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Trio Complete Historic 56 km Winter Crossing from Tobermory to Manitoulin

Media Release

March 2026 TOBERMORY, ON – Three local adventurers from the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula have successfully completed a historic winter crossing of the Fathom Strait, trekking and paddling 56 kilometres over a 5 day expedition from Tobermory to Manitoulin Island. Scott Parent, Andrew Ryzebol and Billy Shearer began the expedition on March 2. Four of the next five days were spent navigating a constantly shifting arena across drifting ice floes, pressure ridges, and open water, arriving March 6 in South Baymouth. This marks the first human-powered winter traverse of the route in the modern era.

Along the journey, the team dedicated an entire day to freediving the historic City of Cleveland shipwreck near Perseverance Island. Located 30 km offshore from Tobermory, the wreck is difficult to access even in summer.

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Photo Credit: Scott Parent

Photo L-R: Three local adventurers from the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula – Andrew Ryzebol, Scott Parent, and Billy Shearer – break for a photo op just off Cove Island. The trio successfully completed a historic winter crossing of the Fathom Strait, trekking and paddling 56 kilometres over a 5 day expedition from Tobermory to Manitoulin Island.

Council Hears Proposal for New Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Parking for Tobermory

By Tessa Swanton (Townson),
Bruce Peninsula Press

Signature Contractors Inc. visited the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) Council on March 23rd proposing the construction of new sidewalks, crosswalks, and parking in Tobermory. Representatives Rui Matos and Don Bastien presented their vision for the village in the form of site plans and architectural plans along with an overview of their company and past projects.

The site plans on the March 23rd Council agenda identify seven crosswalks:

- one at the intersection of Highway #6 and Bay Street South,
- four on Bay Street South,
- one at the intersection of Brock Street and Bay Street South,
- and one at the intersection of Head Street and Brock Street.

The architectural plans display stamped coloured concrete crosswalks in a plank boardwalk style “to keep the nautical theme of Tobermory,” said Matos.

When describing the walkability of Tobermory, Matos stated, “[Tobermory]

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Graphic from Mar 23 Council Agenda (Signature Contractors Inc. Delegation).
Graphic: Brock Street and Head Street Perspective – Sidewalk and Crosswalk Rendering.

Replacing Elected School Board Trustees Could Have Detrimental Impact on North Bruce Schools

By Tammy Raycraft,
Bruce Peninsula Press

The Ontario Government, led by Premier Doug Ford and Education Minister Paul Calandra, has been taking over some of the province's school boards and replacing elected trustees with a government-appointed Supervisor, who then takes over all decision-making power. Local democratic control is paused, and the province runs the board directly.

In Ontario, 750 thousand students now have their education under direct management of Minister Calandra,

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Human Remains Found Near Dunk's Bay Dated to 1426-1452

Media Release

Since Saugeen Ojibway Nation's initial update in August 2025, additional investigation and scientific testing have been completed regarding the human remains discovered on August 14, 2025 in the northern area of the Saugeen Peninsula. Radiocarbon analysis confirmed that the individual lived between 1426 and 1452, confirming that the remains are those of a Saugeen Ojibway Nation Ancestor.

The disturbance of ancestral remains is a matter of deep spiritual and cultural importance for the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. This confirmation affirms what our people have always known, that our ancestors have lived on and cared for these lands since time immemorial.

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Tobermory E-Bikes to Expand This Season with New Services Offered

Submitted by Noreen Steinacher

Heading into our 2nd full year, Tobermory E-bike Rentals is looking forward to a busy summer season. Before that starts, The Meeting Place (TMP) is looking to hire a summer student to work with the E-Bike Program; customer service, social media, business processes and even bike repair. The skills that a student will learn are wide open. We are looking for a confident student between ages 16-30 who must be in a school/learning program. A great job for someone wanting a slower pace work day and lots of positive interaction.

The next thing on our work plan is reaching out to seasonal workers who might want to consider renting an E-bike by the month for work, recreation and leisure. Applications for TMP Affordable Transportation program are now open for seasonal workers with preference to those who live all year round in the North Bruce. For those interested in the summer student position or to apply to the Affordable Transportation program, call Sara at 519-596-2313 or email info@tobermorymeetingplace.com

This spring, Tobermory E-Bike Rentals is looking to increase ridership in May and June and we especially want to invite local residents to come out with a group of friends and rent bikes for a couple of hours. As you know, spring is a wonderful time to explore the back roads of the North Bruce. The E-Bike Rental kiosk at 20 Centennial Drive will be open around May 1st for self-serve rentals. Also, look for community information on E-bike Guided Tours and lots of co-promotion with community events and activities to enjoy the spring.

The E-Bike Team is working on a dedicated website for Tobermory E-Bike Rentals, launching a pre-booking system for visitors and other biking information. We'll keep you posted. And finally, our Team is looking for a dedicated volunteer to work with our fleet manager, assisting for a couple of hours a week with bike safety checks and other assigned duties. The Tobermory E-Bike Rentals is a Social Enterprise which means all the revenue goes right back into supporting the community through TMP. Volunteers working with paid staff is the model we

use at The Meeting Place and there are lots of rewards. If you are interested

call or e-mail Sara 519-596-2313, info@tobermorymeetingplace.com

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SMART Level 1 Lion's Head Celebrates St. Patrick's Day



By Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

Photo: The SMART Level 1 class in Lion's Head celebrated St. Patrick's Day in style. (L-R) Mary, Sherri, Cathy, Dorothy (front), Faye, Cecile (front), Grace and Phyllis. The seniors meet to exercise and socialize every Monday and Thursday mornings at the Friendship Hall in Lion's Head.



Local Woman Embraces Cold Water Swimming

Photo Credit: Tony Barton

Photo: 80-year-old Joan Barton of Mar floats amongst the ice at the dock in Colpoys Bay on March 12, 2026. Joan has been a cold water swimmer for five years and loves it. "I'm 80 and feel 20 years younger!" says Joan.

Town of South Bruce Peninsula Announces the Passing of Beloved Wiarthon Willie

Media Release

March 10, 2026 – South Bruce Peninsula, ON – It is with great sadness that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula announces that our beloved weather prognosticator, Wiarthon Willie, has passed away peacefully in sleep.

Willie was a curious and charismatic groundhog who delighted both residents and visitors. Willie enjoyed basking in the summer sun, taking long winter naps, and indulging in favourite foods.

As one of only a handful of groundhog

meteorologists around the world, Willie proudly carried on the cherished tradition of predicting the arrival of spring each year during Groundhog Day celebrations in Wiarthon. Through this role, Willie shared unique "weather wisdom" with thousands of human friends who traveled from near and far to see them.

"The Wiarthon Willie Festival has been a cherished part of our community for 70 years. It is a symbol of joy for residents and visitors alike," said Jay Kirkland. "Willie brought people together in the heart of winter to celebrate a tradition that put Wiarthon on the map. While we are saddened by the passing, we are grateful for the memories created and the pride brought to our town. Willie will always hold a special place in the story of South Bruce Peninsula."

The Town will begin the search for a new weather prognosticator in the coming days to continue the legacy Willie helped build.



Photo: Wiarthon Willie.

Spaghetti Dinner April 25 Supporting New Playground at St. Edmunds Public School

By Marianne Wood, Bruce Peninsula Press

Join the St. Edmunds Public School Council on Saturday, April 25th for a community Spaghetti Dinner from 5:00-7:00pm at the Tobermory Community Centre.

The dinner will feature spaghetti with your choice of sauce, garlic bread and dessert. Cost for adults is \$15, children (under 12) \$10. Proceeds from the event will go to the new playground project at St. Edmunds Public School in Tobermory.

This is the last big fundraiser before the planned playground installation.

The Ladies Auxiliary

ANNUAL EASTER HUNT

Saturday April 4th at 10:00 a.m.
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Spaghetti Dinner

Dinner includes spaghetti, garlic bread & dessert

This is the last big fundraiser for the St. Edmunds Public School Playground Fund before installation begins!

Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00pm
Adults \$15 Children (under 12) \$10.00



Lions Host Annual Broadfoot/Lemcke Memorial Hockey Tournament

Submitted by Lion Secretary Tom Boyle, Photos Courtesy of Lion Emily Burgess
Once again, the Lions Club hosted the annual Broadfoot/Lemcke Memorial Hockey Tournament. Running from March 13th to 15th, the event kicked

off on a storied Friday the 13th, but far from being unlucky, the date marked the start of a perfect "homecoming" weekend at the Lion's Head Arena.

While the winter outside remained relentless and snowy, the atmosphere inside the rink was nothing but warm. The tournament continues to serve as a gathering for the community, drawing friends and families together to celebrate a shared love for the game and the faithful competitors.

Across the three-day stretch, twelve teams battled it **Continued on page 17**



Photo L-R: President Lion Wes Bailey, alongside Lion Emily Burgess, present the "Best Goalie Award" Trophy, sponsored by Celtic Camp, to Jason Miller.



Photo: President Lion Wes Bailey presents Zach Mielhausen of team "Dump N' Chase" with the EPH Tools division winning trophy.

MS Chi-Cheemaun Reservations Open for 2026 Sailing Season

Press Release

March 17, 2026, Owen Sound, Ont. – Reservations are now open for the MS Chi-Cheemaun. The Owen Sound Transportation Company looks forward to welcoming travellers back for the 2026 sailing season.

As one of Canada's most recognizable ferries, the Chi-Cheemaun will offer daily sailings between Tobermory and Manitoulin Island from May 1 to October 18, 2026. The scenic crossing takes approximately one hour and 45 minutes during peak season and two hours during off-peak periods.

The Chi-Cheemaun features a spacious vehicle deck that can accommodate everything from large motor homes and commercial vehicles to bicycles, with walk-on passengers welcome.

View the Chi-Cheemaun sailing schedule at: <https://www.ontarioferries.com/ms-chi-cheemaun/schedule-overview/>.

Travel in Good Spirits and reserve your crossing by calling 1-800-265-3163 or booking online at: <https://www.ontarioferries.com/reservations/login.php>.

About the Chi-Cheemaun:

As one of the most recognizable ferries in Canada, the Chi-Cheemaun continues to be an integral symbol of Georgian Bay, and has carried an estimated 10 million passengers, three million vehicles, and has completed 24,000 voyages between Tobermory and Manitoulin Island since 1974.

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Saugeen Ojibway Nation is working with the appropriate officials to ensure the Ancestor is respectfully repatriated so that next steps can proceed in accordance with our cultural protocols.

Further updates will be shared as appropriate.

TO THE TUB WITH LOVE

an annual free dinner for everyone in the community

Thursday April 16th, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Tobermory Community Centre

(Transportation or take out can be arranged, just call any of the churches)

A free ham supper hosted by Tobermory Community Outreach, an initiative of the four local churches (St. Edmund's Anglican, Light & Life Chapel, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and Tobermory United).

This is our way of thanking YOU for being part of the community!

Come and visit with your friends and neighbours!

One Person In Custody After Shelter-In-Place Advisory in Sauble Falls

OPP Media Release

March 22, 2026, (SAUBLE FALLS, ON) - On Saturday March 21, 2026, at around 5:30 p.m., members of the Grey Bruce Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a reported disturbance at a property on Rankin Bridge Road involving a potentially armed individual.

Police issued a shelter-in-place advisory for the immediate area. After a thorough response and initial investigation, it was determined that the situation had stabilized and there was no immediate threat to public safety.

Police lifted the shelter-in-place advisory on social media at around 11:40 p.m. that evening.

The suspect later turned themselves in the following morning and was taken into custody without incident. No injuries were reported following the initial disturbance.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Grey Bruce OPP would like to thank members of the public for their understanding and patience during the shelter-in-place advisory and investigation.

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JOHN'S COLUMN

By John Francis

On March 28, Bruce Peninsula Environment Group and Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association hosted a meeting and strategy session at Summer House Park. The focus of the gathering was the Northern Bruce Peninsula Climate Action Plan. BPEG/BPBA be writing it up, so I won't deal with the substance of the meeting here.

But I was struck by a couple of things that were baked into the discussion.

Clearly, greenhouse gases (GHGs) are the most critical environmental issue of our time. In MNB (Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula), as with most places, more than half of the GHGs come from transportation. In second place is home heating. Third place is waste gases from landfill.

So there are obvious low-hanging fruit: switch to electric vehicles (EVs) and switch to electric heat pumps. (BTW — we put in an air-source heat pump/air conditioner at our home last fall. It heated the house perfectly all winter, even on the coldest days, and it cut our heating bill in half.)

But someone pointed out that the largest source of vehicular emissions in MNB is tourists, not locals. Duh. They

Greenhouse Gases, Fuel Price Increases and Supply Shocks

Could a Family of Visitors Survive a Week on the Saugeen/Bruce Peninsula Without a Car? Could You?

outnumber us by about ten to one!

So what can we do to mitigate the GHG emissions from tourists?

The most obvious answer is providing charging stations for EVs. For example, the bank of chargers at the community centre in Tobermory, which haven't worked in years...

But another answer in reducing the GHG emissions of transport is improving public transit, especially electric-powered public transit. If tourists could come here on electric buses, that would dramatically reduce their GHG footprint.

But how would that work? It would mean that visitors wouldn't have a vehicle when they got here.

Would that be a problem?

Imagine spending a week in Lion's Head without a vehicle. Would you be able to visit the main attractions?

I'm assuming that there are three main attractions: Lion's Head Beach Park (and the adjacent marina), the Bruce Trail in Lion's Head Provincial Park and the Bruce Trail north from Whippoorwill Shore. Those three are, respectively, a five minute walk, a ten-minute walk and a fifteen-minute bike

ride from downtown Lion's Head.

So you could spend a lovely week in Lion's Head without a car.

How about Tobermory? What would you do if you were spending a week in Tobermory without a car?

For sure you'd take a boat tour and spend a day on Flowerpot Island.

But after that?

Go to Singing Sands? Google Maps says that's two hours and twenty-five minutes walking or 32 minutes on a bicycle.

Go to the Grotto? That's 52 minutes on a bicycle or a four-hour walk. (You aren't actually allowed to walk there.)

Halfway Log Dump? Five hour walk or two hours fifteen minutes on a bike.

Even Big Tub Lighthouse is a 41-minute walk from downtown Tobermory. (And an unpleasant 41 minutes at that — pedestrians have to share a narrow roadway with two lanes of traffic.)

No wonder everybody brings a car when they come to Tobermory! (And to every other place on the peninsula except Lion's Head.)

So what can or should we do to reduce GHG emissions from tourism?

There would seem to be three strategies here:

- shuttle buses; and/or
- make it easier and more pleasant to come here in an EV; and especially:
- make it easier and more pleasant to walk or cycle around our villages.

So: shuttle buses, sidewalks, bike lanes and charging stations.

But attendees at the meeting had a few other suggestions: free parking for EVs; free (or reduced) fares on the Chi-Cheemaun ferry; free (or reduced, or priority) admission to the National Parks.

As to the GHG footprint of MNB residents: we should all buy electric cars, right? (And heat pumps!)

Special Bonus Feature: I'm guessing gas prices might double again before the political situation settles down, and there might be shortages as well. Those would be particularly onerous in rural areas where you have to drive everywhere.

Wouldn't it be nice to not care how high the gas price goes or whether the supply runs out?

Bruce Men's Shed Building Boot Scrubbers for Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans, Team Leader

Bruce Men's Shed is now officially three years old. The constant interest from our members is a great thing to experience, with deepening friendships as well as new friends.

Last week reporter Scott Dunn of Sun Media's Owen Sound Sun Times was preparing an article on the major growth of Men's Sheds in the area. He wrote an excellent article after interviewing other locations by phone and by attending our Saturday meeting. To quote Scott, "Saturday morning, men with grey and white hair sat around a long table inside the cozy, wood-paneled legion hall north of Ferndale. It's along Highway 6, a long and lonely road this time of year, which runs through the Ferndale Flats and on to Tobermory".

I think he truly captured the essence of what a Shed is in the statement, quoting Wayne Kaufman of Saugeen Shores Men's Shed "...understands 21 per cent of men in Canada live alone, and mental health and loneliness are universal health problems", he said.

"And Men's Sheds have been identified as some of the strongest helpers with that."

We impatiently wait for spring to get rid of the stockpiles of snow — it would mean that my utility trailer will be accessible again and can have some room to set up outside to plane wood and set up an outdoor temporary workshop. Recently our guys met to build a number of boot scrubbers to be installed on Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy properties. They now protect more than 25,000 acres along the Bruce Trail corridor and have more than 80km of public trails, some of which will see these scrubbers added.

Our next monthly Saturday meeting is April 18 from 9am-11am. Every Monday morning we meet for coffee from 9am-11am at Canadian Legion Branch 202, 6 Hellyer Road on Highway 6, 4 km north of Ferndale. Doors open at 8:45. There is also a Bruce Men's Shed coffee gathering every Wednesday at 10 am in Wiarton at 451 Frank street, Matthew Mutch hosting.

If you would like further information on how to get involved with the Men's Shed movement, please contact us at brucemensshed@gmail.com or call Gerry

at (519) 793-3005.

"Somewhere to Go. Something to Do. Someone to Talk to".



Photo Credit: Ross Cochrane

Photo: Scott Elliott, Jim Martell, Rick Krisko, Owen Glendon and Tom Cowan with the Boot Scrubbers Bruce Men's Shed has been building for the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy.

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Busy Spring for Secondary Students at Bruce Peninsula District School

Submitted by Emily Cameron

Second semester is off and running at Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS). It is hard to believe March break is already here! Here is a recap of what the Secondary Students have been up to at BPDS since the start of second semester.

Junior and Senior Badminton are off to a good start. Students have been practicing two nights a week in preparation for the tournaments which will happen in April. Thank you to Coaches Myles and Mielhausen for all their hard work to date!

Secondary Student council was busy in February planning Valentine's Day activities. They organized a gingerbread house making contest where students competed in the House Colour groups to create the best design of Aphrodite's Palace. Green House was the ultimate winner. Secondary Student council also planned a dress-up theme week the week before March break and handed out green coloured Rice Crispy squares in recognition of St Patrick's Day.

23 students from grades 7-12 have been busy since September rehearsing two to three nights a week, plus lunch hours, for Footloose the musical. They learned choreography, lines, and blocking, as well as singing, and making sets, props - you name it!

As always, there are many amazing projects happening in our classes, too! We have over 25 students out on Co-op right now. In fact, we have several students working right here in our very own school! Carly is the Art Co-op student and has been busy painting the set for the play. Alexis, Maddy, and Acadia are

Sources of Knowledge Announces 2026-2027 Academic Bursaries

Submitted by Rob Klea

Once again, Sources of Knowledge is offering bursaries for the 2026-2027 academic year. Through funding provided by Parks Canada, Sources of Knowledge administers bursaries for students entering or attending applicable post-secondary studies who reside within the boundaries of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula at the time of applying for the bursary, or are a member of the Saugeen Ojibway Nations (who have a hunting reserve in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula).

The bursary is intended to address the following outcomes:

- 1) To provide financial support to a qualifying post-secondary student studying in the field of environmental conservation or other field related to a prospective career with Parks Canada.
- 2) To assist Parks Canada in meeting its obligation for local employment under clauses 15 and 16 of Appendix A of the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to Establish a National Park and a National Marine Park in the Township of St. Edmunds dated July 20, 1987.
- 3) To further the stated goal of the Sources of Knowledge Forum to "encourage and enable youth to be stewards of this remarkable place."

Applicable post-secondary programs include, but are not limited to natural sciences, resource management, environmental studies, geography, social science, computer science, environmental planning, education, outdoor recreation, tourism, engineering, and trades such as HVAC, electrical, plumbing, etc. as judged by members of the Bursary Selection Committee.

Funding, subject to availability, will be available to those students in good academic standing who will be entering or returning to post-secondary studies in the 2026-2027 school year. The application form for this funding is available through your school guidance counsellor or can be accessed on the Sources of Knowledge website. The deadline for bursary applications is May 15, 2026.

Please contact Rob Klea at newtrailrob@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Co-oping in the elementary wing, lending their leadership skills to the elementary teachers.

The Chemistry class has been hard at work learning about intermolecular forces. The Art and Ancient Civilizations classes have been very busy working with clay and glass mediums creating mosaics and replicas of ancient artifacts. The gym

classes have been trained in the weight room, just finished their badminton unit, and are moving onto basketball.

We would like to thank Matt Wieler from Nipissing University who has been a student teacher in our grade 9 gym and science classes. He has been a welcome addition to our staff.

Secondary students are also planning

a trip to Stratford at the end of April to see The Hobbit. They will get to participate in a workshop with Stratford staff ahead of the show.

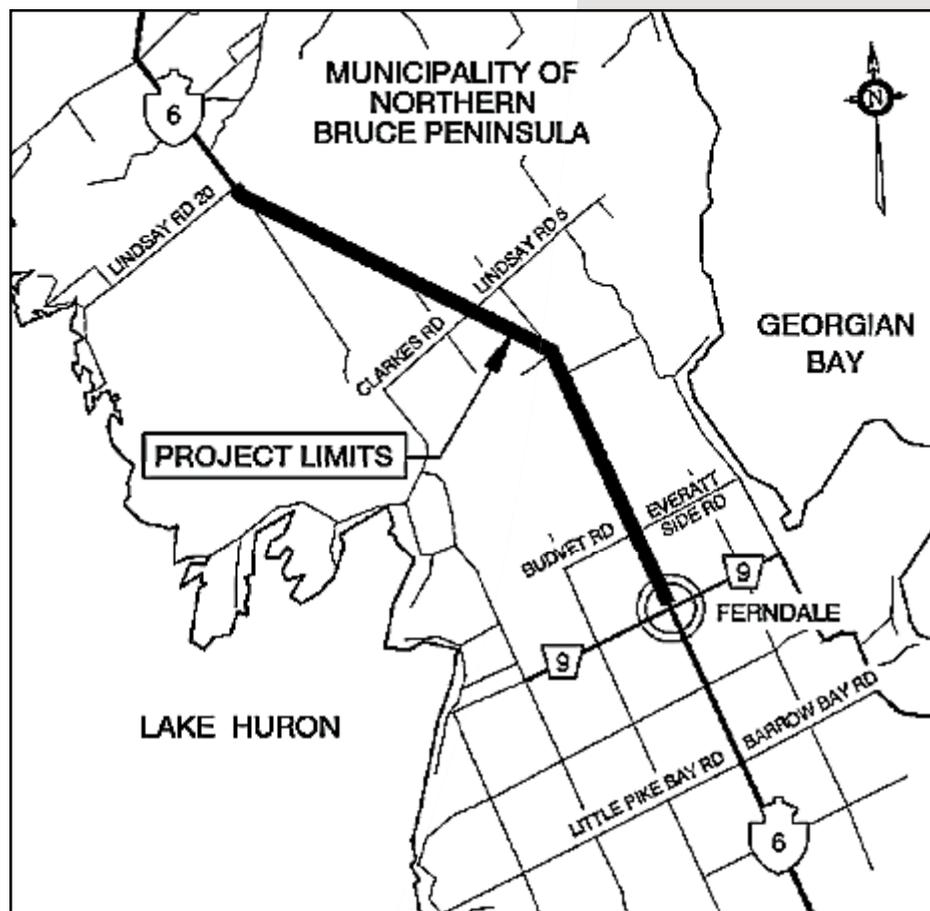
Fundraising for the 2027 Europe Trip continues! Stay tuned for more information about an up and coming BBB-event (Baseball, BBQ, Bottle Drive) to help raise funds for students on the trip.

Project Update Notice

Highway 6 Improvements

From Ferndale to Lindsay Road 20,
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Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is nearing completion of the Detail Design and Class Environmental (EA) study for the rehabilitation of Highway 6 from 580m north of County Road 9 in Ferndale to Lindsay Road 20 in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. The project is being undertaken to address the existing pavement condition within the project limits on Highway 6 and will include pavement rehabilitation, paved shoulders, drainage improvements, and other roadside safety improvements, as required.

Construction is anticipated to commence in spring 2026. During construction, Highway 6 traffic will be reduced to a single lane during daytime hours. Advanced signing of dates for lane restrictions will be provided by the Contractor. Access for businesses and properties on Highway 6 will be maintained throughout construction.

THE PROCESS

The study is being completed in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) as a Group C project (minor improvement). Group C projects are considered approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*, subject to compliance with the Class EA and the application of mitigation measures where necessary.

COMMENTS

For more information, please contact one of the Project Team Members listed below by March 27, 2026.

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Comments and information will be collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Bruce Peninsula Predators Rally to Capture U18 WOAA Championship



Photo: Your U18 WOAA Champions – Bruce Peninsula Predators Parker Campbell Storey, Shiloh McNair, Ben McNair, Clover Cunningham, Alexis Liverance, Eden Weatherhead, Coach Jim McNair, Cole Catley, Clinton Cunningham, Coach Tom Cunningham, Braxton Purser, Drake Migwans, Gregor Nadjiwon, Asher Simpson, Blake Davis, Takoah Jones, Tegan Ashkewe-Jones, Trainer James Scott.

Submitted by Tara Davis

The U18 Bruce Peninsula Predators delivered exciting playoff hockey as they battled through a hard-fought semi-final series against Walkerton, showcasing resilience, teamwork and strong community support at the Lion's Head Arena.

The series opened with a tight defensive battle that saw the Predators fall just short in a 2-1 loss. Despite the loss, the team demonstrated determination throughout the night.

The Predators responded in Game 2 with a strong performance on home ice during Alumni Night. The team played with poise and confidence, moving the puck effectively and applying pressure in all zones. Their efforts paid off as

Bruce Peninsula earned a big win to even the series.

During this game we honoured the players who are aging out of the U18 program and closing an important chapter in their minor hockey careers. The moment served as a reminder of the dedication, hard work and passion these players have brought while wearing the Bruce Peninsula Predators jersey. Asher Simpson, Blake Davis, Clover Cunningham and Shiloh McNair – even though their time in minor hockey may be coming to an end, their contributions to the Bruce Peninsula Predators program will not be forgotten.

The Predators continued their playoff push with an impressive offensive and defensive display and Ben McNair

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Panthers Triumph Over Sauble Storm in Close Championship Game

Submitted by Pam Mielhausen

After more than 15 years on the sidelines, the North Bluewater Floor Hockey Tournament made its long-awaited return on Thursday, March 12, and it did not disappoint. Bruce Peninsula District School proudly hosted fellow North Bluewater schools Peninsula Shores District School, Amabel Sauble Community School, and Hepworth Public School for a day packed with energy, excitement, and incredible displays of skill. From the first faceoff to the final buzzer, the gym was filled with cheering, determination, and a shared love of the game.

The BPDS Panthers opened the day against Peninsula Shores, coming out strong with an impressive 8-2 victory.

Goals were scored by Mabel Cameron, TA Hofstrand, Trent Lyle, and the Panthers' captains led the charge with Avery Sachs adding one and Reid West netting four. The Panthers' defense set the tone early, with Cody Love stepping up to break up several rushes and Tamara Thompson battling hard along the wall to clear the zone and shut down scoring chances, while goalie Carson Spurgeon stood tall in net making key saves.

Game two saw the Panthers face the Hepworth Hawks in a much tighter contest. In a fast-paced battle that had fans on their feet, BPDS pulled out a 6-5 victory. Goals came from TA Hofstrand, Pierce Lott, Reid West (2), and Trent

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BPDS Back-to-back Nordic Ski Champions

Submitted by Coach Trish Preston

The Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) Elementary Ski Team took to the trails in Hepworth in early March to defend their Nordic Ski Championship title.

The day started off with the junior girls race. This group was the biggest race of the day with over 50 skiers. Our top finishers were Violet in first, Cora in fourth and Paisley in tenth.

The junior boys came out on fire with River, Grayson, Tucker and Beau taking third to sixth places respectively.

Our senior team showed up in a big way, with more skiers than all the other schools combined. The senior girls

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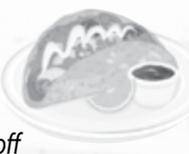
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Lion's Head Curling Club Wraps Up 2025/26 Season

Submitted by Janice Sim

The Ashley Jackson RE/MAX Bonspiel happened in the Lion's Head Arena on February 28. We had ten teams vying for the coveted first place. The RE/MAX Team provided a great day for us with two eight end games, lunch, prizes and snacks. We appreciate their enthusiastic support of the curling club.

Our AGM was March 2nd with pizza and curling too. Many thanks to our President Brenda and Vice President Susan Avis fulfilling the 2nd year of their two year terms. New members of the executive elected were Second Vice President, Mark Prieur,

Secretary, Kat McCormack, Treasurer, Tom Cowan, Draw Master, Wayne Eichenberger, Assistant Draw Master, Dale Eichenberger and Bonspiel Co-ordinator, Julianna Murphy.

Our last draw of the season ended on March 9th. We continued to run the early draw 4-6pm with 6 teams and the later draw at 7-9pm also with 6 teams.

It was a great season of curling with 2 Bonspiels and 4 Draws with 2 time slots each. We helped with some student curling, attended curling clinics led by Marty Thompson and drove through snow and ice and fog to curl on Monday nights. Now it's time to wash the curling sweater and hang it in the back of the closet until next season.

Happy and safe summer to all our curlers, see you in October when we will start off with a Learn to Curl night open to anyone wanting to try curling.



Photo: Winning team of the February 28th Bonspiel skipped by Doug Hill. (L-R) Reuben McMurter, Coralie Jacobi, Kim Pitblado and Doug Hill.



Photo: The RE/MAX curling team of Dylan Dolson, Dylan Jackson, Ashley Jackson and Chris Mawdsley.

BPDS Nordic Ski Champions Continued from previous page

swept the podium with Avery leading the way in first place, then Georgia, Bella, Maddi, Ruthie, Ella, Mabel and Autumn following in that order. The senior boys saw Emmett finish third, followed by Trent, Owen, Sam, TA and Finn all back-to-back.

Finally, Lincoln was our lone skate skier, finishing fifth in the junior boys race.

When the day was complete and the points were tabulated, it was determined that BPDS was the back-to-back Nordic Ski Champion! Congratulations to all

team members. Your hard work paid off and the coaches are very proud of all of you.

Thank you to all who helped make this ski season a huge success. From the community donations of ski equipment, our trusty parent volunteers and the very stylish ski toques (sponsored by Evergreen Electric, Hellyer's Foodland and Scott's Home Hardware) we are a very lucky team. We were able to field a team of 42 skiers this season and even managed to start some of our older students on the path of learning to skate ski before entering high school. Thank you to all who helped along the way and we are already planning for next season!



Photo: The BPDS Elementary Ski Team sporting their stylish ski toques sponsored by Evergreen Electric, Hellyer's Foodland and Scott's Home Hardware.



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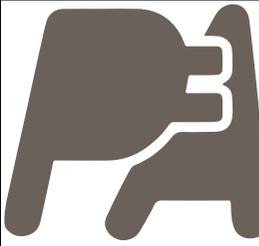
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Bruce County Memories: Steam Tug "Prince Alfred" Locked in the Ice Pack Off Tobermory

Submitted by Robin Hilborn,
Bruce County Historical Society
Written by Patrick Folkes

In 1879 the 60-foot steam tug Prince Alfred arrived in Wiarton to replace the O'Koura, which had burned on Colpoys Bay the previous summer. Owner Andrew Port offered travellers a daily, one-way passage from Wiarton to Owen Sound for 75 cents.

The winter of 1879-80 was unusually mild and the Prince Alfred was able to ply regularly to Owen Sound through January and February. Nevertheless there was ice and on several occasions she was trapped in Colpoys Bay. But with the likelihood of an early spring Captain Port grew more venturesome and on March 6 set out from Owen Sound for Michael's Bay, Manitoulin Island, with a load of freight and a handful of passengers, including Robert A. Lyon, MPP for Algoma.

The Prince Alfred made fair weather until a gale came up within a few miles of Michael's Bay, forcing a retreat to the shelter of the Bruce Peninsula. An attempt to enter Tobermory harbour was blocked by ice and when Captain Port tried to push a way through he was quickly thwarted. Despite repeated attempts to break free, there the little steamer sat, fixed solidly in the ice, half a mile from shore.

The next four days were spent trying to break the Prince Alfred from her frozen prison, but to no avail. In the meantime the frustrated Mr. Lyon, MPP, took a small boat, intending to cross over to Manitoulin. He got as far as Cove Island, then, judging the rest of the voyage too hazardous, gave up. With no possibility of getting out on the Prince Alfred, Lyon started south by land and on the 13th, after a two-day trek, reached Owen Sound. On the 15th he arrived in Gravenhurst by train, then Parry Sound by stagecoach. Ahead lay a journey by dog-team, horse-drawn sleigh and on foot, through Collins Inlet, Killarney, Manitowaning and finally home to Michael's Bay, on the 21st.

With the Prince Alfred confined for the foreseeable future, Captain Port made good use of his rather limited prospects. He engaged 20 men and two teams of horses and began to cut blocks of ice out of the harbour. By the time the Prince Alfred was able to break free on April 4, 500 tons of ice had been lifted and stored for the spring fishery. Captain Port was, in the words of a newspaper account, to be credited for his "thrift and enterprise."

The Prince Alfred reached Michael's Bay without incident and the next day, the 5th, having taken on several passengers from Manitowaning, steamed away for Owen Sound. There was open water enough into Georgian Bay, but off Cabot Head he encountered a vast expanse of ice. Port drove ahead regardless and managed to penetrate it until, abreast of Lion's Head, the rudder broke and the steamer came to a complete halt.

Once again the Prince Alfred was held fast in the ice. This time there was no safe harbour and the helpless steamer was soon at the whim of wind and current, drifting to and fro about Georgian Bay. The situation on board was exacerbated by a lack of fuel, only a half day's supply being on hand. In order to have enough in reserve for a final dash for port when the ice broke up, the boiler fire was drawn down.

For the next nine days the crew and passengers were in the most uncomfortable, even dangerous, circumstances. There was always the possibility that the hull would be crushed and the vessel sink. A strong southwest wind pushed the ice pack into the northern part of the Bay and then a northeasterly gale drove it back. On the 10th the ice came in on Cape Croker. By then passenger Joseph Maughn had had enough and went over the side and walked ashore.

The ice pack was drifting south toward

Colpoys Bay and eventually placed the Prince Alfred near Hay Island. Another night brought the steamer into the narrow water between White Cloud Island and the mainland. By the 12th the ice surface was consolidated enough for Captain Port to walk over to Big Bay (North Keppel) and arrange for a message to be sent to his family. A further two days passed and the Prince Alfred still ice-bound, came into Colpoys Bay. But now, with steam up and a jury-rigged rudder, Captain Port picked his way through the pack, brought his vessel into shore and took on firewood. Through the following night the Prince Alfred crept carefully among the remaining patches of ice and at 8 o'clock in the morning of April 15 pulled alongside the dock at Wiarton.

Captain Port was widely acclaimed for his handling of the Prince Alfred and the survival of all on board. The Wiarton Echo congratulated him for "his indomitable pluck in sticking to his craft and bringing her safely through so many perils." For his part, Port hardly took time to catch his breath, for spring was certain and the ice finally disappearing. Within a week the Prince Alfred was repaired, painted and back on her usual route.



Credit: Stan McClellan
Route Map: "Prince Alfred" left Owen Sound on March 6, 1880. Her route under power is shown by dashes. The dots show how she drifted while frozen in the ice.



Credit: Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, A2022.028.002
Photo: Wiarton Harbour, by Mark Matthews, a photographer in Wiarton from 1876 to at least 1901.

In June Captain Port made a deal with James Miller, of Little Current, for the steamer Jane Miller. Miller took the Prince Alfred. Ironically, Port and his new command would vanish in 1881, with all on board, in the same area of Colpoys Bay where a year before he had finally escaped from the ice. James Miller used the Prince Alfred to tow logs in the North Channel and then placed her in the Killarney fishery. But the tug must have been a failure for she was laid up as unfit for service in 1882 and thereafter disappears from the shipping records.

Patrick Folkes of Tobermory is a Great Lakes marine historian who has authored three books on Bruce Peninsula shipwrecks. His article on the Prince Alfred appeared in the

2003 Bruce County Historical Society Yearbook. Catch Patrick during Archives Awareness Week, at Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre in Southampton. He'll speak about "Shipwrecks of Bruce County: Myths and Reality", April 11 at 2 p.m.

You can get the fifth edition of the "History of the County of Bruce" by emailing Bill Stewart, willstew@bmts.com, at the Historical Society; or by visiting: Bruce County Museum, Southampton; Treasure Chest Museum, Paisley; Holst Office Supplies, Walkerton; Bruce County Bookstore, Cargill; Little Blue House Café/Gallery, Tiverton; Hamilton's Toys and More, Kincardine; Berford Street Books, Wiarton; Shops at 84 Main, Lion's Head; Readers' Haven Book Store, Tobermory.

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Tobermory Thrift Shop Seeking Volunteers for 2026 Season

Submitted by Rev. Sheryl Spencer

The Tobermory Thrift Shop, a fundraising initiative of Tobermory United Church and Tobermory Community Outreach, is hoping to expand its services this summer. The Thrift Shop, a hallmark of summer in Tobermory for decades, is able to consider changing its operating format due to extra storage provided by the purchase of a sea container that has been installed on the property at 7101 Highway 6.

Though in the past the Thrift Shop has been open for donations only on Mondays and Tuesdays, the possibility now exists to be open for sales on those days as well – if more volunteers can be found. Up to now, sales days at the Thrift Shop have been Thursday through Saturday only. Volunteer shifts are from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., usually one day per week, from June to September, but volunteers are welcome to serve more or less time than that.

For more information about this highly impactful work in the community, potential volunteers are welcome to contact Thrift Shop volunteer coordinator Steve Lindsay at tobermorydreamin@gmail.com.

During Holy week, the sanctuary at

Tobermory United will be open to all for quiet reflection and prayer between noon and 1:00 p.m. March 31 to April 3. There's a lot to think about these days, and the sanctuary at Tobermory United is sacred space to do so. A quiet and contemplative service celebrating Jesus' last supper will take place on Thursday April 2 at 7:00 p.m., and a celebration of Easter – complete with special choral music, lots of colour and a light breakfast beforehand – will occur April 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Tobermory United is excited to host a concert by the multi-instrumentalist musician, composer and producer Jeff Bird, who will play his interpretations of the music of twelfth-century mystic Hildegard von Bingen on April 18 at 4:00 p.m. (see the article on page 17 for more information).

Don't bother cooking on April 16th! Come out to the community supper hosted by Tobermory Community Outreach, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Tobermory Community Centre. This is a free supper supported by the churches in Tobermory in order to bring the community together in gratitude and celebration that we made it through a long winter! There will be ham, scalloped potatoes, baked beans (vegetarian), vegetables, salads and desserts!

Lion's Head Friendship Club a Hive of Activity This Spring

Submitted by Geraldine Loker

The Friendship Club in Lion's Head continues to be a hive of activity with many events keeping members busy.

Games Day on March 21 was a big success, with members enjoying a variety of games and cards. The next Games Day will take place on April 18 at 1 p.m. and will be a Trivia event, followed by a complimentary light supper for all participants. Please sign up at the club if you plan to attend.

The dinner scheduled for March 28 is already sold out.

There are also several trips planned in the coming months. The Belmore Maple Syrup Festival on April 9 will be a carpool event. The trip to the Stratford Theatre to see "Guys and Dolls" on April 27 is also sold out.

There are still a few tickets available for the trip to see "Sister Act" in Penetanguishene on June 11. The cost is \$60, with a \$20 deposit required, and transportation will be by school bus.

Plans are also underway for a Lunch Cruise on the Grand River on September 15. Transportation will be by school bus. The cost is \$70 per person, with a \$20 deposit required.

The next dinner will be held on April 25, featuring Chicken Parmesan, pasta, salad, tea, coffee and dessert. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members, and they sell out quickly.

The April lunch has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 16 at 12 p.m. due to a conflict with the Belmore trip. The cost for lunch is \$8, and members are asked to sign up at the club.

As with all events, there is a facility fee of \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with club events. If you would like

to lend a hand, please check the sign-up sheets at the club.

The Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.



Photo: Mark, Will, Martha and Grace tackling a new game — learning the rules and enjoying the challenge!

Replacing Trustees Continued from page 1

and his office. That means one third of students in publicly funded schools in Ontario have decisions made about their education with no local representation involved.

At a joint press conference led by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) at Queens Park, Kathleen Woodcock, President of OPSBA, stated Ontarians want their local trustees. They want more local voice, not less, she said. "Centralized one size fits all mandates from Queens Park cannot account for the unique needs of schools in local communities," she said. "When you eliminate the local voice, you reduce accountability and risk eroding public trust in Ontario's valuable public education system."

Jane Thomson, Chair and School Board Trustee, was elected to the Bluewater District School Board by Northern Bruce Peninsula and South Bruce Peninsula – which includes Hepworth, Sauble and Wiarton. Thomson has a special connection to the Northern Bruce Peninsula schools – her children attended Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) in Lion's Head.

"My lens, and why I got into being a trustee in the first place, was to make sure the voices of the rural students were heard," she said. "I am always that voice, and not just for the peninsula but for any of the outlying schools."

Thomson said, while the government states that some boards don't balance their budgets, the boards argue that they aren't being adequately funded for what they are being asked to provide. "There is a gap, for example, in the number of EAs and the resources that are needed for the kids in the schools, because we're funded for the number of students who attend the schools, and not for their needs," Thomson said.

David Mastin, President of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario also spoke at the press conference at Queens Park. He stated since 2018 more than 6 billion dollars have been removed from public education in Ontario.

"When trustees elected specifically to represent local needs are sidelined, schools lose the insight and direct advocacy that come from people that understand their community," Mastin said.

Beyond concerns of representation,



Photo: School Board Chair and Trustee Jane Thomson represents the Town of South Bruce Peninsula and Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

Thomson pushed back against claims of financial mismanagement, arguing that public oversight already plays a key role in accountability.

"People argue that trustees don't have a lot of authority and that's true, the ministry sets the money. But I do sit on a lot of committees, and I watch a lot of people work and I understand that system," she said.

Thomson added people from the public who are watching should be able to confidently say that people are working very hard with these dollars and no one's misusing it.

"I'm very proud of Bluewater, very, very proud," she said.

Thompson went on to say all their board meetings and committee meetings are public, where people can attend or watch online, but this is no longer the case with the supervised boards. "There won't be the same transparency on how decisions are made," she stated.

Municipal and school board nominations open May 1, but uncertainty around whether school board elections will proceed is creating instability ahead of the vote.

"There is a risk that public school trustees may not be elected in the fall," Thomson said. "If people are concerned about that they should be in touch with MPP Vickers or the Minister of Education and let them know. Sometimes silence seems like acceptance."

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Protecting The Peninsula From Invasive Phragmites

Submitted by Jacob Kloeze, Nature Conservancy of Canada

If you have driven across southern Ontario, chances are you have come across invasive Phragmites, one of the worst invasive species to be introduced in Canada. This perennial grass grows and spreads at alarming rates, reaching heights of over five metres. Patches become so dense, they block sightlines where it establishes in one of its favourite environments — wet ditches and road allowances — causing damage to infrastructure and clogging drainage systems.

On the Saugeen Peninsula, invasive Phragmites has spread throughout the peninsula's roadsides, wetlands and shorelines. It not only blocks access to water and increases flood and fire risks but also crowds out native plants and damages vital habitat for wildlife like at-risk turtles and snakes, migratory birds, and fish that rely on these areas for spawning.

Phragmites' seedheads contain more than 2,000 tiny seeds, and it only takes a few seeds hitchhiking on an ATV rider, hiker or a gust of wind to spread. Even without its seeds, invasive Phragmites can grow from a single root or stem, and established patches can spread at a rate of up to 30 per cent each year. So, how do you control a plant that spreads and grows so quickly across property boundaries? Collaboration is the key.

Since 2020, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has worked with a number of organizations to control invasive Phragmites across the Saugeen Peninsula. This includes supporting efforts led by community volunteers to control invasive Phragmites, which once overwhelmed the coastal wetlands of Oliphant and the Fishing Islands. Today, thanks to the Oliphant Fishing Islands Phragmites Community

Group, supported by NCC and other organizations, invasive Phragmites levels in Oliphant have been reduced by more than 95 per cent from pre-control levels, and aquatic life has returned.

But there is more work to be done. In 2025, NCC continued its successful work to combat invasive Phragmites. With partner support, more than 20 hectares of invasive Phragmites control took place in many inland wetlands, lakes and on Lake Huron shoreline across the entire Saugeen Peninsula. This work has included expanding on efforts that have been in place at Oliphant for many years, including increased survey efforts of nearby lands, completing landowner outreach for permissions to survey land and manage invasive Phragmites and, finally, controlling any stands when they were found.

In areas where invasive Phragmites has been greatly reduced, native plants are beginning to show themselves again, and wildlife is returning to the habitats they need to survive.

This project was made possible thanks to the support of EcoAction, and the community partnerships that helped NCC with the work on the ground. As Canada's leading non-profit conservation organization, NCC partners with public, private and community interests to support resilient landscapes at scale for people and nature to thrive.

As invasive Phragmites continues to cross boundaries, so does NCC through its many collaborations, both within the Saugeen Peninsula and across the province through the Ontario Phragmites Action program. If the work does not continue and

expand, invasive Phragmites instead will continue to spread throughout these areas, impacting sensitive habitats and the infrastructures that we depend on for our livelihoods and well-being. NCC continues to offer free invasive Phragmites control services on Peninsula private lands and will keep working with partners to cover as much ground as possible as the

2026 field season begins. Together, we will ensure that these ecosystems can support us and the future generations to come. To learn more, visit natureconservancy.ca/stewardship-on.

This project was undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through the federal Canada Water Agency.

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Local Lion's Head Music Producer Colman Jones Releases 11-Track Album *Instrumentals In Motion*

Media Advisory

March 20, 2026 – A UNIQUE REUNION STORY – In the 1980s, Colman Jones and Toronto-based musician Bob Moher were collaborators, composing instrumental music for CBC Radio. Life eventually pulled them in different directions, and the two lost touch for nearly 40 years.

Last year, they reconnected. Despite the distance between the Bruce Peninsula and Toronto, they picked up exactly where they left off. The result is *Instrumentals in Motion*, an 11-track album releasing on streaming platforms worldwide March 27, 2026. This unique reunion of musical minds offers a rediscovering of a shared musical language after 40 years apart.

The project is a true “remote-collaboration” success story. Moher sent guitar, keys and bass tracks from his Toronto studio, which Jones then expanded, arranged, and mixed in Lion's Head, layering a massive palette of instruments including the Moog Claravox theremin, vintage synthesizers, and grand piano. In parallel, Jones contributed several earlier piano compositions of his own, to which Moher added guitars, bass, and mandolin, completing the reciprocal nature of the collaboration.

The album was engineered, mixed, and mastered entirely in Lion's Head at Dreamer's Lair Studios.

A cinematic blend of folk, jazz, rock, ethereal and ambient textures—from the driving lead track “Jazzle”, to the evocative and cinematic “Three Down There”. The album mirrors its title in moving briskly across a wide range of genres in dynamic performances and lush arrangements.

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Historic Winter Crossing
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making an ice dive particularly remarkable. The steamship sank in 1901 during a September storm, highlighting the region's harsh conditions.

Hauling two hundred pounds each, including winter camping supplies, freediving gear, and safety equipment, the trio relied on a hybrid travel system combining modified stand-up paddleboards (SUPs) mounted on ski-sleds combined with mountaineering techniques to traverse mixed ice conditions and open water. The successful crossing was the result of more than a decade of preparation, systems refinement, and daily monitoring of ice and weather conditions.

The expedition expanded on amphibious hard-water travel systems developed by Scott Parent and Zane Davies to complete a winter crossing of Georgian Bay in 2015 from Cape Croker to Twelve Mile Bay. That journey pioneered using modified SUPs as multi-purpose winter expedition craft, serving as hauling sleds on ice and paddle craft on open water.

Two previous attempts to cross the Strait in winter were abandoned due to deteriorating ice conditions and strained gear, including one in 2019 by Parent and Davies, and another in February 2026 by Parent, Ryzebol and Shearer. Ice conditions across the strait can be highly destructive due to currents that keep it in constant motion. Roughly 30 km of the crossing were navigated by trek and 26 km by paddling open water, while navigating through the ice-floes. Sections too thin to walk yet too thick to paddle were overcome using ice-breaking strategies.

Safety message

Offshore Great Lakes ice is inherently dangerous and demands vigorous training and preparations. These lakes behave more like oceans than smaller lakes that many Canadians are accustomed to, with ice moving and open water appearing rapidly. Ice thickness alone is insufficient for decision making; concentration, wind, currents, temperature fluctuations, and ice structure all matter. Proper knowledge, planning, training, preparedness and self-rescue capability are essential to allow safe passage without emergency intervention. Explorers must respect the ice and have the discipline to adapt as conditions change.



Photo Credit: Scott Parent
Photo: The team navigates mixed conditions between Cove and Lucas Island.



Photo Credit: Scott Parent
Photo: Local freediver Andrew Ryzebol explores The City of Cleveland shipwreck beneath the ice.



Photo Credit: Scott Parent

Photo: Ice trekking offshore Fitzwilliam Island.

What's Changing Our Landscape?
SOK Forum Looks at Invasive Species

Submitted by Moira Parker

As the Sources of Knowledge Forum approaches this spring in Tobermory, this year's program is packed with a range of speakers examining invasive species from local, Great Lakes, and global perspectives. The Forum will explore how invasive species are altering ecosystems across land and water, and how those changes are being studied and managed.

One of the speakers, Dr. Erin Dunlop, a Senior Research Scientist with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, will focus on the role of invasive mussels in reshaping Lake Huron. Zebra and quagga mussels, now well established in the Great Lakes, have driven significant ecosystem changes over the past several decades. Dunlop's research examines the effects of these changes on fish populations, focusing on lake whitefish, a species of cultural, ecological and economic importance in the region.

The Forum will also look ahead to emerging threats. Kayla Martin, a master's student at the University of Waterloo, is studying Hydrilla verticillata, an aggressive aquatic plant that has recently appeared in the western basin of Lake Erie. Her work examines how this species is affecting water quality and aquatic communities, and what can be done to prevent it from becoming established more widely in Ontario.

While some invasive species arrive through global pathways, others begin much closer to home. Shawn McKnight looks at how this plays out

in residential spaces, focusing on how common garden plants can spread beyond their intended use. Species such as periwinkle, Japanese knotweed, and English ivy, originally introduced for landscaping, have escaped into natural areas and continue to spread. McKnight will discuss how homeowners can grow toward native plantings that support local biodiversity.

Another familiar presence on the landscape is phragmites, a tall, dense reed that has become widespread across Ontario wetlands and shorelines. Samantha Sommer, Manager of the Habitat Restoration Program with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, will share her experience managing phragmites in the Long Point region. Her work involves coordinating large control efforts across public and private lands and will discuss the challenges and the collaborative nature of long-term invasive species management.

Ahead of the Forum, Sources of Knowledge is also partnering with the Tobermory Meeting Place for a screening of Thinking Beyond the Market, a film by Dr. Brian Doucet exploring genuinely affordable housing. The event will take place on April 2 from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre, with a Q&A to follow. Admission is free, with donations welcome.

Registration for the Forum is now open, and early sign-up is recommended! Email info@sourcesofknowledge.ca for registration, more information is available at sourcesofknowledge.ca.

SWANS Flock is Growing; Three New Members Welcomed

Submitted by Tamara Wilson

The flock is growing! At our last meeting, we had the honour of swearing in three new members to Peninsula SWANS. We're excited to have new members join us as we continue supporting our community.

Roberta Mielhausen conducted the Welcome Ceremony, presenting three lovely ladies their official pin, which Peninsula SWANS proudly wear at each meeting over our hearts.

The SWANS next meeting is on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 5:30PM at the Lion's Head Swan Lake Legion on Hwy 6, north of Ferndale.

SWANS is an acronym for SERVICE: WE ASSIST, NURTURE, SUPPORT. The SWANS welcome new members who wish to be involved in initiatives which support our local community. For further information, please contact Roberta Mielhausen at 519-374-4110.



Photo: Roberta Mielhausen (second from left) welcomes new SWANS (L-R) Sarah Hamilton, Aiesha Saeckl and Connie Hutchinson at the recent Welcome Ceremony.

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Council Hears Proposal Sidewalks/Crosswalks
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has been neglected for some time, and it could probably use some improvements.” He continued, “We see a big lack of accessibility and crosswalks and direction for pedestrians.” The renderings are a “work in progress” and feedback would be necessary from residents and businesses before moving ahead with construction.

Currently, brick sidewalks are found around Tobermory, which are very common in municipalities according to Matos. “We see that a lot, and it’s probably 30-40 years old.” He noted that brick sidewalks often shift due to freeze-thaw cycles. Shifting contributes to the worsening of the sidewalks. Water can penetrate the subbase, then freeze in the winter, lifting the brick, shifting, and settling improperly. They proposed replacing the brick with concrete sidewalks which can be coloured, sandblasted or stamped to achieve a look that is more aesthetically pleasing for the village. Although concrete is more expensive than asphalt, cost savings are expected in the long term from a durability perspective.

Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson reflected on when the brick sidewalks were installed in 1989/1990, “It was state of the art, looked good, and we were proud of it...It is due for a refresh...a couple things I do like about the refresh is the accessibility...I mean that was always lacking and this certainly would be an improvement on that,” voiced the deputy mayor.

Improving parking along Harpur Drive was included in the project proposal. The construction would include a sidewalk curb where pedestrians can walk safely off the roadway and create a parking lane with designated parking spots tucked away from the road. Deputy Mayor Anderson commented that “As it stands now, you park your car on Harpur Drive and it’s worth your life because you don’t have a sidewalk, you’re walking up the road, there’s blind corners.... [new parking on Harpur Drive] certainly intrigues me because it cleans it up and makes it safer,” he expressed.

If approved, work would be scheduled to avoid the summer months and busy tourism season. To avoid disruption, concrete can be walked on the next day suggested Matos. He noted that 80% of their construction inquiries result from liability lawsuits. Withholding hardscape upgrades for budgetary purposes can cost municipalities money when the funds they saved from delaying projects is alternatively used on legal fees.

Signature Contracting Inc. is a full-service contracting company based out of Windsor with an emphasis on hardscapes. Geographically, they service all of Canada, specifically Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan. With over 30 years in business, they cater to smaller municipalities. The company recently constructed the concrete sidewalks in Lion’s Head which Mayor Milt McIver referred to as “great work.”

Council Supports Comprehensive Land Policy After Fourth Review This Year

MNBP Council ultimately supported a new Comprehensive Land Policy prepared by the Clerk, Alexandra Croce, at the March 23rd meeting. The update stems from a July 14th, 2025 resolution from Council asking the Clerk to bring forth an updated policy. The new policy was reviewed by Council on February 9th and 23rd, and March 9th and 23rd. Croce’s Report No. 26-09 implies that there are



Graphic from Mar 23 Council Agenda (Signature Contractors Inc. Delegation).
Graphic: Harpur Drive – Sidewalk and Parking Rendering.



Graphic from Mar 23 Council Agenda (Signature Contractors Inc. Delegation).
Graphic: Highway #6 and Bay Street South Perspective – Sidewalk and Crosswalk Rendering.

over 30 pending requests from the public for municipal land matters, like requests to purchase shore and unopened road allowances.

There are many shore road allowances (SRAs) within the Municipality that run along the edge of waterfront properties, typically 66 ft. wide. For public use and oftentimes owned by the Municipality, these strips of land can restrict what upland abutting property owners can or cannot do, prompting many to inquire about purchasing the SRAs themselves and merging the strips with their private land.

The March 23rd review of the policy pleased Council with clarification around shore/road allowances (RAs). Additions to the policy included SRA/RA closing procedures, application form, and application process diagram. The application form specifies that a non-refundable \$2,000 application fee payable to MNBP must be submitted to begin the process. Pending approval, the applicant must pay for a reference plan prepared by a surveyor and submit a \$5,000 deposit to MNBP to cover all costs (legal, appraisal, and survey fees). Costs upwards of the deposit will be billed to the applicant, if the process costs less than the deposit, it will be refunded.

The latest version of the draft policy indicated that MNBP will only consider applications for the closure and conveyance of RAs from “abutting owners.” The SRA Procedure states that “Applicants must own property directly abutting the original shore road allowance.” Also, “All road allowance closures are at the discretion of Council and shall be unfettered by any previous decisions.”

Other amendments include that applications will be rejected if the closure is deemed to have a negative impact on neighbouring landowners, other landowners are deprived of the sole vehicular access to their property, or the closure conflicts with municipal policies. Legally, all abutting SRAs/RAs stopped up and closed will merge in title with the

applicant’s land and are determined by straight line extension of existing lot lines in most cases.

The Clerk stated, “Municipalities are required to have policies of this nature per The Municipal Act. The current policies that we have are dated. We do get very frequent requests from folks looking to purchase shore road and unopened road allowances, so the framework in the policy and the procedures offers staff a way to process those requests and a procedure to bring them back to council for review.” The policy will not be officially in effect until passed by by-law at a future meeting.

Mayor McIver said, “What we’re trying to do is come up with a policy to try and satisfy The Municipal Act and this is the policy we’re looking at right now.”

Falconry Services Agreement Renewed for 2026 Season to Deter Geese at Lion’s Head Beach and Harbour

Council approved renewing an agreement with Imperial Falconry Services Inc. (IFSI) for bird control of Canada Geese and seagulls at the Lion’s Head Beach/Harbour area for 2026. The program uses Harris’s Hawks to deter geese and seagulls. Reports suggest that the 2025 season was successful in deterring birds from nesting and occupying the harbour, waterfront, beach, and campground in Lion’s Head.

A report from the company states that they provided falconry services in Lion’s Head over 74 days in 2025 between April 1st and September 29th. “These efforts contributed to the reduction of environmental, health, and safety risks, supporting a safer and more desirable recreational environment for both locals and tourists to enjoy,” reads the report.

Statistics reveal that IFSI recorded 2,529 geese entering or attempting to enter the harbour during service days. “Through strategic placement of perched falconry birds and active free-flying operations, IFSI achieved 100% elimination of nesting activity and deterred 100% of geese from accessing the shoreline, while preventing 97% from settling on or remaining on the water.” During program days, 10,113 gulls were recorded and the use of falconry birds resulted in 100% removal of gulls from land and water.

Mark Coleman, Parks and Facilities Manager, spoke to the effectiveness of the program and noted that upon reassessment, the program may be reduced after two-three additional years of service.

“I will speak in favour of the effectiveness of [the program]. It has made an improvement on the waterfront, the docks, and the lawn. I think we along with several other municipalities are trying to deal with Canada Geese and they’re not an easy bird to deter,” said the mayor.

Stokes Bay Community Alive and Well

Submitted by Helen Milligan

Over the fall and winter, the Stokes Bay Community Centre has held monthly dinners, which have been enjoyed by a lot of people.

Euchre has started up again on Thursday nights at 7:30pm, come on out and have some fun.

Plans are in the works for BINGO to start up and discussion is underway

for expanding Summerfest to have something for everyone, not just the kids.

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Panthers Triumph Over Storm
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Lyle (2), Tristan Barges and Emmett Stewart worked hard throughout the game with impressive stickhandling and creating several strong scoring chances. The Hawks pushed hard until the final whistle, but the Panthers' teamwork and determination carried them through.

The Panthers then met a very skilled and determined Sauble Storm team in game three. Despite a strong effort, BPDS fell 5-1, with Reid West scoring the lone Panthers goal. Weston Kaiser was great in net, making numerous big saves against the Storm's relentless attack. Throughout the game, Crue Catley worked tirelessly to disrupt Sauble's offensive rushes and help slow their momentum.

The tremendous effort throughout the round robin earned the Panthers a spot in the championship game, setting up a dramatic rematch against Sauble. What followed was a game that had the entire gym buzzing. The action was fast, the pace relentless, and the excitement level through the roof as both teams traded chances in a wildly entertaining back-and-forth battle.

The teams battled all game long, with regulation ending in a thrilling 3-3 tie thanks to goals from Trent Lyle and TA Hofstrand (2). The Panthers' defense once again stepped up when it mattered most, with Maddi Thompson calmly clearing the puck out of pressure late in the game. Overtime shifted to 3-on-3 for three minutes, creating even more open floor and heart-pounding action. Both teams

fought for every puck while Carson Spurgeon delivered several huge saves to keep the Panthers alive.

With no winner yet decided, the championship moved to sudden-victory 1-on-1. In a moment the crowd won't soon forget, Reid West carried the puck in and roofed a beautiful shot to seal the victory in spectacular fashion, lifting the Panthers to an unforgettable championship win.

It was truly a complete team effort from the entire squad, with every player contributing to an incredible day of hockey. Coach King is so proud of her Panther players!

A huge thank you goes out to Peninsula Shores, Amabel Sauble, and Hepworth for making the trip and bringing such great competition and sportsmanship to the tournament. The return of the North Bluewater Floor Hockey Tournament was made even more special by the incredible support from the BPDS school community,

whose cheers and encouragement filled the gym all day long.

We would also like to give a big thank you to Mairin Harpur, Paisley Cameron, and Brady West for manning the score clock and gamesheet throughout the entire day and helping keep the tournament running smoothly. A huge shout-out as well to referee Lena Hofstrand, who stepped up in a big way. Lena was originally scheduled to share the officiating duties with other high school students who unfortunately could not attend due to illness. She took on the challenge herself, running up and down the gym all day and handling every game with impressive grace, professionalism, and confidence. Her effort and dedication played a huge role in making the tournament such a success.

After a 15-year break, the tradition is back — and if this year's tournament was any indication, floor hockey on the Peninsula is alive, thriving, and here to stay.



Photo: Coach King with the BPDS Panthers team at the North Bluewater Floor Hockey Tournament.



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HOME WITH SHOP ON 1 ACRE!

3 bdrm, 2 bath, ~1,100 sqft home with large detached shop/garage on a beautifully treed 1 acre property. Recent updates! The property is fully surrounded by tall mature cedars. Inside the home features a spacious kitchen with ample counter space, flowing into the dining area with walkout to the deck. The bright living area includes a newer wood stove. Upstairs boasts a 4-pc bath, additional bedrooms, and flexible space ideal for a desk or small workspace. The large detached shop/garage has power running to it and features a poured concrete floor. **\$450,000**



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Located on the beautiful Bruce Peninsula, this cozy 2 storey, year round home is ideally located a short drive from Tobermory. Open concept living room and dining area basking in natural light. Back door access to a raised deck. Kitchen with breakfast bar and stainless steel appliances. 2 spacious bedrooms are located on the main floor next to a full 4 pc bath. Make your way to the lower level with recreation and sitting area, 2 fireplaces and endless potential. For the garage or workshop enthusiast get excited about the 12' x 22' Rocket Steel Quonset Style structure. **\$465,000**



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1.9 acre property w/ over 500ft of Lake Huron shoreline. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1314sq.ft. home/cottage with bright & inviting living room, 16-ft vaulted ceiling, access to the deck, dining area with water views & a cozy loft. Fully Furnished. Short drive to Tobermory. **\$699,000**



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WATERFRONT HOME/COTTAGE NEAR TOBERMORY!
66ft. of shoreline in a protected harbour. Sip your beverage of choice on the stone patio by the water or entertain while taking in the views from the deck. This bungalow features 3 BR, 2 BA, laundry and has been fully renovated throughout! Detached garage. **\$850,000**



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DOUBLE LOT IN TOBERMORY
Located in the desired Big Tub community. This property offers just shy of 0.5 acre a short walk or bike ride away from Tobermory. Sited on a paved, year-round municipal road with electricity available at the roadside. The property is relatively level & well treed for privacy. **\$155,000**



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U18 WOAA Champions
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continuing to be solid between the pipes. The strong showing highlighted the team's depth and ability to capitalize on opportunities when it mattered most.

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The Bruce Peninsula Predators carried their playoff momentum straight into the championship round, delivering a thrilling two-game sweep to secure the WOAA title over the Wingham Ironmen.

Game 1, played in Wingham, set the tone for the series as the Predators erupted offensively in an 8-5 victory. The high-scoring affair showcased the team's depth and ability to capitalize on key opportunities, giving Bruce Peninsula an early edge in the series.

Back on home ice in Lion's Head for Game 2, the atmosphere was electric, with a strong show of community support filling the arena. However, the Predators found themselves in a deep hole, trailing 3-0 late in the second period.

That's when the comeback began.

With time winding down in the second period, Blake Davis sparked life



Photo: The U18 Bruce Peninsula Predators in their "Think Pink Night" jerseys at Game 2 of the semi-final series against Walkerton. Fans packed the Lion's Head arena, raising an impressive \$400 in support of breast cancer awareness and research.

into the bench with a highlight-reel, bar-down goal to get the Predators on the board thanks to the assist from Braxton Purser and Alexis Liverance.

Riding that momentum into the third, Asher Simpson buried two goals to tie it up, with assists from Blake Davis, Drake Migwans and Tegan Ashkewe-Jones. With less than 2 minutes left in the third, Davis found the back of the net, giving Bruce Peninsula their first lead of the game. From there, the team pushed hard and Ben McNair continued to stand tall between the pipes in the final moments to preserve the dramatic 4-3 comeback victory and clinch the title of WOAA Champions.

Shiloh McNair, Gregor Nadjiwon, Clover Cunningham, Eden Weatherhead and Asher Simpson were relentless on defence, holding the line with grit and precision, shutting

down the opposition's attacks and forcing turnovers at every opportunity. Meanwhile, Clinton Cunningham,

Alexis Liverance, Parker Campbell-Storey, Drake Migwans, Cole Catley, Braxton Purser, Blake Davis, Takoah Jones, Tegan Ashkewe-Jones all on the offensive end were dynamic and aggressive, constantly pressuring the puck and driving plays in deep towards the net. Everyone's speed, skill and persistence created scoring chances and kept the pressure on, making it clear that both the defence and forwards were fully committed to dominating every shift.

The win capped off an incredible playoff run for the Predators, combining resilience, teamwork, skill and determination when it mattered most. Backed by a passionate hometown crowd, the team's unforgettable Game 2 comeback will go down as a defining moment.

We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to the coaching staff (Jim McNair, Tom Cunningham, James Scott and Rob Purser) for their unwavering commitment, leadership and support throughout the season. Your passion, patience and belief in the team helped shape not only great players, but great teammates.



Photo: During the Think Pink game, players who are aging out of the U18 program were honoured - Asher Simpson, Clover Cunningham, Shiloh McNair and Blake Davis. Even though their time in minor hockey may be coming to an end, their contributions to the Bruce Peninsula Predators program will not be forgotten.

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Tobermory United Church Presents “Jeff Bird Plays the Music of Hildegard von Bingen” April 18

Submitted by Sheryl Spencer

When Jeff Bird was studying music at the University of Guelph in the 1970s, he fell in love with medieval and renaissance music. After graduating, he discovered the sublime music of the twelfth-century German mystic Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179). Bird says this was music “on a whole other level” compared to that of her contemporaries. No wonder Bird was captivated by this unusually gifted woman, who was obviously ahead of her time. Known these days most often by just her first name, Hildegard has been called a “ferocious, blazing star of light.” She founded two female-run monasteries, independent from the Benedictine brothers with whom she was raised. She corresponded with European leaders of her time – popes, statesmen and emperors. She conducted preaching tours and founded the study of scientific natural history in Germany. Her composition “Ordo Virtutum” is possibly the first-ever recorded morality play set to music in Western history, and she also wrote almost eighty other musical compositions.

Perhaps the attraction between Bird and Hildegard comes from the fact that Jeff Bird is also a multi-disciplinary artist and thinker. Though Bird is mainly known for his association with the Cowboy Junkies, a Canadian alternative country/blues/folk rock band, and was

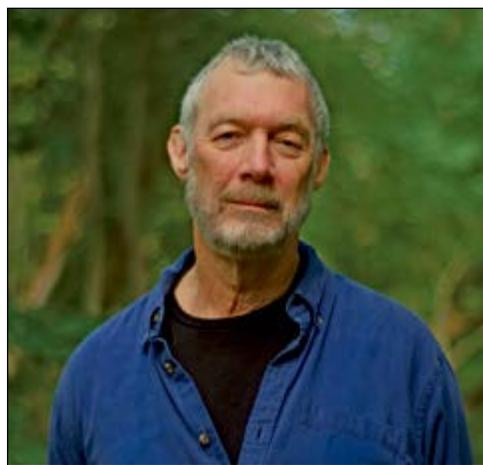


Photo: Multi-instrumentalist musician Jeff Bird will perform at Tobermory United Church April 18.

inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame with the band in 2019, he is also a composer, producer, experimental filmmaker and performance artist. As a multi-instrumentalist, Jeff plays electric and acoustic bass, electric and acoustic mandolin, fiddle, piano, keyboards, guitar, harmonica, percussion, various wind instruments, theremin, taisho goto, zhong ruan, and vocals. He has been called a fearless explorer of the sonic and visual landscape.

On April 18 at 4:00 p.m. at Tobermory United Church, Jeff Bird will present his interpretations of the music from Hildegard’s morality play, “Ordo Virtutum,” as well as many of her other compositions. The instruments that Bird has chosen for this work are electric guitar, harmonica and a shruti box, an instrument that is adapted from pump organs brought to India by Christian missionaries. Hildegard’s music, Bird maintains, “is all about breathing, it . . . comes in waves like breath.” The pieces, whose titles come directly from words from Hildegard’s play – “Angelic Companions,” “The Soul Complains,” “Fairest Warrior” – are very meditative

in nature. Even the silence between them, Bird says, is important. A media release celebrating the release of Bird’s “Ordo Virtutum” in the summer of 2025, reads, “Reimagining sacred sound through a contemporary lens, Jeff Bird’s arrangements strike a balance between reverence and reinvention. Quietly stirring, this recording is a ritual of breath, tone, and time - a powerful call to presence.”

Bird, who hiked the Bruce trail from Dyer’s Bay to Tobermory many years ago, and who has returned in the meantime for ferry crossings, is looking forward to bringing his interpretations of this captivating visionary mystic to the intimate space of Tobermory United’s sanctuary. Donations will be accepted at the door, and a Q and A and reception will follow the 65-minute concert. CDs, as well as information on Hildegard von Bingen, will also be available.

Tobermory United Church is thrilled to be able to offer this extraordinary concert, and is grateful for the assistance of a Mission Support grant from the United Church of Canada.

Lions Hockey Tournament Continued from page 4

out in three highly competitive divisions. Top honours were ultimately awarded to three divisional champions, with special trophies presented to the tournament’s

Best Goalie, Jason Miller and the “Fair Play” Award Trophy to Jed Rusk.

Saturday night the festivities extended well past the final whistle with the annual homecoming dance. The Club’s favourite DJ Mike kept them moving on the dance floor. Throughout

the weekend, Lions Club members were the backbone of the event, providing refreshments and ensuring the vibrant, welcoming spirit of the Peninsula was felt by all.

Once again the Lions Club extends its deepest gratitude to the local

sponsors and volunteers who make this tradition possible. Whether through cash donations or team member prize contributions, your support ensures that the Broadfoot/Lemcke Memorial remains a highlight of the winter as the season closes.



Photo: Walsh’s Garage division trophy winners – Team Thompson, who won first place in overtime.



Photo: President Lion Wes Bailey awards Dallas Cressman of “Team Thompson” with the Division winning trophy, along side Todd Thompson and Erica Thompson.



Photo: President Wes presents Jed Rusk with the “Fair Play” Award winning trophy. Sponsored by CMR Insurance.



Photo: President Lion Wes Bailey presents the Rydall Contracting division trophy to Derrick Burley from winning team “Harbour Cats”.



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SMART Classes Help Community Members Stay Active and Connected

Submitted by Donna Hambleton,
SMART volunteer leader

Senior community members are improving their strength, balance and mobility thanks to a series of low-impact exercise classes led by Kim Tilmans, a SMART and Falls Prevention instructor in Lion's Head. SMART stands for Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together.

The SMART program offers participants a welcoming environment to stay physically active while also connecting with others in the community. Through guided exercises designed to be safe and accessible, participants work on maintaining mobility and reducing the risk of falls.

Beyond the physical benefits, the classes also provide a valuable social

opportunity. Participants are able to meet new people, share experiences and support one another in maintaining healthy, active lifestyles.

The program is offered through VON and is fully funded, meaning there is no cost for participants to attend.

Those interested in joining the SMART classes can contact the Owen Sound VON office for more information (519-376-5895 Ext. 1 or email at gbsmart@von.ca)

Community members who would like to support the program are also encouraged to get involved as volunteers. Training and support are provided at no cost, and no previous experience is required—only a desire to help others become more physically active.

Let's Talk Lunch & Learn Events Connect Local Speakers and Community



Photo L-R: Speakers at the March 20th Let's Talk Lunch & Learn event – Environmentally Age Friendly Initiative on the Northern Bruce Peninsula – Mark Coleman, Gerry Tilmans, Yvette Roberts, Glen Estill and Rod Layman.

Submitted by Sharron Colter Program
Coordinator for NBP CSAAC

On Friday March 20 we had an excellent first **Let's Talk Lunch and Learn** "Environmentally Age Friendly Initiative on the Northern Bruce Peninsula" event at the Lion's Head Legion, with five panelists discussing eco friendly initiatives in North Bruce. The panelists shared different perspectives and programs that relate to a community building a community in an environmentally age friendly lens.

Mark Coleman, Parks and Facilities Manager with the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNPB), ran through the many efforts being done to both reduce the carbon footprint of vehicles and buildings and those that are planned. Costs up front will be paid off over time by replacing older mechanical systems with new energy efficient versions. From lighting, to heat pumps, to hybrid and electric vehicles, and a new ice surfacing machine, it is mind boggling how much effort has been put in and the amount of work yet to be done.

Glen Estill spoke about his experience with driving an electric vehicle and fielded a number of questions after lunch. The cars are amazingly quiet, can accelerate with instant torque at any speed, and cost a small fraction of what a gas car does to operate. At \$1.65 per litre that day, a trip to Owen Sound might cost \$20 in gas but only \$1 in electricity to charge at home overnight. If you're out doing errands and need to charge to get home, you don't need to "fill" but only enough charge to get home. Hybrids still need gas and regular engine maintenance, and they can be heavier and more complex since they use both a gas engine and an electric motor. There are variants of what is called a "hybrid" but the Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) offers the ability to plug in and charge up the smaller battery and drive electric only; the gas engine starts only when the battery needs to be recharged.

Rod Layman of Bruce Peninsula Environment Group (BPEG) spoke about the Climate Action Plan developed by a committee in 2023. Rod spoke about reducing people's dependence on fossil fuels to help the environment.

Yvette Roberts spoke about the Bruce Trail Conservancy Peninsula Club and the work of the volunteers.

The fifth panelist, Gerry Tilmans

spoke about the ECO friendly projects that the Bruce Men's Shed has completed on the Bruce Peninsula such as bird and bat houses, boot scrubbers, and planters. The Bruce Men's Shed members have remodelled the kitchen and the bar area at the Lion's Head Legion, renewing and reusing the materials already there or donated. The Bruce Men's Shed is celebrating its third anniversary/birthday. The group meets for coffee on Mondays and model building on Tuesday mornings at the legion.

The participants were served a bountiful lunch prepared by Hellyer's Foodland. Door prizes from several businesses on the peninsula were drawn at the end of the session. Thank you to Scott's Home Hardware, Rachel's Restaurant, the Hungry Hiker and Hellyer's Foodland for the door prize donations for each of the five series.

There are four more Lunch and Learns planned for the community as listed below. All Lunch & Learn events take place at the Lion's Head Legion, 6 Hellyer Road.

- Friday April 24 - 11:30am-2:30pm "Let's Talk about Age Friendly Communities" - Emily Kussman, Director of Long Tern Care and The Age Friendly Committee of Bruce County.
- Wednesday April 29 - 10:00am to 1:00pm "Let's Talk About Housing Options" with Angela Yenssen from the Grey Bruce Community Legal Clinic
- Friday May 22 - 10:00am - 1:00pm "Let's Talk about Health and Wellness in an Age Friendly Community."
- Tuesday June 23 - 10:00am - 1:00pm "Let's Talk about Community and Senior Resources, 211, and the Grey Bruce United Way."

Thank you to the Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) community grant, Hellyer's Foodland for the preparation of the delicious lunches and door prizes, and the NBP CSAAC group for organizing the Lunch and Learn events. An Age-Friendly community is wonderful for all ages.

The upcoming panelists and the speakers on April 24th and 29th, May 22nd, and June 22nd will speak on a different aspect of an Age-Friendly Community. Limit of 40 for each luncheon. Reserve a space with Sharron at 519-793-3473 or dshcolter@eastlink.ca or nbpcsaac@eastlink.ca

Local Job Fair Highlights Need For Employees



Photo: Job seeker Nova had an interesting chat with Dive Life owner Szilvia about opportunities within the company.

By Joanne Rodgers,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Twenty four local companies took part in the local job fair bringing with them a laundry list of job opportunities. This is the second job fair held this month, the first event being held the prior week in Tobermory. On 14 March 2026, employers at the job fair held at the Rotary Hall in Lion's Head reported that the flow of job seekers was steady and that they made some interesting contacts.

Jobs available were part-time, full-time, seasonal and year round. Some of the companies looking to hire for the upcoming summer tourist season say they have filled about fifty percent of their job needs but still have many vacancies to fill. For job seekers, there were choices in healthcare, education, environment and conservation, food and

beverage, light manufacturing and a full range of tourism related jobs.

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula is looking to fill staffing positions at the harbour, airport and museum; they have filled about half of the positions but still have five to six vacancies.

Blue Heron Cruises employs approximately 110-120 seasonal workers, with about half their employees returning year after year. They are looking for ticket agents and front desk associates, boat crew, shuttle bus drivers, retail clerks, and outdoor maintenance personnel.

Bruce Anchor Cruises say they receive numerous online applications from throughout Canada, but are still looking for ticket agents for the cruises

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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Minutes March 9, 2026

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

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer-Peggy Van Mierlo-West, Clerk-Alexandra Croce, Deputy Clerk-Lindsay Forbes, Treasurer-Teresa Shearer, Public Works Manager-Troy Cameron, GIS/IT Manager-Kara Smith, Fire Chief-Jack Burt, Parks and Facilities Manager-Mark Coleman, Chief Building Official-Emily McDougall

Others Present: Tobermory and Northern Bruce Peninsula Chamber of Commerce - Kent Wilkins and Brian Woelfe

Technology Specialist with GEI Solutions Inc - Brock Wardell, Sue Lessard

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

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

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#07-01-2026

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

That the content of the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Minutes

a. Re: Council Meeting No.26-06, February 23, 2026

#07-02-2026

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting No.26-06, February 23, 2026, be approved as printed and circulated.

Carried

4. Public Meeting

a. Treasurer Report No. TR 26-05

Re: 2026 Budget - Final

b. Public Written Comments

Treasurer Teresa Shearer provided an overview of the Draft 2026 Capital and Operating Budget. The following was noted:

- The draft 2026 Budget proposes a 6.35% increase over the 2025 budget.

- The proposed tax levy increase is 6.35%.

- The proposed tax rate increase is 4.99%.

Mayor, Milt McIver, opened the public meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Members of the public attending the meeting in person and online were asked if they had comments or questions regarding the 2026 Budget.

No public comments were received.

Mayor McIver closed the public meeting at 1:04 p.m.

#07-03-2026

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

That Council receives report TR26-05, 2026 Budget - Final for information; and

That Council directs staff to bring

forward a report in response to the comments received at the public meeting; and

That Council directs staff to bring forward a By-law to Adopt the Estimates of All Sums Required During the Year and Set the 2026 Tax Rates for final passage on March 23, 2026.

Carried

5. Delegation

a. **Kent Wilkins and Brian Woelfe, Tobermory and Northern Bruce Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and Brock Wardell, Technology Specialist, GEI Solutions Inc.**

Re: Minch Anchor Deck Project

Mayor, Milt McIver welcomed the representatives for the Minch Anchor Deck Project to the Council Meeting.

Kent Wilkins provided an overview of the Minch Anchor Deck Project, covering the project's history, proposed funding, and key highlights, such as the inclusion of accessible washrooms.

Council asked about the inclusion of washrooms within the project.

Mr. Wilkins advised that there are currently no accessible washrooms on the south side of Little Tub Harbour.

Council asked about the proposed budget for the project.

Mr. Wilkins noted that the figures included within the proposal are an estimate and that final figures will be identified within the Request for Proposal (RFP) Process.

Brock Wardell noted that costing for tying the washrooms into the Tobermory Sewer System was not included within the proposed budget.

Council asked if the project will result in the loss of any parking spaces.

Mr. Wilkins advised that no parking spaces will be impacted by the construction of the deck.

Mayor McIver noted that the presentation materials will be referred to staff for review.

Council thanked Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Woelfe and Mr. Wardell for their presentation.

6. Consideration of Agenda Items

a. **Chief Administrative Officer Report No. CAO 26-04**

Re: 12 Brock Street

Council engaged in discussion regarding the development cost per parking space, potential alternative sites, and the possible future use of the property for the Tobermory Water Treatment Plant.

Council discussed the points raised concerning the potential use of a gravel parking lot for the future water treatment plant and the possibility of eliminating the need for a shuttle system.

Council asked about the status of the Centennial Drive Project.

Chief Administrative Officer Peggy Van Mierlo-West stated that, following project approval in the 2026 Budget, staff will proceed with the preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the demolition of the existing building.

Council discussed the potential impacts of developing a parking lot on neighbouring properties and noted that the Centennial Drive property offers more space for a parking lot compared to the Brock Street property.

Mayor McIver noted that direction regarding the Centennial Drive Project and 12 Brock Street will be provided

to staff at the March 23, 2026, Council Meeting.

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

That the motion be amended to remove "That Council provides direction on how to proceed with next steps."

Carried

#07-04-2026

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

That Council receives report CAO 26-04 12 Brock Street for information.

Carried - As Amended

b. **Clerk Report No. C 26-07**

Re: Comprehensive Land Policy and Project Plan

Clerk, Alexandra Croce, provided an overview of Clerk Report No. C 26-07 Re: Comprehensive Land Policy and Project Plan, highlighting the framework for administrative processing and emphasizing that the Municipality is required to have a policy governing municipal lands.

Council engaged in discussion regarding Shore Road Allowances and Easements, reviewing the policy wording, the process for inquiries, and discussing public ownership.

Ms. Croce provided an overview of the application process, noting that following pre-consultation and application submission, staff will conduct a review, verify property ownership, prepare an internal report for the Senior Management Team, and present the findings to Council for review. Ms. Croce noted that the policy addresses the legal and procedural aspects of municipal land disposition rather than enforcement over land use.

Council discussed the principles of the Comprehensive Land Policy, and emphasized the importance of maintaining public access.

Council discussed the merging of properties following the sale of municipal land and the criteria for purchasing municipal land, noting that adjoining landowners should be given priority and requesting that the policy be clarified.

Sue Lessard approached Council with a scenario regarding an unopened shore road allowance, inquiring about the implications of the policy on the public.

Council asked about the costs associated with staff time regarding processing applications under the policy.

Ms. Croce noted that an application fee has been outlined within the Municipality's Fees and Charges By-law, and that the applicant is responsible for all legal costs associated with their application.

Council engaged in discussion regarding public access and utilization of municipal land.

Main Motion

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

That Council receives staff report C26-07 Comprehensive Land Policy and Project Plan for information;

That Council approves a by-law to establish a Comprehensive Land Policy; and

That Council approves the project plan for processing the pending requests as outlined in the report.

Superseded

Motion to Amend

#07-05-2026

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

That the motion be amended to remove:

That Council approves a by-law to establish a Comprehensive Land Policy; and

That Council approves the project plan for processing the pending requests as outlined in the report.

And add:

That Council directs staff to bring back a report with additional information regarding shore road and unopened road allowances.

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

#07-06-2026

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

That Council receives staff report C26-07 Comprehensive Land Policy and Project Plan for information;

That Council directs staff to bring back a report with additional information regarding shore road and unopened road allowances.

Carried - As Amended

c. **Clerk Report No. C 26-08**

Re: Administrative Monetary Penalties System (AMPS)

Clerk, Alexandra Croce, provided an overview of the information contained within Clerk Report No. C 26-08 Re:

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Administrative Monetary Penalties System (AMPS).

Council asked about the utilization of a Third Party Hearing and Screening Officer and about the frequency in which the Municipality uses the Provincial Offences Act court system

Council requested information on the number of appeals received monthly within the Municipality and asked about the costs associated with a third-party screening and hearing officer in relation to the POA system.

Ms. Croce noted that further details on number of appeals and a cost analysis will be included in a subsequent report.

#07-07-2026

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

That Council receives report C26-08 Administrative Monetary Penalties System (AMPS) for information; and

That Council directs staff to bring forward the draft AMPS by-law and relevant policies for a first review at a subsequent meeting.

Carried

d. Chief Building Official Report No. BD 26-02

Re: Building By-law Update

Council asked about the changes to the by-law.

Chief Building Official, Emily McDougall, provided an overview of the report, noting updates to fees, and the inclusion of short-form wording and fines as part of the proposed updates to the Building By-law.

#07-08-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives report BD26-02 Building By-law Update for information; and

That Council approves the Building By-law for The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula as presented.

Carried

e. Chief Building Official Report No. BD 26-03

Re: No Demand for Services Site Plan Control Agreement

#07-09-2026

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

That Council receives report BD26-03 No Demand for Services Site Plan Control Agreement for information; and

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a No Demand for Services Site Plan Control Agreement for the property legally described as Plan 777 Lot 9 An Undivided 1/10th Int. In Lot 7 & 10 and located at 2 Mill Point Road.

Carried

f. Chief Building Official Report No. BD 26-04

Re: Appointing a Deputy Chief Building Official

#07-10-2026

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

That Council receives report BD26-04 to Appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official for information; and

That Council approves the appointment by-law as presented.

Carried

g. Fire Chief Report No. FD 26-02

Re: Purchase of a New Fire Department Tanker

#07-11-2026

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

That the motion be deferred.

Carried

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

That Council receives report FD 26-02

Purchase of a New Fire Department Tanker for information; and

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Battleship Industries Limited for the purchase of a fire department tanker for the purchase price of \$768,000.00, plus \$99,905.00 in applicable taxes.

Deferred

h. Fire Chief Report No. FD 26-03

Re: Open Air Burning By-law Update

Fire Chief Jack Burt provided an overview of the report, noting updates to definitions, clearer language, and increased fines to align with those in the Fireworks By-law as part of the proposed updates to the Open-Air Burning By-law.

#07-12-2026

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

That Council receives report FD 26-03 Open Air Burning By-law Update for information; and

That Council directs staff to bring forward an updated By-law to Regulate the Setting of Open Air Fires within the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

Carried

i. Parks and Facilities Manager Report No. PF 26-02

Re: Lion's Head Marina - Dock "F" Purchase Contract

#07-13-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives report PF 26-02 Lion's Head Marina - Dock "F" Purchase Contract for information; and

That Council waives Purchasing Policy section 5.4.1 requirement to tender and exempts the purchase order for Dock F replacement per section 5.4.2.4 as a single source purchase to standardize dock specifications; and

That Council accepts the quote from Kropf Industrial Inc for the replacement of Lion's Head Marina Dock "F" in the amount of \$260,085 + HST;

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a purchase contract with Kropf Industrial Inc for the replacement of Lion's Head Marina Dock "F".

Carried

j. Chi-Cheemaun Festival Committee

Re: November 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

#07-14-2026

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

That the minutes of Chi-Cheemaun Festival Committee Meeting No. 25-08, November 20, 2025, and all actions contained therein be approved as printed and circulated.

Carried

k. Museum Committee

Re: February 3, 2026, Meeting Minutes

#07-15-2026

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

That the minutes of Museum Committee Meeting No. 26-02, February 3, 2026, and all actions contained therein be approved as printed and circulated.

Carried

7. Other Business

a. Deputy Mayor Anderson asked about the possibility of the Fire Department and Public Works Department sharing the Roll-Off Truck included within the 2026 Capital Budget.

Fire Chief, Jack Burt, noted that following discussions with Public Works Manager, Troy Cameron, the joint use of the Roll-Off Truck would not be feasible due to operational needs.

b. Councillor Golden noted that the Lion's Head and District Community Centre and Arena was featured on a local social media page called "For the Love of the Game."

Council congratulated Parks and Facilities staff for their great work in supporting community recreation and events.

8. Correspondence - for Information

a. Bluewater District School Board

Re: English Public School Board Trustees

Council discussed concerns about the potential elimination of locally elected English Public School Trustees in Ontario.

#07-16-2026

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

WHEREAS there are proposals by the Minister of Education to drastically change or eliminate locally elected English public school trustees in Ontario; and

WHEREAS locally elected trustees provide essential community representation; and

WHEREAS rural communities rely on trustees to reflect local priorities, ensure accountability, and advocate for students; and

WHEREAS proposed changes may reduce or eliminate locally elected trustees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula affirms support for maintaining elected trustees; and

AND FURTHER THAT the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and local MPP(s) be advised of Council's decision.

Carried

9. Closed Session - a. Nil.

10. Reading of By-laws

a. Further to item 2.b. - Clerk Report No. C 26-07 Re: Comprehensive Land Policy,

item 10 a. By-Law 2026-25 Being A By-Law to Establish a Comprehensive Land Policy for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula was not considered for final passage.

b. By-Law No. 2026-26

Being a By-law Respecting Construction, Demolition and Change of Use Permit and Inspections Within the Boundaries of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

c. By-Law No. 2026-27

Being a by-law to appoint the Chief Building Official and Deputy Chief Building Officials under the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.23, for the purposes of enforcement of the said Act.

d. By-Law No. 2026-28

Being A By-Law to Regulate the Setting of Open-Air Fires Within the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

e. By-Law 2026-29

Being A By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on March 9, 2026

#07-17-2026

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

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

Carried

11. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn

#07-18-2026

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

That the meeting adjourns at 2:27 p.m.

Carried

Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary Invites New Members to Join

Submitted by Donna Cole

The Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary (THSA) is a dedicated group of volunteers united in their mission to support local health care services and foster healthier communities in the Northern Bruce Peninsula. The THSA engages in fundraising to support its endeavors.

To support these initiatives the THSA is actively welcoming new members and, if you are interested in joining a dynamic team or volunteering for special initiatives, Lin Gitterman our President can be reached via email at lingitterman@gmail.com. Lin is also available to answer any questions about some exciting ventures for the upcoming year.

We'd love to discuss any ideas you think that we should undertake for the health of our North Bruce community that fits our mandate and are looking forward to an exciting year.

THSA would like to invite our members and the general public to come and join us for our AGM on April 9, 1:30pm at the Tobermory Meeting Place. We hope that you will learn about our mission and meet our other volunteers!

For upcoming events, please follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thsa.ca> or go to our Website thsa.ca.

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The Director role would be a commitment of approximately 4-6 hours per month for Board discussions and meetings and future planning.

Our Board is searching for people with different skills to give us a well-rounded group as we move forward. Candidates with experience in the areas of finance, healthcare/LTC, leadership, legal, real estate development, planning/building/construction, and fundraising will be true assets.

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Bruce Men's Shed Drop-in Coffee. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact brucemensshed@gmail.com or 519-793-3005 to get involved. **8:45-11am**
Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation Virtual Board Meeting. Contact Catherine at 519-534-5856 for info. *(last Mon.) 9-11am*
VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Visit von.ca for more info. **10am**
VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Tobermory Community Centre. Visit von.ca for more info. **10:30am**
Laugh Yourself Healthier. Part of Senior's Centre Without Walls (SCWW). Phone 519-793-3473 for the link. **11-11:30am**
Chair Yoga with Karin. Tobermory United Church. See tobermoryunited.ca. **11:15am-12:15pm**
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. \$3 entry. Snacks & refreshments available. All skill-levels welcome. **1pm**
Mahjong Monday. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. All are welcome. Contact nbrotary@gmail.com for more information. **1pm**
Hatha Yoga with Karin. Tobermory United Church. See tobermoryunited.ca **1-2:30pm**
Bingo. Tobermory Community Centre. Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. **1-3pm**
MNBP Council Meeting. 56 Lindsay Rd, Lion's Head. Or view online at northernbrucepeninsula.ca *(2nd & 4th Mon.) 1-4pm*
Lion's Head Peanut Soccer. Bruce Peninsula District School field. Ages JK - Gr. 5. \$30/child. Contact lionsheadsoccer@gmail.com. See ad pg. 7. **May 4-June 22, not May 18. 6-7pm**
Stokes Bay Community Meeting. Stokes Bay Community Centre. **4th Mon. each month. 7pm**

TUESDAY

Pickleball. Tobermory Community Centre. Guests welcome. \$10. **9am-1pm; 6-9pm**
Mindful Movement with Joann. Tobermory United Church. See tobermoryunited.ca. **10am**
Line Dancing. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. May not be suitable for beginners. lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. **10-11am**
Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 10am-1pm**
Senior Chair Yoga. Tobermory Community Centre. Free. 55+. Limited spots. Register ahead northbrucepeninsula.ca/news/posts/tcc-chair-yoga. **11-11:30am**
Meditation with Joann. Tobermory United Church. See tobermoryunited.ca. **11:20am-12pm**
Rug Hookers. Hosted by Lion's Head Friendship Club. Call Maxine at 519-375-0959 for info. **1pm**
Hand Drummers. Tobermory United Church. Everyone welcome. See tobermoryunited.ca. **1-2:30pm**
Tobermory Legion Branch 290 General Branch Meeting. Tobermory Legion. **2nd Tues. each month, not July/Aug. 3pm**
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**
Tobermory Open Mic. The Meeting Place, Tobermory. Free refreshments. All are welcome. **2nd Tues. each month. 7-9pm**

WEDNESDAY

Yin & Yang Yoga. Via Zoom. Contact barbara@lovingyoga.ca. **7am**
Tobermory Coffee Club. Tobermory Community Centre. All are welcome. *Until May 1. 7:30-9:30am*
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-4pm**
Chair Yoga. Hosted by Lion's Head Friendship Club. Call Maxine at 519-375-0959 for info. **10am**
Tip of the Bruce Woodcarvers Meeting. Tobermory Community Centre. **11am-2:30pm**
Writer's Workshop. Friendship Club, Lion's Head. Free. Register 519-793-3473. **Third Wed. ea. month. 12:30-2:30pm**
Tobermory Muses. Tobermory United Church. See tobermoryunited.ca. **2nd Wed. ea. month. 1pm**
Afternoon Jamboree. Wiarton Legion Br. 208. Music & Dancing. All are welcome. **Doors 1pm, Music 2-5pm**
Peninsula SWANS Meeting. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. New members welcome, contact Roberta at rjmihelhausen@gmail.com or 519-374-4110. **1st Wed. Not July/Aug. Social time 5:30pm, Dinner 6pm.**
Bruce Peninsula Environmental Group Meeting. Anglican Church Hall, Lion's Head. Presentations each meeting. **1st Wed. 7pm**
Darts. Wiarton Legion Br. 208. All are welcome. **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**

THURSDAY

Good Food Box Program, Lion's Head. Not-for-profit sustainable food program. Fresh fruits & vegetables. Drop off order before last Thurs. Each month. Pickup box first Thurs. Bring sealed envelope with your name & \$22 to: LH Pharmacy, Peninsula Pet Supplies. Pick up at LH Rotary Hall (between 3:30-5pm). Info on Facebook @LHGoodFoodBox.
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. **Not July/August**
VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Visit von.ca for more info. **10am**
VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Tobermory Community Centre. Visit von.ca for more info. **10:30am**
Tai Chi. Tobermory United Church. See tobermoryunited.ca. **10-11:30am**
Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 10am-3pm**
Friendship Club Luncheon & Bingo. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. \$8 for members. Contact 519-375-0959 lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com for time & more info. **April 16. Normally 2nd Thurs. each month. 11:30am.**
Darts. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. \$3 entry. Snacks & refreshments available. All skill-levels welcome. **Not 1st Thurs. each month. 1pm**
Bridge Club. Tobermory United Church. See tobermoryunited.ca. **1-4pm**
Pickleball. Tobermory Community Centre. Guests welcome. \$10. **1-9pm**
Lion's Head Legion Branch 202 General Branch Meeting. Lion's Head Legion. **1st Thurs. each month. 2pm**
Darts for Fun-Tobermory. Tobermory Legion Branch 290. **3pm**
Warton Rotary Club Virtual Meeting. Wartonrotary@gmail.com for more info. **6-8pm**
Alcoholics Anonymous. United Church, 54 Main St, Lion's Head. 519-376-4193. **7-8pm**
Bruce Peninsula Sportsman's Association Monthly Meeting. BPSA Clubhouse, 611 Northacres Rd, Wiarton. Guests welcome. Visit bpsportsmen.com for info. **Last Thurs. each month. 7:30pm**
Euchre. Stokes Bay Community Centre. \$3 entry. **7:30pm**
Warton Legion Branch 208 Members Meeting. Wiarton Legion. **3rd Thurs. Not Jan/Feb. 7:30pm**

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REGULAR MEETINGS, FUN & GAMES (CONTINUED)

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Tobermory Coffee Club. Tobermory Community Centre. All are welcome. *Until May 1. 7:30-9:30am*
Body Rolling for Myofascial Release. Via Zoom. Contact barbara@lovingyoga.ca. 8:50am
Tai Chi. Lion's Head Legion. All are welcome. Bring dry shoes. 9:30-10:30am
Coffee Chat. Tobermory United Church. All are welcome. 9:30am-12pm
Myo Yin Yoga. Via Zoom. contact barbara@lovingyoga.ca. 10am
Line Dancing. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. May not be suitable for beginners. lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. 10-11am
Laugh Yourself Healthier. Part of SCWW. Phone 519-793-3473 for the link. 11-11:30am
Bid Euchre. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Bid Euchre and/or Bridge. lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. 1pm
Lion's Head Legion Monthly Movies. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. All are welcome. Free. Funded by Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula's Senior Active Living Centre with support of the Government of Ontario. Tea, coffee, snacks provided. *Apr. 17: West Side Story. Doors 1pm, Starts 1:30pm*
Lion's Head Knitting Group. Lion's Head Library. 51-9-793-3844 for more info. 2-4pm
Cornhole. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. 3pm
Euchre. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. All are welcome (19+). tobermorylegion.org *Last Fri. each month. 7pm*
Trivia. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. \$10 entry, proceeds to the Food Bank. All are welcome (19+). tobermorylegion.org *2nd Fri. each month. 7pm*
Narcotics Anonymous. Frank St. Baptist Church, 365 Frank St, Wiarton. For more information call 519-375-7125. 7-8:30pm
Karaoke. Wiarton Legion Br. 208. All are welcome. 8pm

SATURDAY
Bruce Men's Shed General Meeting. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact brucemensshed@gmail.com or 519-793-3005 to get involved. *Third Sat. each month. 9-11am*
Laugh Yourself Healthier. Part of SCWW. Phone 519-793-3473 for the link. 11-11:30am
Guided Winter Bird Walk. Meet at Head of Trails at Cyprus Lake, Tobermory. 45min hike or snowshoe to discover winter birds. More info at parks.canada.ca/pn-np/on/bruce/activ/hiver-activ-winter. 11:30am
Darts for Meat. Lion's Head Legion. \$4 entry + \$1/game. *First Sat. each month. 12:50pm*
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. Wiarton Legion Br. 208. Music & Dancing. All are welcome. *Doors 1pm, Music 2-5pm*
Meat Draw. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. \$7 for 3 draws, plus bonus draw. All are welcome (19+). tobermorylegion.org 4:30pm
Friendship Club Meal. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Full course meal. \$15 members, \$18 non-members. Contact 519-375-0959 lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com for time & more info. *Last Sat. each month.*

SUNDAY
Pickleball. Tobermory Community Centre. Guests welcome. \$10. 9am-3pm
Through the Week
Yoga. Yoga Hive North. facebook.com/yogahivenorth

SPECIAL EVENTS

Clubs, Organizations, Groups, etc., call us before April 8, 2026 to be included in the next Press.

Ongoing
Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Hikes. Dates, times, locations, and registration at pbtc.ca, or follow us on Facebook under PeninsulaBTC.

Thursday April 2
Thinking Beyond the Market – Film Screening. Parks Visitor Centre, Tobermory. Hosted by Sources of Knowledge. A film about genuinely affordable housing, produced by Brian Doucet. Free. Donations welcome. Refreshments provided. 1-3:30pm

Friday April 3
Community Easter Cantata Choir – In Calvary's Shadow. Free admission with donations accepted to support Bruce Peninsula District School's music program. *Bethel Church, Lion's Head 10:30am; Cape Croker United Church 7:30pm*

Saturday April 4
Annual Purple Valley Maple Syrup Festival. 565 Purple Valley Rd, South Bruce Peninsula. \$5/person, \$20/family, pre-schoolers free. Free bus pickup from Wiarton every 1/2 hr, 9am-1:30pm. More info contact Kim 519-270-7324 or Marta 519-534-4945. *See ad pg. 4. 9am-2pm*

Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Tobermory Legion, Br. 290. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. Ages 12 and under. *See ad pg. 3. 10am*

Happy Easter Market. Tobermory Community Centre. 10am-1pm
Job Fair, Sauble Beach. Sauble Beach Community Centre. Free table for Sauble Beach Chamber members. Non-members can reserve a table for \$20. Email president@sablebeach.com. 1-3pm

Thursday April 9
Friendship Club Trip to Belmore Maple Syrup Festival. Hosted by Lion's Head Friendship Club. Sign-up sheets at the club. Transportation by carpool. Contact thelionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com for info.

Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary Annual General Meeting. The Meeting Place, Tobermory. Learn about our mission and meet the volunteers. *Thsa.ca. 1:30pm*

Sunday April 10
Rotary Pub Night. Rotary Club, Lion's Head. 7pm

Thursday April 16
To the Tub with Love – Community Dinner. Community Centre, Tobermory. Hosted by Tobermory Community Outreach Free. *See ad pg. 4. 5-7pm*

Saturday April 18
Lion's Head Friendship Club Games Day. Lion's Head Friendship Club. Trivia event followed by a complimentary light supper. RSVP to. 4pm

Concert. Tobermory United Church. Jeff Bird plays the music of Hildegard von Bingen. Q&A will follow. Conversation & refreshments. Free. Donations welcome. *See ad pg. 3. 4pm*

Sunday April 19
Spring Market. Bruce Peninsula District School, Lion's Head. 10am-1pm

Wednesday April 22
Tobermory Primary Place Annual General Meeting. Tobermory Primary Place. Meet the board of directors, review the previous year, elect board of directors for 2026. More info contact bod@tobermoryprimaryplace.ca. *See ad pg. 13. 6pm*

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Thursday April 23

M.S. Chi-Cheemaun 4th Annual Cruise & Connect Networking Event. For professionals from Grey and Bruce Counties. Networking sessions hosted by Heather Travis, public relations expert, marketing strategist, and small business branding coach. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, desserts, fountain drinks. Cash bar. Live music from local musicians and DJ. Limited tickets available, \$40 per person plus tax. Cruiseandconnect2026.eventbrite.ca. 6:30-9:30pm

Friday April 24

Lunch & Learn - Let's Talk about Age Friendly Communities. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. Speaker Emily Kussman, Director of long-term care and the Age Friendly Committee of Bruce County. 11:30am-2:30pm

Saturday April 25

Community Spaghetti Dinner. Tobermory Community Centre. Spaghetti, garlic bread, and dessert. \$15/adults, \$10/children under 12. Proceeds go to the new playground at St. Edmunds Public School. See ad pg. 3. 5-7pm

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Offering free resources in the community? Call us before April 8, 2026 to provide updates or new listings to be included in the next Press.

CHURCH SERVICES

Anglican, Christ Church, christchurchlionshead@diohuron.org

55 Main St, Lion's Head, 519-793-3784

SUNDAY: Service, 11:30am

Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church, bethelc.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, Nov.-Apr. at Tobermory United Church, 2pm

St. Margaret's Service, Summer only, 7pm

Pentecostal Country Church, pentecostalcountrychurch.org

2627 Hwy#6, Lion's Head, 226-559-0564

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, 10:30am. (Jan.-Mar.)

Pike Bay, (Not Jan.-Mar.)

St. Mary's and the Missions Catholic Church, stmarysandthemissions.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

LIBRARY HOURS

See library.brucecounty.on.ca/locations for information.

	LION'S HEAD	TOBERMORY	WIARTON
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TUES	Closed	10am-1:30pm 2-5pm	10am-7pm
WED	2-6pm	10am-1:30pm 2-5pm	10am-6pm
THU	10am-2pm	12-6pm	10am-7pm
FRI	9:30am-5pm	10am-2pm	10am-6pm
SAT	9:30am-2pm	10am-2pm	10am-4pm
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34 Community Centre Rd, Neyaashiinigiing. 519-534-3266 ext 105.

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Pick up. Thursday, 1-3:30pm

Tobermory. The Meeting Place.

20 Centennial Dr, Tobermory. 519-851-3411

Walk in service. Tuesday, 1-3pm

Emergency service. Contact for service.

Warton. The Salvation Army.

576 Edward St, Wiarton. 519-534-0353.

Walk in service. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1-3:30pm

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and held at the Council Chambers at 56 Lindsay Road 5, Lion's Head, ON N0H 1W0.

Council meetings are open to the public and are available to watch via livestream.

For more details, including access to public meeting agendas and minutes, please visit www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/government.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATES

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Participating Municipalities: South Bruce, KINCARDINE, Arran-Elderslie, Sauguen Shores, Brockton

Participating Municipalities in Bruce County are recruiting experienced professionals for appointment on the Bruce County Joint Compliance Audit Committee (Bruce County JCAC) for the 2026 Municipal Election. The committee reviews applications for compliance audits of campaign finances and provides an impartial, knowledgeable assessment under the Municipal Elections Act.

Ideal applicants have experience in accounting, municipal administration, and/or law.

• Term: November 15, 2026 – November 14, 2030

• 3-7 members needed

• Application deadline: April 24, 2026

Submit completed applications to: Northern Bruce Peninsula Clerk

Email: election@northernbruce.ca Mail: 56 Lindsay Road 5, Lion's Head ON N0H 1W0

Webpage: <https://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/government/council-committees/elections/bruce-county-joint-compliance-audit-committee/>

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CABOT HEAD ROAD PROPOSED OPERATIONAL PLAN VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula is hosting a Virtual Open House regarding Cabot Head Road Proposed Operational Plan for residents and interested community members to attend.

This meeting follows the Cabot Head Road public engagement survey and is intended to provide an opportunity to share additional information and respond to questions raised through the engagement process. This online meeting will provide an opportunity to share information, answer questions, and hear feedback from the community.

Event Details

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM (Eastern Time)

Location: Online (Virtual Meeting)

Cabot Head Road
Virtual Open House
April 9, 2026 - 6:30 - 8:30pm



Registration

To attend the meeting, please complete the online registration form by scanning the QR code or using this link: Register for the Virtual Open House

Once you have registered, you will receive an on-screen confirmation that your registration has been received. The meeting link will be emailed to all registered participants on April 9, 2026.

Need Assistance?

If you do not receive the meeting link by the afternoon of April 9, please check your spam or junk folder first. If you still cannot locate the email, contact the Municipality for assistance.

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.

AFTER-HOURS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Scan the QR Code to access the events calendar:



NOTICE: WEIGHT/LOAD RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

Effective Monday, March 2, 2026 the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula is implementing weight/load restrictions of 5 tonnes per axle on all municipal roads until further notice.

These restrictions are in place to protect our roadways during the spring thaw, as roads become most vulnerable to damage when frost leaves the ground. During this period, roads will be posted for "half loads" only to help minimize deterioration caused by heavy vehicles. A follow-up notice will be issued when the Half Load Restrictions are lifted. Thank you for your cooperation in preserving our roads!

Visit Municipal 511 for information regarding road closures, conditions, and restrictions:

<https://www.municipal511.ca>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Eastnor Site – 1252 West Road | Lindsay Site – 627 Ira Lake Road | St. Edmunds – 71 McArthur Road

To ensure your materials are collected, please have them curbside no later than 8:00 a.m. on Mondays. All issues with curbside waste and recycling collection, are to be directed to the contractor at 1-800-561-1655 or canresidential@wm.com

PROPERTY TAXES

The interim tax billing will be processed the first week of February with due dates of:

February 28, 2026 and April 30, 2026.

If you have not received your mailed or emailed bill by mid February, please contact the Tax Clerk at the Municipal Office.

For information regarding Pre-authorization Payment and E-billing options, please visit our website.

MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX

Do you own or operate a Short-Term Accommodation, Bed & Breakfast, Hotel, Motel, or any other establishment offering short-term lodging (30 days or less) in all or part of a dwelling? You are required to collect and remit the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT). For more information about the MAT, visit our website at www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/MAT

MAT Remittance Deadlines

• Q1 (January–March) – Due April 30 • Q2 (April–June) – Due July 31

• Q3 (July–September) – Due October 31 • Q4 (October–December) – Due January 31

How to Pay

Visit the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Payment Page on the municipal website or scan the QR code provided to submit your remittance. The Municipality does not have agreements with third-party booking platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO, or similar services. These companies do not collect or remit MAT on your behalf. Property owners/operators remain responsible for compliance.



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SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION LICENCING PROGRAM

For information on how to register your Short-Term Accommodation, please visit <https://northbrucepeninsula.ca/sta/>

If you wish to report a concern regarding a Short-term Accommodation property, please call (1) 855-331-0489.

Any person who obtains a licence shall comply with the regulations set out in the Municipality's STA Licence By-law.

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Municipal law enforcement is provided by the By-law Enforcement Department. The goal is to serve, protect, and provide a desired quality of life for residents and visitors of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. By-law Enforcement is committed to raising awareness of community standards and enforcing the Municipality's by-laws using a timely, professional and unbiased approach.

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- CO alarms must be installed beside all sleeping areas,
- New: CO alarms are now required on every story of the home as well

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Install and test your CO alarms to keep your household safe.

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Pub Nights at Rotary Hall in Lion's Head Continue April 10 & 24

Submitted by Rob Hiscott

Rotary will continue to host Pub Nights at Rotary Hall, with two scheduled for the month of April – Fridays, April 10th and April 24th, starting at 7:00 PM and running through the evening. We recently hosted four fun Pub Nights at Rotary Hall – two in February, two in March – which were well-attended, including a number of players from the Lion's Head Pickleball Club after their Friday night games at Bruce Peninsula District School gymnasium.

For upcoming Pub Nights, a variety of snacks – including flatbread pizzas, sandwiches, potato chips – will be available each evening in addition to a wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Once the perimeter railing has been installed on the recently-constructed concrete patio outside the front of Rotary Hall, we hope to expand our Rotary events such as Pub Nights with outside seating, once the weather improves!

Earth Day Event - April 22nd

Your local Rotary Club and Bruce Peninsula Environment Group (BPEG) will be co-sponsoring an Earth Day Event at Rotary Hall on Wednesday, April 22nd. More details about this special event will be printed in the

Rotary article in the next issue of Bruce Peninsula Press!

Sunday Coffee Socials Finished for Season

During the winter months of 2026 – from early-January to the end of March – your local Rotary Club hosted twelve Sunday Coffee Socials at Rotary Hall. Rotary thanks everyone who came out to participate in our Coffee Socials this winter, with attendance generally ranging between 20-30 people most Sundays. Rotarians prepared delicious home-made soups and desserts for these events, and other snacks along with hot beverages were available during each of these Coffee Socials.

We co-sponsored (with Bruce Peninsula Environment Group - BPEG) 'Seedy Sunday' on March 8th which included a seed exchange and pop-up sale, as part of our Coffee Social on that day! Members of the new group 'Mahjongg Mavericks' also came out and played some Mahjongg during several Coffee Socials – a reminder that anyone interested in playing Mahjongg can drop by Rotary Hall Monday afternoons beginning at 1:00 PM.

We hope to continue the tradition of hosting Sunday Coffee Socials next winter, as an opportunity for casual conversation, catching up over warm beverages and delicious snacks during the cold winter months, and hope to see you then!

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and their hotel business is looking for housekeepers, front desk staff and laundry attendants; as well as staff for their kayak rentals.

Grey Bruce Cottages manages over 80 vacation properties and growing. They were looking for cleaners, lawn and garbage management helpers. Tamarac Island Inn and Summer House Park are looking for seasonal staff as the summer approaches.

Orkin, a pest control management company, is looking for four or five technicians to handle the local area and will offer specialised training.

Local food and beverage enterprises were set up at the job fair, looking to ramp up staffing.

The Tobermory Coffee Company is looking for a barista. Rachel's Restaurant in Lion's Head needs kitchen and serving staff. Hungry Hiker of Ferndale/Tobermory is the food service provider for Celtic Camp. They require a baker and someone with meal planning experience that can develop meal plans, taking into account the allergy concerns of the young campers. They say they could provide accommodation if needed for two or three employees.

There are also paid opportunities from the local non-profit sector to indulge your passion or special interest/training. The Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association is looking to hire three environmental technicians, mainly university students or recent graduates. The E-bike rentals in Tobermory did very well last summer and they intend to purchase more bikes; opportunities exist for rental agents.

Dive Life in Tobermory, is looking for administration staff, but also ambassadors for their non-profit Tobermory chapter of "Save Ontario Shipwrecks".

If you like being around sweet things, maybe the Sweet Shop in Tobermory might be a good spot, as they look to staff their production area for the store. They are also looking for in-store staff.

EPH Tools, a local manufacturing operation, needs fabrication, welding and assembly workers, machine operators, robotic, design and engineering staff.

For those with specialized skills there are opportunities for nurses, personal support workers and educational assistants.

A seasonal cottager from

Lion's Head says this job fair is "way better than imagined, definitely better than the job fairs in Orangeville and Mississauga."

The recent high school graduates say they came out to see what was available and maybe find something that piqued their interest. They say they were mostly looking for full-time work, but are open to trying "anything", as they explore various options to build their skills and experience.

The Tobermory and Northern Bruce Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, one of the organizers of the job fair, say they were happy with the turnout in Lion's Head. The Chamber is also looking to promote the area by hiring Travel Ambassadors, with localized knowledge of the area to assist tourists.

Pierre Valley, of the Corporation of the County of Bruce, says the Stratford-Bruce Peninsula Economic Region (an area that stretches from Stratford to Tobermory), has one of the lowest employment rates in 15 years. He attributes some of the issues to an aging population and slow population growth, but he says there are positive signs of growth; starting with a slight demographic shift in the COVID-19 years. However, this growth also brings with it more demand for services and amenities. Another challenge to growth is affordable housing.

The Corporation, one of the highest employers in the area, employs over 800 staff for their long-term care facilities, museums, transport and corporate operations. Bruce Country lent their support to the Tobermory and Northern Bruce Peninsula Chamber of Commerce in arranging the job fair.

Valley said he was pleased to see so many potential job seekers, especially those of the younger generation looking for their first post-secondary school employment.



Photo: Anne James (Christ Church Anglican) and Dan Bryans (Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula) presented a donation cheque for \$1,000 to Charlene Scharlach and Darlene Myles of Lion's Head & District Food Bank, proceeds raised at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper held on February 17th, 2026 at Rotary Hall.

(L-R) Darlene Myles, Anne James, Dan Bryans and Charlene Scharlach.



Local Artists Introduce Linoprinting to Golden Dawn Residents

Submitted by Stuart Burgess

Photo: Golden Dawn resident Patricia Madau (left) editions her linoprint "First Garden" with assistance from Red Schoolhouse Gallery artists Stuart Burgess (right) and Diana Licskai (behind camera).



Photo: Austin of Pike Bay stops by the Tobermory and Northern Bruce Peninsula Chamber of Commerce booth at the recent job fair. He was interested in both full-time or part-time work.



Photo: Job-seeker Lucas is ideally looking for a year round job and came out to learn about what was available. He submitted his contact information to various companies at the job fair, including at Summer House Park.

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Tobermory Legion April 4th

Submitted by Kathryn Hauck, Poppy Chair

Hello April! Let us hope that with April comes lots of sunshine, warmer weather and spring flowers!

The Easter Bunny will be leaving some eggs at the branch on Saturday April 4th at 10:00am for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. Bring your children by for some Easter fun! Ages 12 and under welcome. (see ad on page 3)

Did you know? (which I am sure you do as I start the submission each time with this) that you can get a free legion membership, for new members, for this year only in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion – a century of standing with Veterans, strengthening communities and honouring the memory of those who served. Please consider joining – this is your ‘free’ chance. We would love to add more people to this great organization AND to have a few new members at our local branch.

Tobermory Legion Branch 290 hosted the C-4 Spring Zone Convention on Sunday March 22nd. This convention was attended by approximately 60 people. The Branch served lunch to attendees, and some attendees arrived the evening before and attended the meat draw at the Legion. Overall, everyone had a great time.

A big thank you to The Trading Post for sponsoring our recent Irish Stew dinner. The stew and buns were fantastic, followed by very yummy desserts. Thank you to everyone that attended and supported the dinner.

The Ladies Auxiliary Winter BINGO is continuing on Mondays at the Tobermory Community Centre. Doors opened at 12:30pm with games starting at 1:00pm.

Meat draws are happening on Saturdays starting at 4:30pm.

On the second Friday of the month, come and test your smarts with Trivia night - bring some friends or join a team. Trivia starts at 7:00pm.

On the last Friday of the month, come with friends or join a group and play Euchre. Doors open at 6:45pm and games start at 7:00pm.

Try your luck at darts, every Thursday starting at 3:00pm.

Remembering Edna Diane Adams

From the Legion Ontario Command Military Service Recognition Book - Edna Diane Adams was born in Tobermory, Ontario on December 12, 1917. She enlisted in the Air Force on April 15, 1943 and served with the Nursing Sister in Canada - No.16 Service Flying Training School during World War 2.

After her discharge on October 25, 1945, Edna had a long career in nursing at Niagara Falls Hospital. She was a member of the Tobermory Legion Branch 290. Edna passed away on January 20, 2010.

~ We Will Remember Them ~



Photo: Edna Diane Adams.

Lion's Head Legion Recognizes 2026 Public Speaking Contest Winners

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans, 1st VP, Public Relations Officer



Photo L-R: Kim White with BPDS Public Speaking Contest Primary winners Dawson Tackaberry, Zoey Ironmonger and Isla Dadswell.

The Royal Canadian Legion supports Youth Education by sponsoring annual literacy, poems and poster contests at provincial schools to help promote Remembrance Day and honouring our military heritage. On Friday March 6 at Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) the contestants got together to share their efforts of writing essays, poems, and drawing posters with the judges panel. Several members of Legion Branch 202 attended and helped out with the event.

We at Royal Canadian Legion Lion's Head Branch 202 would like to express our thanks to

the students of Bruce Peninsula District School who participated in the Legion sponsored Public Speaking Contest for 2026. The first place winners will proceed to the next level of the competition at a later date. The winners of the Public Speaking Contest were:

Intermediate winners:

1. Jacob (Jake) Craddock
2. Trent Lyle
3. Bradley Cullen
3. Pierce Lott

Junior winners:

1. Carmyn Lyle
2. Zoey McMann
3. Owen Casson

Primary winners:

1. Dawson Tackaberry
2. Isla Dadswell
3. Zoey Ironmonger

Please join us at the Lion's Head Legion on Friday April 17 for a free movie which is West Side Story. Doors open at 1:00pm, movie starts at 1:30pm. We will provide tea, coffee and snacks. This event is provided in partnership with the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula's Senior Active Living Centre (SALC) funding with support from the Government of Ontario.

This month we are holding two Lunch and Learn events. See *Let's Talk Lunch & Learn* article on page 18 for more details.

Just a reminder about our weekly Tai Chi classes are Fridays, 9:30-10:30am. The classes are open to everyone so if you're interested please come out a few minutes early, and bring a dry pair of shoes with you. The focus of the moves are to improve balance, stretch and of course, to have fun. This is not a "hot" workout so casual wear is fine.

Join us on Mondays and Thursdays (Except the first Thursday of the month) for a fun round of darts. Doors open at 12:30pm, play begins at 1:00pm. It costs \$3 to play. Saturday April 4th we play "darts for meat" where you play for a chance to bring home a prize cut. Entry is \$4.00 plus \$1 per game (maximum \$10 depending on your skill/luck).

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Photo L-R: Kim White with BPDS Public Speaking Contest Intermediate winners Trent Lyle, Pierce Lott and Bradley Cullen (missing from photo: Jacob (Jake) Craddock).



Photo L-R: Kim White with BPDS Public Speaking Contest Junior winners Owen Casson, Zoey McMann and Carmyn Lyle.

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Shell-ebrating Turtle Tracker Volunteers at Bruce Peninsula National Park

Submitted by Kelsey Bowles

On a snowy Saturday at the end of February, Turtle Trackers and Parks Canada staff gathered at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre in Tobermory to shell-ebrate the hard work of volunteers for the 2025 field season. A “Soup & Suncatchers” workshop was held where participants made stained glass turtle suncatchers and enjoyed soup for lunch, while meeting other volunteers and chatting about the season.

Who are the Turtle Trackers?

During the spring, female turtles are searching for suitable nesting sites to lay their eggs. The Turtle Trackers collect data and monitor “hotspots” within the Bruce Peninsula National Park for nesting activity. When they see a nesting turtle or new nest, they

install a protective cage over top of it. This protects the fragile turtle eggs from being eaten by animals like raccoons and skunks. The data collected from the Turtle Trackers also helps Parks Canada better understand nesting locations and turtle activity. Monitoring and protecting nests are crucial to protecting turtle populations.

Bruce Peninsula National Park would like to acknowledge the importance of the Turtle Tracker program and thank all participants. The joint effort between Parks Canada staff and this dedicated team has led to about 700 nest box installations to protect vulnerable turtle nests since the program’s inception in 2017. We look forward to the upcoming season!

If you are interested in joining the Turtle Trackers volunteers, please reach out to r2r@pc.gc.ca.



Photo: Turtle Tracker Volunteers create suncatchers in the Parks Canada Visitor Centre.

Ontario Nature Acquires Sauble Dunes North Property

Critical Coastal Habitat Secured Forever Along Lake Huron Shoreline

Media Release

Owen Sound, March 9, 2026 — Ontario Nature is thrilled to announce its successful acquisition of the 26.7-hectare (66 acre) Sauble Dunes North property. This strategic conservation action expands Ontario Nature’s existing Sauble Dunes Nature Reserve and strengthens a vital ecological corridor in the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula, permanently protecting 77.78 hectares (192 acres) of rare coastal dune, wetland.

The protected land, located between the Sauble River and Lake Huron, now connects to adjacent natural areas including Chief’s Point Wetland, Sauble Falls Provincial Park, county forests and other protected properties. Collectively, those protected areas form a continuous corridor within the Sauble Falls North Life Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI). Protecting Sauble Dunes North ensures this globally rare coastal dune system — with its mosaic of forests, wetlands and swales shaped by post-glacial processes — remains intact, resilient, and functional for wildlife and future generations.

“Sauble Dunes North plays a vital role in supporting species at risk and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Lake Huron shoreline. Through federal investment in this acquisition, we are advancing conservation outcomes that strengthen biodiversity across the region.” – The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature

“This addition of 66 acres of coastal dune lands is an exciting expansion to a network of protected natural areas on the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula,” said Andrew Dowie, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. “We are grateful to Ontario Nature and its supporters for their dedication to preserving Ontario’s rare and sensitive ecosystems. By working with conservation leaders through the Greenlands Conservation Partnership program, we are creating a legacy for future generations.”



Photo: Marsh habitat in the newly protected Sauble Dunes North property.

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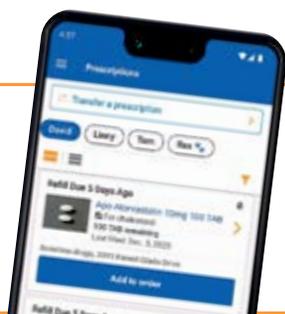
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