:30am*
Easter Sunday Service. St. Peter's Lutheran & Trinity Anglican, Wiarton. *See ad pg. 5. 9:30am*
Easter Sunday Service. Christ Church, Lion's Head. *See ad pg. 5. 11:30am*
Easter Sunday Service. St. Edmund's Church, Tobermory. *See ad pg. 5. 3pm*

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. *7pm*

Saturday April 6
Darts for Meat. Lion's Head Legion, branch 202. Bring your own darts. *1–3:30pm*

Thursday April 11
Free Blood Pressure Screening. Peninsula Family Health Team, Lion's Head Site. *See ad pg. 7. 1:30–3:30pm*

Saturday April 13
Rotary Club of NBP 70th Anniversary Celebration. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Music from 7 decades of the Rotary Hall. Cake & ice cream. Cash bar. 50/50 draw tickets \$5 each, available from Rotarians. Proceeds to the Rotary BPDS Scholarship Funds. *7pm*

Wednesday April 17
Tobermory Primary Place Annual General Meeting. New centre, 21 Centennial Dr.. *See ad pg. 3. 6pm*

Thursday April 18
Community Pap Clinic. Peninsula Family Health Team, Lion's Head Site. Call 519-793-3445. *See ad pg. 10. 1:30–3:30pm*

To the Tub with Love Annual Community Dinner. Tobermory Community Centre. Hosted by the four churches in the community. *5–7pm*

Saturday April 20
Earth Day Hike Lindsay Tract Trails Details TBA
Warton Propellor Club 75th Anniversary Gala. 575 Edward St, Wiarton. *See ad pg. 4. 4pm*

Monday April 22
Community Pap Clinic. Peninsula Family Health Team, Tobermory Site. Call 519-596-2305. *See ad pg. 10. 1:30–3:30pm*

Thursday April 25
Free Blood Pressure Screening. Peninsula Family Health Team, Tobermory Site. *See ad pg. 7. 1:30–3:30pm*

Friday May 3 – Sunday May 5
SoK Forum: A Sustainable Tourism Future for the Saugeen Peninsula. Hosted by Sources of Knowledge. *See sourcesofknowledge.ca* for more information. *See ad pg. 14.*

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
18 Ferndale Rd, Lion's Head
SUNDAY: Indoor Service, 10:30am

Light and Life Community Chapel, 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 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.
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,
stmarysandthemicssions.ca, St. Mark's, Lion's Head, 54 Main St, 519-376-0778
St. Mary's, Neyaashiinigiing: 20 Lighthouse Rd
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,
5 Brock St, Tobermory, 519-596-2394, tobermoryunitedchurch@eastlink.ca
SUNDAY: Service, in-person, 10:30am

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THU	10am–2pm	12–6pm	10am–7pm
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Neyaashiinigiing. Community Centre.
34 Community Centre Rd, Neyaashiinigiing. 519-534-3266 ext 105.
Order. Tuesday, 9am–12pm
Pick up. Thursday, 1–3:30pm

Tobermory. The Meeting Place.
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Sept–June: Walk in service. Tuesday, 1–3pm
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576 Edward St, Wiarton. 519-534-0353.
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Bruce Peninsula O.P.P. Report:

OPP Assist Neyaashiinigmiing Police Service – Two More Arrests Made

Media Release

(NEYAASHIINIGMIING, ON) - The Neyaashiinigmiing Police Service have arrested two more individuals from an incident on January 6, 2024, at a residence located on the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation.

Police have charged a 65-year-old of Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation with the following Criminal Code offence:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Owen Sound on March 28, 2024.

Police have charged a 51-year-old of Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation with the following Criminal Code offence:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Owen Sound on March 28, 2024.

The investigation has concluded and there are no further anticipated arrests, however; police encourage anyone with new information to come forward.

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

No further information will be provided due to the privacy of the victim and family.

CHARGES LAID FOLLOWING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE INVESTIGATIONS

(GREY BRUCE, ON) - Seven individuals were charged following an investigation into separate incidents of intimate partner violence resulting in sixteen charges.

1. On February 14, 2024, at 10:14 p.m., the Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a third-party complaint of a dispute in Southgate Township. It was determined that two individuals engaged in a physical altercation and property of the victim was damaged.

A 27-year-old from Southgate Township was charged with:

- **Assault**
- **Mischief**

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound at a later date.

2. On February 16, 2024, at 9:21 a.m., the Grey Bruce OPP received a third-party complaint of a verbal domestic dispute in the Municipality of Grey Highlands. It was determined that two individuals engaged in a verbal confrontation when some property in the residence was damaged.

A 29-year-old from Waterloo Region was charged with:

- **Mischief**

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound at a later date.

3. On February 16, 2024, at 10:35 p.m., the Grey Bruce OPP received a report of an altercation that occurred in the Municipality of Grey Highlands. It was determined that two individuals engaged in a confrontation and some property belonging to the victim was damaged.

A 24-year-old of Grey Highlands was charged with:

- **Assault with a weapon**
- **Uttering Threats - Cause death or bodily harm**
- **Mischief under \$5000**

The accused was held for a bail hearing.

4. On February 18, 2024, at 6:25 p.m., the Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) investigated a threats complaint in Georgian Bluffs. It was determined that two individuals engaged in a confrontation on social media.

A 24-year-old from Clearview Township is charged with:

- **Uttering threats - cause death or bodily harm**
- **Criminal harassment X2**
- **Failure to comply with undertaking**
- **Failure to comply with release order**

The accused was held for bail hearing.

5. On February 20, 2024, at 7:49 a.m., the Grey Bruce OPP investigated an assault on Neyaashiinigmiing. It was determined that an altercation occurred resulting in a physical assault.

A 53-year-old from Neyaashiinigmiing is charged with:

- **Assault cause bodily harm X2**

The accused is to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice at a later date.

6. On February 21, 2024, at 7:18 a.m., the Grey Bruce OPP investigated a traffic complaint in South Bruce Peninsula.

A 49-year-old from South Bruce Peninsula is charged with:

- **Dangerous operation**

The accused was held for a bail hearing.

7. On February 22, 2024, at 4:47 p.m., the Grey Bruce OPP responded to an assault that occurred during a child custody dispute in Georgian Bluffs.

A 29-year-old from Owen Sound was charged with:

- **Assault**
- **Mischief**

The accused is to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice at a later date.

Individuals experiencing intimate partner violence are not alone. If you or someone you are aware of requires assistance, there are local resources ready to provide support. Victim Services Bruce Grey Perth can be contacted at 1-866-376-9852.

The OPP is available at 1-888-310-1122 throughout the Province of Ontario. In case of immediate danger please call 911.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE RESULTING IN 25 CHARGES

(SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - One individual is facing 25 charges when a property owner called the Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to report seeing a suspicious vehicle on their seasonal property through their video surveillance.

On March 6, 2025, at 3:19 a.m., a property owner called the Grey Bruce OPP to report a vehicle parked in the laneway of their vacant seasonal property on Davidson Drive in South Bruce Peninsula.

Police attended and located the driver in the driver’s seat of an idling vehicle. The driver appeared to be asleep. Officers woke the driver and while the officers were speaking to the driver; the driver was displaying signs of impairment. The driver was arrested and transported to the Saugeen Shores Police Detachment for further tests by a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). During a search of the vehicle OPP officers seized a large quantity of suspected fentanyl, suspected methamphetamine, suspected cocaine, a firearm and a large quantity of money. Approximately street value of the drugs is \$70,000.

A 31-year-old of no fixed address was charged with:

- **Operation while impaired**
- **Possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking (Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, Cocaine) X3**
- **Possession of property obtained by crime Over \$5000**
- **Possession of property obtained by crime Under \$5000**
- **Knowledge of Unauthorized**

- **possession of a firearm**
- **Occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a Firearm**
- **Possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm with ammo**
- **Breach of firearms regulation - transport firearm or restricted weapon**
- **Possession of a firearm knowing serial number has been tampered with**
- **Possession of Firearm or Ammunition contrary to Prohibition Order X8**
- **Fail to comply with Probation Order X2**
- **Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose X3**

The accused was held for a bail hearing.

The Grey Bruce OPP is reminding everyone to report suspicious activity to police. We would rather prevent a crime than have to deal with the consequences of crime.

LOAD RESTRICTION “HALF LOAD SEASON”

(GREY BRUCE, ON) - Many roads in the Grey Bruce area are subject to load restrictions between March 1 - March 31 yearly. This date may change depending on road conditions.

The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) will be conducting Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMV) checks on vehicles that are exceeding the reduced load restrictions. OPP officers will be equipped with scales that are to be used to weigh up individual axles on Commercial Motor Vehicle. Axles that exceed 5000 kilograms are considered to be in violation. Officers will patrol side roads with clearly marked signage indicating half load restrictions. Provincial highways and some major county roads will be built to higher capacities and exempt from the half load restrictions. Please check with your municipality for a full list of half load roads, most of these roads have signage displayed.

Exceeding the weight restrictions on Municipality, Township, and County roads has a negative effect by causing damage to roads which further results in a negative economic impact.

IMPAIRED BY DRUG CHARGE RESULTING FROM CRASH

(CHATSWORTH, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) arrested and charged a driver who crashed their vehicle into the ditch.

On March 2, 2024, at 1:27 a.m., the Grey Bruce OPP were patrolling Highway 10 in Chatsworth Township when they located a vehicle in the ditch. While the officers were speaking to the driver, the driver 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 30-year-old of South Bruce Peninsula was charged with:

- **Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs**
- **Driving while under suspension**

The accused will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound on March 21, 2024.

RIDE PROGRAM RESULTING IN A PLETHORA OF CHARGES

(SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) arrested and charged a driver who was stopped at a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) check.

On February 29, 2024, at 2:41 p.m., the Grey Bruce OPP were conducting a RIDE check on Sauble Falls Parkway in South Bruce Peninsula. A vehicle entered the RIDE check. While the officers were speaking to the driver, they were displaying signs of impairment. The driver was arrested and transported to the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment for further tests by a Qualified Breath Technician along with a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

An 18-year-old of South Bruce Peninsula was charged with:

- **Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs**
- **Possession of a schedule III substance**
- **Person under 19 years - possess cannabis**
- **Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis in open baggage**
- **Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available**
- **Person under 19 years having liquor**
- **Drive motor vehicle with liquor readily available**
- **Possess illegal licence**
- **Young driver - B.A.C. above zero**
- **Young driver - presence of drug**

The accused will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound on March 21, 2024.

Road safety is a priority for the OPP and officers are trained in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and as Drug Recognition Experts (DRE), giving them the skills to identify a driver who is impaired by a drug. Officers can also use Approved Drug Screening Equipment to enforce zero tolerance sanctions with young, novice and commercial drivers. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.

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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
On behalf of Council and Staff, Happy Easter to you and yours.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, March 25, 2024	1:00 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Monday April 8, 2024	1:00 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting Committee of Adjustment – A-2024-003 - 141 North Shore Road Public Meeting – Zoning - 95 Bradley Drive
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 25th, 2024, in the Council Chambers at 56 Lindsay Road 5, Lion's Head, Ontario.

By-Law No. 2024-27 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 – Plan 571 Lot 172 (St. Edmunds); 64 Howard Bowman Drive, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

The following by-law(s) will be tabled for consideration of passage by Council at its regular meeting on Monday, April 8th, 2024, in the Council Chambers at 56 Lindsay Road 5, Lion's Head, Ontario.

By-Law No. 2024-20 Being a By-law to Authorize a Winter Service Agreement to Provide Winter Maintenance for Bruce Peninsula National Park at Cyprus Lake.

By-Law No. 2024-21 Being a By-law to Authorize an Agreement Between Parks Canada Agency and the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula as it Relates to the Acceptance of Hauled Sewage.

By-Law No. 2024-25 Being A By-Law to Establish and Appoint Members to a Municipal Drainage Committee for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

FOOD TRUCK LICENSING UPDATE

Council adopted the Food Truck Licensing By-law on January 8th which requires all food trucks operating within the Municipality to obtain a licence each year. The Municipality is actively working on preparing the licencing portal to accept Food Truck Licence applications. The portal is expected to be complete mid-April. Once the portal is complete, notice will be posted by the Municipality through several channels including: our Municipal Website, Community Newsletter, Municipal Facebook Page and the Bruce Peninsula Press. If you are Intending to apply for a Food Truck Licence or would like additional information regarding the program, please send us an email at info@northernbruce.ca We appreciate your patience with the implementation of this new program.

INTERIM TAX BILLING

The interim tax invoice will be distributed the first week of February 2024. Just a reminder that the Interim 2nd due date for the Tax Billing is Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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

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.



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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.

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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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.

HALF LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Effective Wednesday, February 28, 2024, The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula is placing weight/load restrictions of 5 tonne per axle on all Municipal roads until further notice.

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.

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A Beehive of Activity at Lion's Head Friendship Club

Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Dinner March 30th

Submitted by Maxine Catteau

The club has been a beehive of activity in February with new beginning line dancers, regular line dancers, rug hookers suppers, lunches, cards, and games night. March should be equally as busy with activities from Monday to Saturday every day of the week.

Our Wednesday night euchre will continue all year now, at 7 PM, not stopping for the summer.

Our March dinner falls on Saturday March 30 at 5 PM, which is Easter weekend. Tickets are now out for the dinner which is ham and scalloped potatoes and all the trimmings. \$14 for members, \$16 for non-members.

Our business meeting is March 7 at 11:30am with lunch to follow. Cost is \$7.

We are taking a trip to Belmore Ontario for their Maple syrup festival on April 11. Other trips are planned to Drayton to the theatre, so if you're looking for something to do this time of the year, there's lots to do at the Friendship Club. We'd love to have you out. We play cards Monday, Wednesday Friday, have a game night once a month.

Come out and make some new friends. If you need any info, drop by the club, give us a call at 519-375-0959 or email us at thelionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com

Tobermory Primary Place Skating Fundraiser Attracts Local Families

By Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

The St Patrick's Day Skating Fundraiser attracted local families and out-of-town grandkids and raised about \$500 for the Tobermory Primary Place Child Care Centre. The Annual St Patrick's Day skate has become a fun favorite March Break tradition for young families and visiting grandchildren.

Organized as a fundraiser for the Tobermory Primary Place Child Care Centre, the mid day event was held on March 15 at the Lion's Head Arena.

With a range of activities for kids from crafts, cake decorating, games, face painting and skating,

there was something to entertain the multi-generational families that came out to enjoy some March Break fun.

Mary Hewton-Robbins of the Booth donated the hot dogs, chips and juice boxes served at the event.

Visit www.brucepeninsulapress.com for more photos from the event.



Photo: Visiting Grandma Marlene Hill – Andrew, April (Mom), Maleeya and Jayden enjoy hot dogs, giving the hot dogs a “thumbs up”.



Photo: Mary from “The Booth”, Katie, Ella, Megan and Scarlett. The Booth donated all the food for the event.

BPEG Members Enjoy Bear Wise Presentation at March Meeting

Submitted by Heather Bryans, Bruce Peninsula Environment Group

On Wednesday March 6, Bruce Peninsula Environment Group (BPEG) members had the pleasure of attending a Bear Wise presentation by Madeline Sanagan, a representative from Parks Canada. The event was packed with people eager to learn about the fascinating world of black bears in the Bruce Peninsula. We were amazed by the wealth of knowledge Madeline shared with us, including how we can help support the black bears' presence in the area and practical tips for staying safe in their habitat.

Overall, it was an incredibly informative and eye-opening experience that left us with a deeper appreciation for these majestic creatures and their role in our ecosystem.

To view the full presentation, visit BPEG's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/live/Nr6Poyn9vPg?si=y7bsB9dQLTHsSDAu>

Next BPEG Meeting: Living with Wildland Fire presented by Julie Stankevicius from Parks Canada, 3 April, 7pm. Anglican Church Hall, Lion's Head.

Earth Day 2024 , April 20th, 9:30am - 3pm. Lindsay Tract Trails. Stay tuned for further details.



Photo: Madeline Sanagan from Parks Canada.

GBPH Encourages Residents To Test Their Well Water This Spring

Media Release

March 15, 2024 – Grey-Bruce households that draw drinking water from wells and other private systems should test their water regularly to ensure it is safe to consume, as well-water quality can change over time.

Grey Bruce Public Health is reminding residents that spring is an ideal time to test well water.

“While we’re unlikely to experience the significant snow melt and flooding conditions of a typical Grey-Bruce spring, Public Health still encourages residents on privately owned systems to test their drinking water this spring by taking advantage of Public Health Ontario’s free well water testing program,” says GBPH Senior Public Health Manager Andrew Barton.

“Well water should be tested at least three times a year, so making it a habit to test in the spring, after each winter season, is a good idea.”

Grey Bruce Public Health launched last fall a locally designed service that ensures all residents have equitable, timely access to Public Health Ontario’s complimentary well water testing program.

Residents can pick up sample collection kits and drop off samples at 14 locations throughout Grey-Bruce.

A map of the locations, along with information on when to collect samples and drop them off, is available on GBPH’s Private Drinking Water webpage (<https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/Your-Environment/Safe-Water/Private-Drinking-Water>).

Water samples must be tested by PHO within 48 hours of collecting the sample. Therefore, residents must collect and drop off their samples as close as possible to the scheduled courier pick-up time.

Public Health Ontario’s private drinking water testing program analyzes samples for the presence of bacterial indicators of contamination, specifically E. coli and total coliforms, which can make people sick and can even be fatal. Residents receive test results directly from PHO.

If a test comes back with an adverse result, residents can call Grey Bruce Public Health for assistance. There are many ways to deal with water contamination to ensure your family is protected.

PHO’s water testing program is not for people on municipal water systems.

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For a schedule of Municipal ice programs, free skates and cancellations please contact Bob at 519-596-1226 or bhofstrand@northernbruce.ca

Biosphere Hosted Heat Pump Workshop a Huge Success

*Submitted by Donna Cole,
Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association*
Heat Pumps – A Popular Topic in the
Bruce and Across North America!

On February 24, 2024, the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association, in collaboration with the municipality’s Climate Action and Waste Diversion Committee, hosted a workshop to explain how heat pumps work and the benefits to both our climate and to users. More than 50 people attended the workshop at the Rotary Hall in Lion’s Head, an outstanding turnout!

Local experts shared their knowledge on energy audits, heat pump uses and the installation process along with local users who shared their own case studies. The audience was very engaged and had many questions for our presenters.

In Canada, more than 700,000 heat pumps are installed nationwide (Global Newswire) and throughout the U.S., heat pumps are now surpassing gas furnace sales (New York State Energy and Development Authority).

What is an Energy Audit?
Dan Blenkinsop from Greenbrain Inc., shared detailed information about energy audits and grant programs.

An energy audit includes calculating the heated volume of your home, determining the heat resistance of the building envelope, counting the number of rough openings in the house, documenting the HVAC system, and performing a blower door test to calculate the home’s air tightness. Once these audits are completed, a homeowner will know how to increase the efficiency of the home to save on energy costs and reduce greenhouse emissions. This is a key step in understanding how a heat pump system can help.

Heat Pump Options
Eric Crose from Crose Mechanical, helped us to understand types of heat pump options, and the types of installations that will work best for you!
“Heat pumps are very efficient ways to heat your home and provide summer



Photo: More than 50 people attended the February 24th Heat Pump workshop held at the Rotary Hall in Lion’s Head and hosted by Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association.

air conditioning. A heat pump works just like an air conditioner in the summer, absorbing heat from the inside air and sending it outside via the change of state of the refrigerant in the lines. In the winter the system reverses and provides heat indoors very efficiently” explained Eric. You can convert your current ducted furnace system to a heat pump system and reuse the current ductwork.

If running ductwork through your house isn’t appealing (or readily available), consider “ductless split” heat pumps as an option. These are extremely efficient and can provide variable temperatures for different rooms or parts of your home as needed.

Case Studies from Local Residents: Saving Money and Reducing Greenhouse Gases in Tobermory

Mike Campbell from Tobermory shared their family’s decision on why they wanted to transition to a heat pump from a propane furnace and woodstove system. According to Mike, “We wanted to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases that we used as a family, and we also wanted to save money by switching to a more efficient heat source. We completed the energy audit and made improvements to the efficiency of the home. We then installed a ducted heat pump. Our annual savings in reducing propane and wood consumption saved us over \$1,500, and over 5,600 kg of carbon last year! With our Green Energy

rebate and annual savings, we will have paid for the installation within 7 years.”

Lion’s Head Heat Pump Works with In-Floor Heating Saves Propane, Wood, and Reduces CO2

Rod Layman from Lion’s Head shared how he installed a heat pump to work with his hydronic in-floor heating system. The system worked so well that he installed a radiator on the second floor, where there had been no heat before, as well as in his shop, heated a hot tub, and a portion of his domestic hot water. Rod reduced his CO2 emissions by 8,000 kg/year, and reduced propane use to zero from 1,300 litres per year, and wood from 12 cords to 6. His net savings amounted to \$600/year with increased electricity costs offset by no propane and less wood. But also, Rod has converted to an induction stove from propane, and has switched to an electric car. If you add in gasoline saving, Rod is saving \$1,800/year. Lower carbon emissions, a more comfortable home, and less money spent on fuel. That’s a win/win/win!

For more information or if you wish to install a heat pump, please go to BPBA.ca or contact:

- Dan Blenkinsop, <https://www.greenbraininc.com/> Phone; 1-866-848-4998
- Eric Crose, Crose Mechanical, <https://www.crosemecanical.ca/> Phone; 519-372-2978

Public Health Issues Opioid Alert Following Multiple Drug Overdoses Within 24 Hours

Media Release

March 5, 2024 – Grey Bruce Public Health is urging people who use unregulated street drugs to exercise extreme caution with every dose after receiving reports of multiple suspected opioid-related overdoses/poisonings within a 24-hour period.

The overdoses happened March 4 and 5, primarily in the Owen Sound area. Two of the overdoses – one involving an individual in their 30s and another involving a person in their 40s – were fatal. One of the fatal overdoses took place in Port Elgin.

Fentanyl – the highly potent opioid that is both tasteless and odorless – is believed to be the substance responsible for the overdoses.

“We have received reports of local street drugs containing fentanyl that has been unevenly mixed with other substances. This uneven distribution of fentanyl can result in the toxicity of one dose being very different from another dose, even within the same batch. This, in turn, increases a person’s risk of experiencing a drug poisoning,” says GBPH Harm Reduction Program Manager, Monica Blair.

“These reports underscore the importance of following critical harm reduction strategies, such as starting with a small amount and increasing slowly while monitoring the drug’s effects. This should be done for each dose.”

Grey Bruce Public Health is advising the public that people who use drugs are at significant risk of overdose due to the local street drug supply containing the highly toxic drug Fentanyl or Fentanyl analogues.

GBPH urges people to have a sober friend with them when using drugs or to call or text the National Overdose Response Service (NORS) or use/download the BRAVE App if using alone.

NORS can be reached by calling or texting 1-888-688-6677. A NORS operator will stay on the line with the person while the drug is used. In the event the person becomes unresponsive, NORS will call 911 to ensure help arrives.

Other harm reduction recommendations include:
• Taking extra caution if mixing drugs. Mixing drugs, including alcohol, increases the risk of harm and overdose.
• Using only new supplies and avoid sharing supplies. This reduces the risk of getting or passing on an infectious disease. Supplies are available at GBPH and community partners.
• Getting overdose prevention training and carrying a Naloxone kit. Naloxone is available for free at most local

pharmacies and at GBPH, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment or prescription is needed.

Overdose is a medical emergency. Call 911 or go to the Emergency Department. The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act provides protection from simple possession charges for everyone at the scene when 911 is called for an overdose.

GBPH is asking community partners and the public to report unexpected bad reactions to non-prescribed drugs in Grey-Bruce. Reports can be made over the phone by calling 211 or online using the 211 Report a Bad Drug web form. Reporting drug overdoses/poisonings enables GBPH to issue timely alerts to its partners and people who use drugs about potential hazards.

For additional supports and services:
-Mental Health Crisis Line Grey Bruce: 1-877-470-5200
-Connex Ontario: Call 1-866-531-2600 or text 247247
-Ontario Addiction Treatment Service (OATC): 519-371-0007
-Withdrawal Management/RAAM Clinic: 519-376-5666
-G&B House: 519-371-3642 ext.1580
-CMHA Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addiction Services: 519-371-3642
-Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Clinic: 519-376-3999
-National Overdose Response Service (NORS): 1-888-688-6677
-If unsure – call 211

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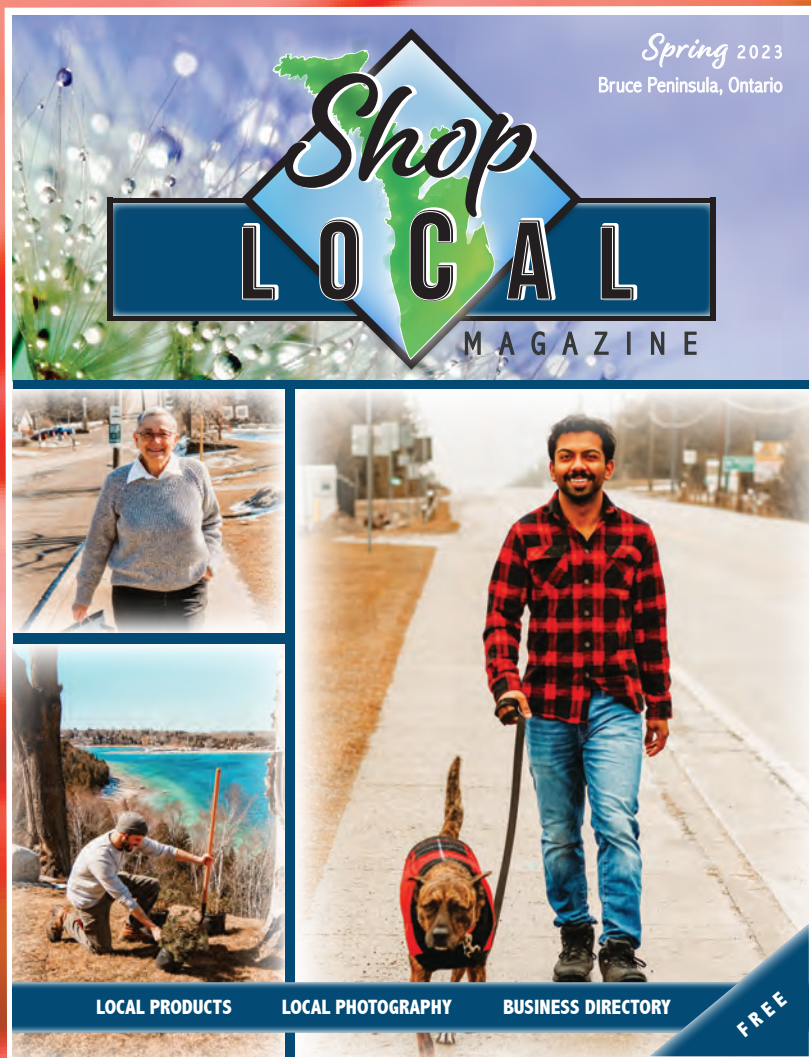


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