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Photo: The MS Chi-Cheemaun arrives in Tobermory on April 30 after its sold-out Repositioning Cruise.

Chi-Cheemaun Returns To Summer Home in Tobermory

By Tammy Raycraft,
Bruce Peninsula Press

The MS Chi-Cheemaun arrived back in Tobermory April 30 with a crowd of locals waiting by the water for her. The spring kicked off with the sold-out annual repositioning cruise which signals the start of 2026 sailing season.

Daryl Wood, a Tobermory resident, waited on the dock to see the beloved ferry arrive. "Shirley Clark always said she had to come greet the boat every year," Wood said. "So, I still come down every year for her."

Many other locals had similar stories of their traditions of waiting for the boat's arrival. Julie Austin said it is something she tries to do every year. "It is something that we love to do. I couldn't get the time off work this year, but my husband and son were there," she said.

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Local Student Challenges Community to Support Brightshores Lion's Head Hospital



Photo L-R: Dr Thomas, Emmett Stewart and Melissa Linstead, RPN.

Submitted by April Patry,
Executive Director

Lion's Head, ON — Emmett Stewart, a student at Bruce Peninsula District School, is making a meaningful impact in his community by raising funds in support of Brightshores Lion's Head Hospital. Emmett has challenged community members to match his personal donation of \$20, proving that small acts of generosity can inspire big results.

"Illness and medical emergencies can happen at any time," Emmett shared. "Living in a small community, having access to local healthcare is something we shouldn't take for granted."

Emmett's original fundraising goal of \$500 was surpassed in less than 24 hours, thanks to an outpouring of community support. That momentum has been further amplified by the Macscott Family Foundation, which

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Nomination Period for 2026 Municipal Election is Now Open

By Tessa Swanton (Townson),
Bruce Peninsula Press

The nomination period for the upcoming fall 2026 Municipal and School Board Election is now open as of Friday, May 1, 2026. Nominations will officially close on Friday, August 21, 2026, at 2pm. To run for a place in office, you must complete all forms within the Candidate Package (except for signatures) and submit a filing fee of \$200 for the Head of Council and \$100 for other offices. Forms can be picked up at the municipal office at 56 Lindsay Road 5. To file papers, an appointment is required with the Clerk and can be scheduled by emailing clerk@northernbruce.ca or by phone at 1-833-793-3537.

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39 Community Members Recognized at Municipal Volunteer Recognition Event

By Tessa Swanton (Townson),
Bruce Peninsula Press

A Volunteer Recognition Award Ceremony hosted by the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) attracted dozens of dedicated volunteers on the afternoon of April 23rd at the Tobermory Community Centre. The special event recognized an astounding 39 volunteers speaking to the resilient volunteer community in NBP. Mayor Milt McIver emceed the event with Councillors Laurie (Smokey) Golden and Todd Dowd and Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson also in attendance.

The mayor announced, "It is my pleasure to welcome you here today as we celebrate something truly special in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula, the people who give their

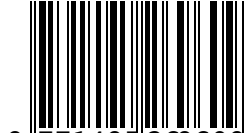
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Bruce Peninsula Hospice: More Than You Might Think!

Submitted by B. Warder

Bruce Peninsula Hospice (BP Hospice) got its start by three people from the Anglican Church in Lion's Head with a goal to enhance hospice care locally. 2025 marked the 30th anniversary of the organization, proving the need and success of this valuable service.

BP Hospice is accredited by Hospice Palliative Care Ontario (HPCO) signifying to health professionals, the public and funders that they are in compliance with industry standards and have been recognized based on a rigorous review of overall performance.

The Mission is to provide compassionate, non-medical care and supports for families and individuals on the Bruce Peninsula. The Hospice Volunteer Visiting Service and Bereavement Support Groups are at the core of the services provided by the group and what a blessing during those challenging times. Thank you to all the volunteers that step up to offer their time and professionalism to help.

In addition to those valuable resources, the services have expanded

to include the "Living Well at Home" Program, "Volunteer Drop-Off Services" and Nav-CARE. If a person is experiencing declining health, serious illness or the death of a loved one, or want to plan for the future to maintain the best quality of life possible, look to BP Hospice for assistance at all stages of the health journey.

Hike for Hospice June 7th

Bruce Peninsula Hospice is not government funded, therefore relies on fundraising and grants to maintain their services. Their major fundraiser, the **Annual Hike for Hospice**, will be held on Sunday, June 7th at the Outdoor Education Centre in Oliphant (3092 Bruce Rd 13, South Bruce Peninsula). Please consider participating or making a donation by visiting www.bphospice.ca and clicking the Hike for Hospice link.

Thank you to all who have already donated and to the following businesses who have generously sponsored the 2026 hike: gold sponsors – Bruce Power; silver sponsors – EPH Tools, Walker Industries; and Bronze Sponsors

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Dr George Harpur Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from Canadian Underwater Conference & Exhibition

By Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press

A physician whose work helped put Tobermory on the map as a centre for diving medicine has received national recognition, as Dr. George Harpur was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2026 Canadian Underwater Conference & Exhibition.

In 2008, the Canadian Underwater Conference Committee hosted its first conference where two awards were presented: The Lifetime Achievement Award and the Technical Excellence Award. These awards honour and recognize individuals whose accomplishments and dedication have significantly contributed to the underwater industry in Canada.

The recipients are chosen by the Diver Certification Board of Canada Board of Directors who are responsible for approving commercial and scientific divers training and fitness to dive.

Dr Harpur is a practicing physician, and former Medical Director of the Tobermory Hyperbaric Facility (THF) and is also a leading figure in the Canadian diving and hyperbaric industry.

Dr Harpur moved to Tobermory in 1974 and played a major role in opening the THF in 1976.

"In the 70's we supplied support for the divers of the Geologic Survey of Canada Arctic team and more recently for the Underwater Archeology Team of Parks Canada during their search for the Franklin expeditions ships," Harpur said.

"We also supported the commercial diving along the north shore of Lake Erie for a variety of companies harvesting natural gas offshore and for the Underwater Search and Recovery unit (USRU) of the OPP for many years," he stated.

Over the past 50 years he has overseen the growth, from a dive accident treatment centre to now a research, training, equipment test and treatment facility for additional medical conditions that respond to Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. Dr Harpur is one of the most credible experts in his field with his guidance and opinion in-demand by divers.

"The unit has provided lectures at diving conferences and to student groups training in Tobermory, passing on lessons learned from our investigations of diving incidents and accidents, both here and around the world," Harpur said.

He went on to say there were also many releases in diving and medical publications, aimed at improving safety and the management of dive accident victims.

"I got the award, but the whole team did the work," he said.



Photo Courtesy of Dr George Harpur. Photo: The 2026 Lifetime Achievement Award.



Photo Courtesy of Dr George Harpur. Photo: Dr Harpur receives his Lifetime Achievement Award at Colpoys Bay.

MNBP Council Hears From Concerned Neighbours Re: Hardwick Cove Zoning By-law Amendment Request

By Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press

Neighbours of vacant and heavily treed 123 Hardwick Cove Road in Stokes Bay spoke during a Public Meeting on April 27 during a Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) Council Meeting showing their objection to the zoning by-law amendment (ZBLA). A consent application filed with Bruce County to sever three residential lots from 123 Hardwick Cove Road prompted a municipal ZBLA to reduce the minimum lot area requirement for the three new lots and reduce the minimum lot frontage requirement for one of the lots referred to as lot "A3" by planners. The ZBLA also identifies specific building envelopes for future development on the new lots which surround three existing residential properties with houses.

Although the three new lots conform with the goals of the Bruce County Official Plan by meeting minimum lot size requirements, they do not meet lot size requirements in the municipal ZBL which is currently outdated from 2002. The County is in the process of passing a new County Official Plan (OP), and Mayor Milt McIver is adamant that the Municipality will follow with an updated ZBL following the County's OP adoption.

A development agreement will be registered on title meaning that when a purchaser shows interest in a lot, the developable areas will be specified. The remaining lot areas will be equipped with a municipal "Holding Zone" suggesting that further evaluation from Council and an environmental impact study (EIS) are mandatory prior to development on any other sections of the new lots other than the designated building envelopes. An archeological assessment and EIS were conducted on the building envelopes suggesting mitigation measures like exclusion

fencing during active work, tree clearing outside of April 1-October 30, and awareness of snakes, to avoid negative impact on bats and the Massasauga Rattlesnake.

The R2 (resort residential) zoned lots require a minimum lot area of 8000 sq.m. in the municipal ZBL while the County requires 4000 sq.m. Although the three new lots are under the ZBL's minimum lot area regulation, Mayor

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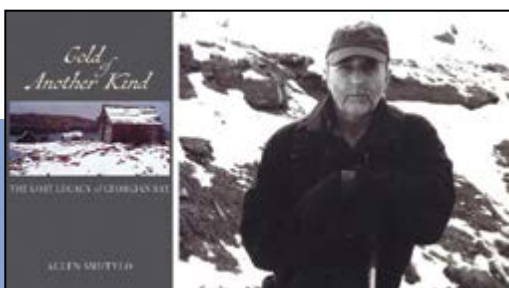


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BPDS Students Win Big at Kiwanis Music Festival

Submitted by Jordan Collins

A talented group of students from Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) participated in the Grey County Kiwanis Festival of Music in Owen Sound between April 13th-April 24th. The BPDS Junior Choir performed two selections, "Mary Had a Little Blues" and "Chickery Chick" earning Silver with 84 points. The BPDS Primary Choir performed two selections, "Old King Cole" and "This Old Man" earning Gold with 86 points and an invite to the OMFA Provincial Virtual Finals. They recorded their songs and sent them off to the Ontario Music Festival Association's Provincial Competition to be adjudicated online by the end of May.

Mabel Cameron competed in the Contemporary Saxophone category, performing "Mazurka" by Frederick Chopin and "Under the Afghan Sky" by Christiaan Venter. Mabel received Gold and Silver respectively. She has been nominated for "Mazurka" and will be competing at the OMFA Provincials as well as receiving an Award of Excellence at the Festival of Stars.

Bronwyn Stanton competed in the category of Musical Theatre - Ballad, Senior division and earned Gold with a mark of 86. She performed "She Used to be Mine" from the musical Waitress. She was recommended to continue to the OMFA Provincials but is unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

Robert Thompson competed in the Popular Voice category, performing "Rockin' Robin" which earned Gold with a mark of 89. He also competed

in the Songs from the Screen category performing "Remember Me" from Coco, earning Gold with a mark of 87. Robert has been invited to the OMFA Virtual

Provincials for both categories and has been invited to perform live at the Festival of Stars.

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Photo: The BPDS Primary Choir performed two selections at the Grey County Kiwanis Festival of Music earning Gold and an invite to the OMFA Provincial Virtual Finals.

Natural Burial Presentation May 24th at Rotary Hall

Media Release, NBP Natural Burial Group

There will be a presentation about an environmentally better alternative to cremation and "normal" burial procedures at the Rotary Hall on Main Street in Lion's Head. The event will take place Sunday May 24th from 11am until 1pm.

Bob Hope of the Natural Burial Grey-Bruce Association will show a video (at 11:30am) and present information about the availability of a natural burial option in the area.

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JOHN'S COLUMN

By John Francis

Most of us are aware of at least a few invasive species — invasive phragmites is unmistakable. Wild Parsnip forms a one-and-a-half-metre-tall wall on both sides of some roads in the Ferndale Flats/Lindsay Flats area. And many of us are conducting a personal war with Garlic Mustard and other invaders in our backyards.

But this year's Sources of Knowledge Forum gave us an eye-opening view of the sheer volume and diversity of current and incoming threats.

Invasive Species Are Coming. Are We Ready? Spoiler Alert: NO.

Georgian Bay and Lake Huron have been irrevocably changed by Sea Lampreys, Zebra Mussels and Quagga Mussels. There are also invasive water plants spreading northwards and three species of invasive Asian carps on our doorstep.

On land, the biggest single threat is probably invasive phragmites, which already chokes many square kilometres of Southern Ontario wetlands and is poised to dramatically extend its grasp.

But there are dozens more invasive species — some already here, others spreading towards us.

The final presenter at SOKF was Spencer Bennett, who has, in recent years, been managing the invasive species control initiative at our two national parks.

He stated that Parks personnel spent 599 hours on land-based invasive plants last year. They were engaged in managing 22 different invasive species over a total of 86 different sites.

Bennett is justifiably proud of what Parks Canada has accomplished — maintaining the parks as a refugium where native species can thrive.

Unfortunately, the rest of our municipality is left to fend for itself, other than some roadside weed spraying by Bruce County and the province.

Our Own Environment Office?

I remember a conversation I had fifteen or twenty years ago with one of Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association's (BPBA) bright-eyed visionaries. She told me that her ambition was to persuade the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to inaugurate and staff its own environmental office.

"What would they do?" I asked.

She rhymed off a laundry list of things that needed to be done, including: wastewater monitoring on land and in streams; invasive species monitoring and management, including plants, insects and aquatic flora and fauna; wetland and habitat conservation and management; implementation of solar-powered cattle watering systems to keep cattle from contaminating our streams.

BPBA has been unsuccessful in getting the municipality to take on

these responsibilities but they have accomplished a couple of them all by themselves.

Some cattle watering systems actually got done — BPBA designed the systems and then installed a number of them, aided by provincial funding.

BPBA's Six Streams project is monitoring the water quality in the most important watersheds in the municipality.

BPBA has also been working with Nature Conservancy of Canada to try to control phragmites, but it's a huge undertaking. Fully engaging with phragmites would require significant manpower and budget — a municipal or county initiative — as would responding to the other species and issues that are creeping up on us.

For example: invasive Emerald Ash Borer is systematically killing all our ash trees, much like Dutch Elm disease killed all the elms seventy years ago. On the horizon: our beech trees are being hit hard by two separate pests: Beech Leaf Disease and Beech Bark Disease. Dead ash and beech trees will become quite hazardous in our municipality over the next few years. Whose responsibility ought they to be?

Bruce County to the Rescue?

Bruce County recently published its *Environmental Sustainability Action Plan 2026-2030*. The plan has sections entitled "Climate Adaptation and Mitigation" and "Stewardship and Forest Conservation", but the phrase "invasive species" is never even mentioned.

Somehow, I don't think the county will come galloping to our rescue.

Letter: Response to John's Column on Cabot Head Road – A Different Perspective

Dear Editor:

I have waited some time before responding to "John's column" in the early April Press regarding access to Cabot Head. Not only is it a difficult subject, with various positions, but the state of the road after yet another winter and spring run off is now evident.

I decided I do want to present a different perspective rather than the idea of only biking/hiking access.

Certainly that idea is much better than NO access, however it leaves those who are elderly, handicapped in some manner, or have young children unable to experience this spectacular piece of nature or the history of this site. Can we not find a way to accommodate these persons in some manner? Open access by vehicle, as in the past, would not be an option... this stretched the patience of Dyers Bay residents and cottagers... that is understandable. It wasn't safe either.

However, remember what JFK stated about visiting the moon "not because it is easy, but because it is hard".

It's not the moon... it's a few fairly short pieces of road, built by Lindsay Township employing local individual truckers (my Dad being one) in the 60's, that needs some repair and engineering. It needs some scheduling and education, and a willingness to work together.

Are there issues? Yes, I am aware. But it's likely listening and working together will be the biggest hurdle.

Friends of Cabot Head worked diligently previously to present a world class site. The government spent hundreds of thousands of tax dollars to remove toxic materials and restore the

light. An awesome museum telling the history of our marine and lumbering heritage rounded it out. Some damage has happened since there is no longer their presence at the light.

Families such as Hopkins and McFarlanes have personal history. Kim Hopkins' memoir "Stories of a boyhood at Cabot Head Lightstation" is well worth reading. If my family had a car, we got to go on Sunday night drives. It was either around Johnson's Harbour/Dorcas Bay where an ice cream cone at "Teens" store on Dorcas was a huge treat; or over to Dyers Bay, stopping at the flume, then on to Cabot Head, visiting friends who had a cottage at Wingfield Basin (now the Bird Observatory). A shipwreck peeking out of the basin speaks to the dangerous waters.

The 8km "road" between the bottom edge of the escarpment and Georgian Bay up to the light is nothing short of spectacular... the lightstation tells a story of the determined people who decided this peninsula was where they would build their life.

Jenna McGuire, a local and respected ecologist, has an excellent piece, including a map on her Facebook page (that explains this far better than I can) and I quote "we need to continue to care for ecosystems and heritage features, and that can only happen with access. Where will our youth fall in love with the world if we continue to close it off or decrease accessibility". She explains this must be done with good education and thoughtful visitor use management.

I concur.

Smokey Golden

Letter: Protecting the Great Lakes Starts With Us

My name is Ruthie Mae, and I am a Grade 8 student at Bruce Peninsula District School.

I was given a project in Geography to do something in the community to bring awareness to an issue that breaks my heart and I chose invasive species within the Great Lakes.

I am writing this to express my concerns about invasive species in our local lakes, such as the Round Goby and Zebra Mussels. There are multiple invasive species living in our waters that are spreading quickly and harming native species, and I can't help but worry.

I am asking that the Municipality of North Bruce work towards putting up informational posters, addressing the issues of invasive species and making people more aware. The posters should inform people on how they can help; like, for example, "Cleaning your boats more frequently is one of the many ways you can help stop the spread of invasive species". I believe that if they do this, it will bring more attention to the subject of invasive species and people will think more about how they can help.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Ruthie Mae (Grade 8)

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Nominations close on Nomination Day at 2pm on August 21. The Voters List will be available to certified candidates on September 1. Advanced voting for the election starts on October 19 at 10am with final votes being cast on Voting Day at 8pm at the latest. Results will be declared as soon as possible. The 2026-2030 Council Term will commence on November 15 with the Inaugural Council Meeting held on November 23, 2026.

Candidates can run for the following offices: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and

Councillor, along with trustees for various school boards. As of the printing date of this newspaper, Eric Lapointe has registered as a candidate for the French Public School Board (Conseil Scolaire Viamonde) and Lucie Desbiens as the English Separate Trustee (Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board).

If you are thinking about running for Council and would like further information, a Bruce County Candidate Information Session will be taking place on May 14 at 6pm at the Bruce County Administration Centre. Visit the <https://northbrucepeninsula.ca/election> to register for the event and to check if you are on the Voter's List.

Live Music with Scott Manery and the Barnburners May 16
Kick off to the Long Weekend

Submitted by Noreen Steinacher

Looking forward to the 'May long weekend' with friends and family – we sure are! This is a quick reminder to get your tickets for the Live music performance with Scott Manery and the Barnburners and opener DJ Max – all taking place Saturday May 16 at The Tobermory Community Centre. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets online at Eventbrite with quick access on home page of The Meeting Place website tobermorymeetingplace.com

Tickets also selling at Readers Haven, the Princess Hotel, Rachels in Lion's Head and at The Meeting Place this

Tuesday – Thursday or by emailing info@tobermorymeetingplace.com Tickets will be sold at the door but don't leave it too late.

This is not only an event to kick off the season for the community but an important annual fundraiser for The Meeting Place. TMP is open all year round with a variety of services and programs meeting the diverse needs of the community. Business sponsorships are important too and we'd like to thank Blue Bay Motel, Bruce Anchor Cruises, Summerhouse Park, Escarpment Height Motel and Readers Haven for their early support and others coming in will all be acknowledged at the event. It's spring!

Health Care Then and Now: Reflections from Dr. George Harpur

Submitted by Wendy Caron

The Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary continues its 2026 Health and Wellness Speakers Series on Wednesday, May 27th with a presentation by Dr. George Harpur on The Evolution of Health Care on the Peninsula.

Dr. Harpur has witnessed many changes in the provision of health services in Ontario over his 61 years in practice. In this talk, he will help those on the Peninsula better understand the factors that have shaped the current state of health care. It is hoped that a clearer understanding will lead to more effective use of services, greater cooperation and support, and ultimately better outcomes for all participants in the system—providers, volunteers, patients, and the community as a whole.

Please join us for what promises to be an informative, insightful and engaging conversation with Dr. Harpur.

When: Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 6PM.

Where: Parks Canada Visitors Centre, 120 Chi sin tib dek Rd. Tobermory.

This is a free event with light refreshments provided.



Photo: Dr. George Harpur will be the guest speaker at the Health and Wellness Speaker Series event on May 27th.

Joint Drug Investigation Leads To Charges For Three Neyaashiinigiing Residents

Media Release

May 6, 2026 – (Neyaashiinigiing First Nation, ON) - Three local residents are facing multiple charges following a joint drug trafficking investigation in Neyaashiinigiing First Nation.

The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), working in partnership with the Neyaashiinigiing Police Service, began the investigation in December 2025.

On April 30, 2026, at approximately 12:00 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Rouse Road in South Bruce Peninsula. Members of the Grey Bruce CSCU, Neyaashiinigiing Police Service, and the OPP Canine Unit arrested the three individuals. A search warrant was subsequently executed on their motor vehicle, resulting in a small amount of suspected cocaine with an estimated potential street value of approximately \$1,000, along with approximately \$1,500 in Canadian currency.

Following the vehicle search, Grey Bruce CSCU executed a second search warrant at a residence located on Chick's Road in Neyaashiinigiing First Nation.

As a result, three individuals were charged:

- A 33-year-old, from Neyaashiinigiing First Nation
- Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking (CDSA)
- A 33-year-old, from Neyaashiinigiing First Nation
- Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking (CDSA)
- A 36-year-old, from Neyaashiinigiing First Nation
- Possession of a Prohibited Weapon (CC)
- Possession of a Prohibited Weapon Contrary to Probation Order (CC)

All accused were released and are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound on June 11, 2026.

If you or anyone you know has information that would assist in this investigation, please call the Grey County

OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a secure web-tip at www.cstip.ca, where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2000.

Suspect Arrested Following Increased Police Presence In SBP

May 6/26, (SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - The Grey Bruce Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is providing an update regarding the ongoing investigation into multiple break and enter occurrences reported in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula.

On May 5th, members of the Ontario Provincial Police Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (ROPE) Unit located the suspect at an address on 8th Street in Owen Sound. At approximately 11:45 a.m., officers arrested the individual without incident.

A 33-year-old, of no fixed address, has been charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Break and Enter
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000
- Fail to Comply with Undertaking
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order
- Possession of a Firearm Contrary to Prohibition Order
- Carry Firearm, Weapon in a Careless Manner
- Mischief Over \$5,000
- Theft Under \$5,000
- Theft of Motor Vehicle (Two Counts)

The accused was held for a bail hearing on May 5th before the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound and has since been remanded into custody.

Anyone with information that may assist investigators is asked to contact the Grey Bruce OPP at 1-888-310-1122. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a secure web tip at www.cstip.ca. You may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

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Rotary's First Pancake Breakfast of 2026 – May 17th at Rotary Hall

Submitted by Rob Hiscott

Rotary's first community Pancake Breakfast of the 2026 season will be held at Rotary Hall on Sunday, May 17th from 9:00 to 11:30 AM! Rotarians and Friends of Rotary will be serving a delicious breakfast which includes buttermilk & vanilla pancakes with real maple syrup, scrambled eggs, pork sausages, seasoned hash browns, orange juice and coffee/tea. The cost remains \$15.00 per adult, or \$7.00 for children aged 12 and under. Rotary accepts payment in cash or debit/credit card at the door.

As in past years, this will be the first of four community Pancake Breakfasts scheduled for the Sundays of each holiday weekend from May to September – we hope you can come out for a delicious breakfast and support your local Rotary Club in its fundraising efforts for the Northern Bruce community!

On the morning of Tuesday, May 5th your local Rotary Club participated in trash pick-up and clean-up along the shoulders of a four-kilometre stretch of Bruce County Road 9 between Lion's Head and Barrow Bay. Eleven Rotarians

and Friends of Rotary broke into teams to cover different sections of both sides of the county road between the Village of Lion's Head and Hamlet of Barrow Bay – the weather that morning was cool and breezy, but without rain!

Your local Rotary Club helps out annually in the Ontario 'Adopt-a-Highway' program, assisting with local road clean-up to help keep Northern Bruce clean!

The next scheduled Pub Night at Rotary Hall is set for Friday, May 22nd, starting at 7:00 PM and running through the evening. Pub Nights are also planned for two Fridays next month – June 5th and 19th.

In addition to a wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, a variety of snacks (such as flatbread pizzas) are available at Rotary Pub Nights. Please join us for fun evenings at Rotary Hall!

Rotarians will also be tending bar for the upcoming annual Fish Dinner Fundraiser for the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary on Saturday, May 16th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, to be held at Lion's Head Arena. Hope to see you there!



Photo: Rotarians and Friends of Rotary gathered outside Rotary Hall on the morning of Tuesday, May 5th before heading south to Bruce County Road 9 to clean up the section between Lion's Head and Barrow Bay. Your local Rotary Club participates annually in the Ontario 'Adopt-a-Highway' program, assisting with local road clean-up to help keep Northern Bruce clean!

MS Chi Cheemaun Photobook Presentations of "Niagara Escarpment: LAND BETWEEN WATERS"

Media Release

May 8, 2026, Manitoulin Island – Photographer/publisher Mark Zelinski is a multidisciplinary artist whose career spans five decades and over 80 countries. He is widely recognized for his "Books That Heal" initiative through which he has donated 9,000 photography books to 140 charities worldwide. "Niagara Escarpment: LAND BETWEEN WATERS" is Mark Zelinski's 10th book, a visually stunning tribute featuring more than 600 landscape, wildlife and cultural photographs of the Niagara Escarpment, one of the world's unique natural wonders defining an area across Southern Ontario and Manitoulin Island.

Events are taking place to celebrate the Manitoulin Island launch of "Niagara Escarpment: LAND BETWEEN WATERS" through Mark Zelinski's brilliant images and stories of diverse ecosystems and communities, and through ceremony and words of guest authors - conservationists, scientists and Indigenous scholars - participants have the opportunity to experience a multi-layered perspective of the living escarpment with emphasis on Mnidoo Mmissing.

Hosted by Ontario Ferries with Photographer/Publisher Mark Zelinski, Governor General's Medal-winner, Explorer's Club and Royal Canadian Geographic Society Fellow with Guest Speakers/Book Contributors.

Guest Speakers/Book Contributors and The events will take place aboard the MS Chi-Cheemaun on Friday May 15 – 1:30 PM Departure Tobermory, 3:50 PM Departure South Baymouth, 6:10 PM Departure Tobermory and Sunday May 17 – 3:50 PM Departure South Baymouth.

For more information visit <https://www.markzelinski.com/photography-books/>

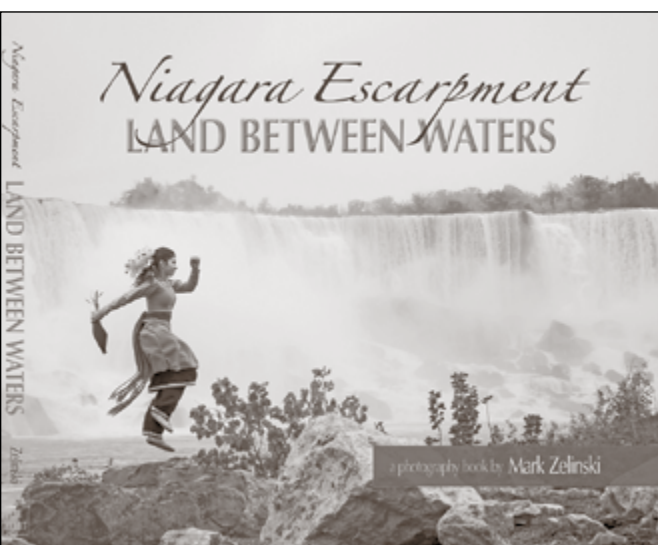


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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Minutes April 13, 2026

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

Staff Present: Clerk-Alexandra Croce, Deputy Clerk-Lindsay Forbes, Public Works Manager-Troy Cameron, Chief Bylaw Enforcement Officer-Carol Hopkins, Parks and Facilities Manager-Mark Coleman, Committee/Planning Coordinator-Bob Stewart, Chief Building Official-Emily McDougall

Others Present: Ministry of Natural Resources, Technical Specialist - Cassidy Gregg, Ministry of Natural Resources, Resource Management Coordinator - Jaclynn Gowan, Ministry of Natural Resources, District Manager - John Almond

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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#09-01-2026

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. 26-08, March 23, 2026

#09-02-2026

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting No. 26-08, March 23, 2026, be approved as printed and circulated.

Carried

4. Public Meeting - Nil.

5. Delegation

a. **Ministry of Natural Resources - Integrated Resource Management Technical Specialist, Cassidy Gregg, Resource Management Coordinator, Jaclynn Gowan, District Supervisor, Tracy Allison, and District Manager, John Almond**

Re: Black Bear Management

Mayor, Milt McIver welcomed the representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources to the Council Meeting.

Integrated Resource Management Technical Specialist Cassidy Gregg responded to questions previously asked by the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula regarding black bear population data, monitoring periods, management resources and protocols, and available funding opportunities.

Council asked whether the Ministry of

Natural Resources (MNR) works with Parks Canada and other conservation groups on management resources and protocols.

Ms. Gregg noted that the Ministry works with Parks Canada, community groups, and other conservation authorities on outreach and education.

Council asked if the MNR has observed the implementation of recommended management practices.

Discussion took place regarding recommended practices to reduce human-black bear conflict, including minimizing attractants such as bird feeders and garbage, and promoting public education on proper waste management.

Council asked about the availability of education materials.

Ms. Gregg advised that the MNR's Bear Wise Program website has information regarding best practices and additional resources for residents.

Council asked about the current black bear population.

Ms. Gregg stated that the 2022 population estimate was approximately 270 bears; however, the population is believed to be increasing.

Council further asked what would be considered a healthy bear population for the Municipality.

Ms. Gregg advised that, given the size of the area, a population of approximately 400 bears would be considered "not at risk".

Council asked about recommended practices to help manage bear-related impacts during the anticipated closure of the St. Edmunds Landfill and the transition to a new recycling program.

District Manager John Almond advised that the MNR Owen Sound office could provide potential options to support municipal staff.

Council requested information from the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding how old-growth forests may impact black bear food sources.

Council thanked the representatives from the MNR for their presentation.

6. Consideration of Agenda Items

a. Clerk Report No. C 26-11

Re: AMPS Cost Analysis Information Report

Clerk, Alexandra Croce, provided an overview of Clerk Report No. C 26-11 Re: AMPS Cost Analysis Information Report, highlighting the cost analysis between the Provincial Offences Act (POA) and the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS).

Council asked about the differences between the two systems.

Chief Bylaw Officer, Carol Hopkins advised that utilizing AMPS allows the municipality to retain the entirety of the fine, where-as a percentage of the fine is taken by the court to cover administrative expenses under the POA.

#09-03-2026

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

That Council receives report C26-11 - AMPS Cost Analysis Information Report for information; and

That Council directs staff to bring forward:

1. A by-law to establish an AMPS for the Municipality regarding non-parking offences;

2. A by-law to establish policies for AMPS; and

3. A by-law to appoint Rutherford Prosecutions as the Municipality's AMPS hearing and screening officer at a subsequent Council meeting.

Carried

7. Other Business - Nil.

8. Correspondence - Requiring Council Direction

a. Chi-Cheemaun Festival Committee

Re: Request for designation of Municipally significant event

#09-04-2026

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

That Council designates the Chi-Cheemaun Festival Weekend, to be held on June 11, 12, 13, & 14, 2026 an event of municipal significance.

Carried

b. Nor'ths of the Checkerboard Hockey Club

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- Taylor Powell, MACP, RP (Independent)
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Re: Request for designation of Municipally significant event
#09-05-2026
Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab,
Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd
That Council designates the Bruce Birthday Bash, to be held on June 6, 2026 an event of municipal significance.
Carried

9. Correspondence - for Information

a. Debbie Myles
Re: Sale of Shore Road Allowances
b. MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound - Paul Vickers
Re: 2026-2027 Provincial Budget
c. Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board
Re: February 24, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Council asked whether the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board will be addressing traffic incidents on Highway 6.
Board representative, Councillor Dowd, advised that he would bring this forward at the next meeting.
#09-06-2026
Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab,
Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd
That the correspondence items a, b, and c, be received as information and printed and circulated.
Carried

10. Closed Session - Nil.

11. Reading of By-laws

a. By-law 2026-32
Being a By-law to Manage and Regulate Parks and Recreation Facilities within the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula
b. By-law 2026-33
Being A By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on April 13, 2026.
#09-07-2026
Moved by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson
That the listed by-laws be given 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading, and enacted.
Carried

12. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn
#09-08-2026
Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd,
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson
That the meeting adjourns at 1:45 p.m.
Carried
Original signed by Mayor, Milt McIver and Clerk, Alexandra Croce

Tobermory Thrift Shop Open for Donations Victoria Day Weekend

Submitted by Rev. Sheryl Spencer

Got household goods you no longer need? Has spring cleaning resulted in a purge of excess items? You are in luck! The Tobermory Thrift Shop will be open for donations May 15, 16 and 17, 1 to 4 p.m.

After the Victoria day weekend, the Thrift Shop will continue to receive donations Monday to Saturday (except Wednesday) all summer long and will open its doors for sales on those same days of the week starting on June 6.

The Thrift Shop is a long-standing initiative of Tobermory United Church and is completely volunteer run. The presence of the Thrift Shop enables a plethora of good things to unfold - funding for Tobermory Community Outreach, which provides emergency assistance to community members in need; two complimentary shopping days per season for food-bank clients; financial support for other community groups; and the presence of Tobermory United as a community hub year-round. As well, when the season ends and the Thrift Shop is packed up, items that are left are shared among Safe 'n Sound in Owen Sound, the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary's Annual Clothing Drive and various year-round Thrift Shops.

If you'd like to be part of this win-win-win-win-win situation, the Thrift Shop is always looking for volunteers. Most pick one day of the week (closed Sundays) and do a shift from 1 to 4 on that day. Some volunteers do more shifts than that and some do less, but all are welcome! If you'd like more information about volunteering (it's fun and social!) please contact volunteer coordinator Steve Lindsay at tobermorydreamin@gmail.com.

On May 24 at Tobermory United, we celebrate Pentecost and also the revelation of the final set of altar decorations that the fabric artist Jo Lane has been creating for our sanctuary. These altar decorations, often depicting local images, are becoming treasured components of the worship space, and we are ever grateful for a bequest from Jan MacDonald, who died in early 2023, for their creation.

On June 7, Tobermory United celebrates Pride Sunday, a festive and highly anticipated service in our church year.

New Regional Model Supports Growth of Endoscopy Program

Media Release

April 29, 2026 - To support the continued growth of endoscopy services across Grey Bruce, Brightshores is moving forward with a new regional model built around four endoscopy hubs located in Wiarton, Markdale, Meaford and Owen Sound. This approach is designed to expand capacity over time while ensuring patients continue to receive high-quality, timely care in Grey Bruce.

"By bringing our expertise together through this coordinated network of hubs, we are strengthening the program today and positioning it to respond to future demand," says Beth Morris, Vice President Clinical Programs and Quality, Chief Nursing Executive. "This important advancement will enhance quality of care, improve efficiency, expand capacity and reduce wait times for patients and families."

Markdale and Wiarton will increase their endoscopy services as part of the regional network. Meaford and Owen Sound will continue providing endoscopy as they do today.

Endoscopy services currently performed at Southampton Hospital will transition to Wiarton in July, followed by expanded hours in Markdale beginning in September.

Our focus is on maintaining a strong ambulatory care presence at each site - defined by access to high-quality, patient-centred care, optimal use of resources and readiness to support future growth.

The Southampton Hospital will continue to play a meaningful role within the regional system. Expansion of ambulatory care services in Southampton are part of future programming.

"Ensuring a smooth transition for Brightshores patients and teams is a priority," said Morris. "This regional approach positions us to meet growing demand and continue improving access to timely, high-quality care across Grey Bruce."

Our commitment to maintaining access and strengthening care across all communities remains clear. We will provide clear and timely information as these plans continue to develop.

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has generously committed to matching Emmett's campaign total. The Macscott Family Foundation was created by long-time seasonal residents whose family has been part of the Bruce Peninsula community for over 70 years, and they are deeply compelled to support a community that has meant so much to generations of their family. Moved by Emmett's initiative and the spirit behind his campaign, they are thrilled to help extend its impact through this matching gift.

The campaign continues until May 21, with all funds raised supporting local healthcare close to home.

New Tompkins - James Endowment to Support Lion's Head Hospital

*Submitted by Willard VanderPloeg
Brightshores Health System*

In August, 2025, Ruth Tompkins, of Lion's Head donated \$50,000 to Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation to launch a new, named endowment in support of Lion's Head Hospital. She made the gift – together with a similar donation to the Golden Dawn Senior Home Redevelopment Fund to commemorate her 100th birthday.

She was to turn 100 years old in September. Sadly, Ruth suddenly fell ill and passed away August 13th, just a few weeks shy of her milestone.

Ruth was always community minded and decided as a gesture of gratitude to donate to "two of our most important health care facilities." She didn't want any fanfare at the time, but agreed her story could raise awareness of how the Caring for Tomorrow Endowment supports hospital care on the Peninsula.

Ruth had a life-long connection to Northern Bruce Peninsula. She was born in Walkerton on September 3rd, 1925, while her mother was visiting her parents (Ruth's grandparents). Her grandfather (Maj. F. B. James) was Bruce County Engineer and she first visited him on the Peninsula when just a few months old.

Ruth travelled to Lion's Head many times over the years, to see her sister Edith and cousins, the James. After retiring in 1990, she bought the old 'Shouldice' property on Moore Street and became a permanent resident. Ruth was a long-time member of the Bruce Peninsula Spirit Singers and was still singing in the choir at Christ Church into her early nineties. She was a formidable Scrabble player. Ruth spent her final years at Golden Dawn Seniors' Home.

The Foundation's Caring for Tomorrow Endowment is comprised of a general endowment for highest priorities, plus Wiarton and Lion's Head Funds which help meet needs identified at each hospital. There are seven additional named funds, including the newly established Tompkins/James Memorial Endowment. Gifts to the Endowment are invested, with a portion of the annual income earned used to support new medical equipment, facility



Photo: Ruth Tompkins.

"Emmett's fundraising campaign speaks volumes about the kind of community he is being raised in," said April Patry, Executive Director of the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation. "While Brightshores Lion's Head Hospital—and all of us who depend on it—will directly benefit from this campaign, I hope its greatest impact for Emmett is experiencing the power of his community coming together in support of a common cause. That sense of collective support will stay with him for a lifetime, and I am deeply touched to witness it firsthand."

Community members wishing to support Emmett's campaign can donate online at www.bphfoundation.com, by calling the Foundation office at (519) 534 5856, or by mailing a donation to Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation, 369 Mary Street, Wiarton, ON, N0H 2T0.

improvements, clinical staff training.

"Ruth's gift will help modernize hospital tools, technology & infrastructure, year after year", says Dr. Brian Taylor, retired surgeon and Foundation Board member. "Endowment donors are vital partners in building a healthy future on the Bruce Peninsula. We are so grateful for her generous support!"

The Foundation has since learned that it will also receive a donation from Ruth's Estate. Once her donation is received, the Board will determine how best to use it – whether for an urgently needed piece of equipment, or added to the Tompkins – James Endowment, Ruth will make a difference for patients at Lion's Head Hospital for years to come.

Bruce Men's Shed Raised Planters For Sale

*Submitted by Gerry Tilmans,
Team Leader*

Now that the snow has finally gone, we can spend a few hours getting ready for planting season. If you are considering buying a raised planter we are again making them, this time with cedar legs and bottoms, but with pine boxes and a liner. They are deeper at 10" to 11". Later this month we are going to hold another bird house build-a-thon where I hope to turn a stack of lumber into about fifty kits for bird houses. We will bring them to the Pike Bay Canada Day event and set up to assist kids nailing them together. They will also be brought to other events this year.

We recently received quite a number of gently used power tools from a Miller Lake area resident, for which we are very grateful. Bruce Men's Shed is amassing a wide array of hand and power tools with the intent of allowing members to borrow or buy them from us. One day, when we have a workshop, we will have a great start at filling it with tools.

On Saturday May 30th we are holding a free spring bicycle tune-up event at the Lion's Head Farmers' Market. A team of men will be on-hand who can adjust gears, brakes, derailleurs, replace worn brake pads, straighten wobbly wheels, fix flats, lubricate chains and more. Stop by our booth and say hello.

Our next monthly Saturday meeting is May 16 from 9am-11am. Every Monday morning we meet for coffee from 9am-11am at Royal 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.

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These maps outline the parking limits, rates and "Pay & Display" machine locations within Lion's Head and Tobermory.

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Residents may apply in person at the Municipal Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, or by email to parking@northernbruce.ca

If you have a Parking Pass you are not required to renew your pass unless you have changed vehicle ownership/licence plates.

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PARKING RATES

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NOTES

- Resident passes are limited to two (2) per improved (cottage) property. A maximum of only two (2) passes will be issued even if one person owns multiple properties. In the case of properties registered as corporate names, proof showing the principals of that corporation will be required.
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Municipal Office: 56 Lindsay Road 5, Lion's Head, ON 1-833-793-3537
www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/parking for more information

Spring Has Sprung at Northern Peninsula Schools

Submitted by Pam Mielhausen,
Vice-Principal, BPDS & St Edmunds

If spring feels a little busier around Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) and St. Edmunds Public School, that's because it is! Between field trips, performances, athletics, and hands-on learning, our students have been making the most of every sunny (and not-so-sunny with all those rainy days of April) moment.

Exploring the Arts and Culture at Peninsula Schools

Several classes recently travelled to Cape Croker Park in Neyaashiinigiing, where cultural interpreters guided them through Ziibaakdakaan and learning of the traditional art of maple syrup production. Students sipped cedar tea with a hint of maple and explored Anishinaabe culture through storytelling and hands-on experiences—proof that learning can be both meaningful and delicious.

Our Celebration of the Arts Night had audiences tapping their toes and smiling ear to ear, as every class performed creative twists on nursery rhymes and classic stories. Families also enjoyed a gallery of student artwork—and let's be honest, the free pizza from School Council didn't hurt attendance either!

Creativity has also been in full bloom at St. Edmunds, where students tried their hand at pottery by designing ceramic ice cream cone bowls. Each student proudly brought home a one-of-a-kind creation, complete with a cherry on top—perfect for dessert, or at least for showing off on the kitchen counter. Thank you to guest potter, Nicole Gamble, for sharing her passion with our kids.



Photo: St Edmunds student Odin showing off his hand-crafted dessert bowl!

Meanwhile, a group of students travelled to Stratford, Ontario to experience a live performance of The Hobbit. Watching Bilbo, Gandalf, and Smaug come to life on stage was unforgettable—but the behind-the-scenes workshop may have been the real showstopper. Students explored acting, set design, carpentry, and costuming, discovering just how much magic happens offstage.



Photo: The BPDS Elementary Badminton team with coaches Ms. McIver and Ms. Rosenberg (front) hold the Bluewater District School Board North West Regional Badminton Champions Banner.

St Edmunds Welcomes "Show & Tell" Parent Guests

At St. Edmunds Public School, our youngest learners have been busy welcoming some very special guest speakers—their own parents! JK and SK students delighted in "show and tell" with a twist, as people shared their work experiences. It turns out the parents have some pretty interesting jobs, and students were thrilled to put them in the spotlight for a change.

Grade 6/7 Class "Hitting the Trails" with PBTC

Our Grade 6/7 class has been hitting the trails—figuratively and literally—thanks to a partnership with the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club (PBTC). Students have been learning about the Bruce Trail, creating trail signage (constructing and painting Bruce Trail blazes for the side trails), and studying invasive species and their impact on the environment.

BPDS crowned overall Bluewater District School Board Champions

On the courts, our elementary athletes have been making a big impact in volleyball, basketball, and badminton. We may be a small school, but our teams have proven that determination and teamwork go a long way—this year, we've been proudly holding our own and then some!

On April 21, the BPDS elementary badminton team travelled to Peninsula Shores to compete in the regional badminton tournament. The 18 players faced strong competition from students representing Hepworth, Wiarton, and Sauble Beach. After an exciting day of matches, BPDS finished with the highest overall points, earning the team a spot at the Board-level tournament.

On April 27, the top players travelled to Georgian Bay Community School to compete against the best teams across the Bluewater District School Board. It was a day filled with fierce competition and impressive performances. BPDS earned fourth place in Boys' Doubles, first place in Girls' Singles and Mixed Doubles, and second place in Boys' Singles and Girls' Doubles.

When all the points were combined, BPDS was crowned the

overall Bluewater District School Board Champions. This incredible achievement was earned through fierce competitiveness, early morning practices, and the team's determination to continually improve their skills. Ms. Rosenberg and Ms. McIver are extremely proud of the team's hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout the season.


The senior badminton team had a great season! Our seniors proudly represented our school at the BAA North Tournament, where both a girls' doubles



Photo: BPDS Girls' Basketball team with the championship banner.

team and a boys' doubles team qualified for the BAA Tournament in Kincardine. At BAA, Lena and Isis captured first place in girls' doubles, while Myles and Hunter earned an impressive third-place finish in boys' doubles. Both teams

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You're invited!

Open Houses and Public Meeting for the Draft New Bruce County Official Plan

Join us to learn more about draft policies and schedules (maps) proposed for the new Official Plan. Planners will be available to answer your questions.

Lion's Head	Monday, May 25, 2026 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. at the Friendship Centre, 6 Tackabury Street
Port Elgin	Tuesday, May 26, 2026 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. at The Plex, Rotary Hall A, 600 Tomlinson Drive
Walkerton	Wednesday, May 27, 2026 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at the Bruce County Administration Centre, 30 Park Street

Attend the Public Meeting
June 18, 2026, at 9:30a.m. in the Council Chambers
at the Bruce County Administration Centre, 30 Park Street, Walkerton

Purpose
The new Official Plan is a land use planning document that will guide land use and development in Bruce County to the year 2046. The Plan was developed to reflect both local priorities identified through public engagement and provincial land use planning requirements.
The new Official Plan builds on guiding principles for agriculture, business, connections, communities, good growth, heritage, homes, natural legacy, and Indigenous Reconciliation and applies to all lands within Bruce County.
The Plan is designed to support complete communities in a thriving region.

Learn More
More information including a copy of the proposed official plan and schedules (maps) is available at www.planthebruce.ca.

Questions or Comments?
Comments and opinions submitted prior to the decision become part of the public record. Submit questions and comments to: planthebruce@brucecounty.on.ca.
If a person or public body would otherwise have ability to appeal the decision of the Province to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to Bruce County before the official plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.
If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Bruce County before official plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.
(Note: Section 36(5) of the Planning Act provides that there is no appeal of the decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding an Official Plan).

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advanced to compete at the CWOSSA level in Kitchener. We love badminton and are excited to see what our athletes accomplish next year!

BPDS Girls' Basketball Team Win Championship Banner

On April 9, BPDS hosted the Regional Girls' Basketball tournament, welcoming teams from PSDS, Amabel-Sauble, and Hepworth. With a small but mighty roster of just eight players, BPDS showed incredible determination and teamwork, going undefeated throughout the day. The girls scored a combined total of 145 points while allowing just 18 against them, demonstrating a powerful offense and a disciplined, shutdown defense. This dominant performance earned them yet ANOTHER championship banner!

The following week, the girls advanced to the board-wide tournament in Walkerton, where they faced even tougher competition. Despite going up against teams with full benches and multiple lines, they continued to give it their all. BPDS secured one hard-fought win out of four games, and with limited substitutions, many players spent most of the day on the court, showing impressive resilience, endurance, and heart.

Ms. McIver is extremely proud of the team's skill, effort, grit, and determination!

Students Roll-up Sleeves for Earth Day Community Clean-up

Earth Day saw students from both schools roll up their sleeves for community litter walks. Judging by the impressive collection of "treasures" (some more mysterious than others), the effort was well worth it. Our harbour communities are looking cleaner, greener, and much more welcoming.

Outers Prepare for Annual Algonquin trip

And for those who prefer their adventures a little more... outdoorsy, our Outers students are gearing up for their upcoming trip to Algonquin Provincial Park. They recently braved a particularly chilly day on Spry Lake



Photo: BPDS Secondary Badminton teammates Isis, Lena, Parker and Hunter ready to cause a little racket.

to practice paddling, route-finding, and portaging. "Refreshing" might not have been the word they used—but they showed true grit and teamwork in preparation for the big trip.

BPDS Attends Regional Envirothon

On April 29, 12 BPDS students travelled to the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association property in Georgian Bluffs to take part in the regional Envirothon competition. Envirothon is a team event that involves answering a series of questions and conducting hands-on activities in the areas of Forestry, Aquatics, Wildlife, and Soils. The team also prepared and presented information for a case study based on a specific environmental issue. BPDS fielded two teams, one competitive and one 'shadow' team for the event. The competitive team were the winners of

the day's "Spirit Award", and came in second overall in the competition. The shadow team gained valuable experience to prepare them for next year's competition. Congratulations to Carly, Bronwyn, Cadence, Mady, Piper, Lily, Emerie, Mary, Wolf, Nash, Adelaide and Morgan on their excellent attitude, leadership and willingness to learn!

As the calendar begins to wind down, activities are only ramping up. With more learning, field trips, athletics, guest speakers, proms, and graduations just around the corner, there's plenty to look forward to.



Photo: BPDS Outers brave a particularly chilly day on Spry Lake in preparation for their annual trip to Algonquin Provincial Park.

It's a wonderful (and wonderfully busy) time to be a Bruce Peninsula Panther or a St. Edmunds Fox—and if this spring is any indication, we're finishing the school year strong, smiling, and maybe just a little bit muddy.



Photo: BPDS students at the regional Envirothon competition on April 29.

Red Schoolhouse Gallery Holding Opening Reception May 17th

Submitted by Janet Whittington

All are invited to the opening reception at The Red Schoolhouse Gallery on Sunday, May 17th, from 2-4pm in Ferndale (2866 Hwy 6 at Bruce Road 9). Come view the diverse works of our 13 guest artists and 12 member artists.

The gallery features a wide range of original and locally produced work including photography, encaustic, painting, printmaking, pottery, glass, jewellery and much more! Meet the artists while you enjoy homemade hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

During May, June, September and October, The Red Schoolhouse Gallery is open every Saturday, Sunday and holiday Monday from 11am to 5pm. During July and August, the gallery is open from Thursday to Monday.

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BPDS Wins Big at Kiwanis
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11 pianists competed in the Classical Piano category during the second week of competition, all students of Jordan Collins. In RCM Prep A, Lincoln Martens received Silver (82) and Gold (85), Izzy Tackaberry received two Golds (85 and 88), Emma Liverance received Silver (81) and Gold (86), Zoey Ironmonger received Silver (84), and Quin Hellyer received Silver (84). In RCM Prep B, Ella Martens

received Gold (88), Evelyn Cunningham received two Golds (86 and 87), Cora Stewart received two Silvers (82 and 84) and Gold (88), and Paislee Chabot received Silver (84) and Gold (85). In RCM Level 1, Anabella Ellis received Silver (80) and two Golds (81 and 83). Evy Pace received three Golds (85, 88, 88) and a Diamond (90), as well as an invitation to the OMFA Provincial Finals.

We are beyond proud of these young musicians and look forward to following along on their musical journeys.



Photo: Cora Stewart received two Silvers and Gold.



Photo: Ella Martens received Gold.



Photo L-R: Robert Thompson with Mrs Collins. Robert received Gold in the Popular Voice category and Gold in the Songs from the Screen category.



Photo: Evelyn Cunningham received two Golds.



Photo: Lincoln Martens received Silver and Gold.



Photo: Anabella Ellis received Silver and two Golds.



Photo: Izzy Tackaberry received two Golds.



Photo: Paislee Chabot received Silver and Gold.



Photo: The BPDS Junior Choir performed two selections earning Silver.



Photo: Bronwyn Stanton competed in the category of Musical Theatre – Ballad, Senior division and earned Gold.



Photo: Mabel Cameron competed in the Contemporary Saxophone category, receiving Gold and Silver.



Photo: Evy Pace received three Golds and a Diamond.



Photo: Zoey Ironmonger received Silver.



Photo: Emma Liverance received Silver and Gold.



Photo: Quin Hellyer received Silver.

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\$575,000



FIXER UPPER OPPORTUNITY!

This home, while it has solid bones, needs your help! Sited in Lion's Head, the property is walkable to town amenities or the beach. The 97' x 186' lot is a great size, offering a large back yard and storage sheds. The home offers 1149 sq.ft. of main floor living space, plus a sunporch. Attached to the home is a garage, with concrete floor and 11' ceilings. The full lower level basement requires work, but has plenty of potential to double your living space! If you're willing to put in the effort, this home is waiting for a fresh start. Being sold in As Is condition.

\$330,000



WATERFRONT HOME/COTTAGE NEAR TOBERMORY!

66ft. of shoreline in a protected harbour offering decent water depth for kayaking or small boats. Sip your beverage of choice on the stone patio by the water or entertain while taking in the unobstructed views from the deck with glass rail. This bungalow features 3 BR, 2 full baths, laundry and has been fully renovated throughout! Looking for extra storage? The detached garage is a perfect place to store your water toys. Low maintenance property means more time enjoying the cottage, and less time working!

\$799,000



GEORGIAN BAY WATERFRONT - WALK INTO TOBERMORY!

The ONE you have been looking for! This 100ft. X 378ft. lot offers a beautiful Georgian Bay shoreline. Enjoy the views of Middle, Flowerpot and Bears Rump island and the vistas of Fathom Five National Marine Park. This 3 bedroom / 2 bathroom cottage features an open concept living / dining room. The adjacent kitchen offers plenty of cupboard space, an upgraded solid surface countertop, undercabinet lighting plus large windows. Furnished and turn-key! The property is located only a short drive or bike ride into town.

\$659,000



UNBEATABLE IN-TOWN LOCATION

This well-maintained home features 3 bdrms & 2 baths, along with a bright open-concept layout. Functional kitchen with a large island, seamlessly flows into the dining and living areas. The living room features vaulted ceilings and large windows. The dining area offers a walkout to a covered deck. The primary bedroom includes a walk-in closet & ensuite. Attached double car garage. Detached workshop (approx. 30 ft x 40 ft). This property is just minutes from all essential amenities in Lion's Head.

\$750,000



WATERFRONT HOME/COTTAGE IN PIKE BAY

Beautifully updated 3-bdrm, 1-bath home tucked along the north shore of Pike Bay. Both the property and cottage feature new updates. The waterfront is an entertainer's dream, featuring a Tiki Bar, flagstone fire pit, wooden dock, boat launch, water-side deck, and sand pit! Inside the chalet / A-frame style layout features a cozy open-concept living area with beautiful stone fireplace and sweeping views of Lake Huron. Upstairs has spacious bedrooms. The cottage is being offered fully furnished and move-in ready.

\$735,000



MILLER LAKE HOME - NEAR WATER ACCESS

This charming 1,199 sq. ft. home boasts wood finishes, vaulted ceilings, and large windows. Open-concept layout, 3 bedrooms upstairs. The lower level is partially finished and full of potential! Nearby public lake access to Miller Lake. Located between Tobermory & Lion's Head.

\$599,900



STAY ON THE SHORES OF LAKE HURON

The 950sq.ft. home/cottage has an open concept layout, spacious kitchen, cozy propane fireplace, 3 bdrms, and laundry facilities. The covered deck extends your living space outdoors. 20km of both Lions Head & Wiarton. Government dock, boat launch & public beach only 2.5km away!

\$750,000



ESCAPE TO COTTAGE COUNTRY

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Science, Stories and Solutions Shape SOK Invasive Species Forum

Submitted by Moira Parker

The 16th annual Sources of Knowledge Forum opened Friday, May 1st, for a weekend focused on Invasive Species: Action and Adaptation. Guests were welcomed by the sacred fire, kindled by SON elder David Root and fire keeper Lloyd Ritchie, who tended the fire throughout the entirety of the weekend. The evening featured hors d'oeuvres thoughtfully prepared by renowned chef Zach Keeshig of Nawash, featuring ingredients that reflected local ecosystems and the forum's theme. For the first presentation, social scientist Dr. Peter Stoett outlined the global scale of invasive species, emphasizing their impacts on biodiversity, local economies, and human well-being, particularly within Indigenous communities. A panel discussion with SON elder Lenore Keeshig further explored the importance of collaboration between Indigenous knowledge and scientific approaches.

Saturday's program carried the momentum with a series of presentations examining challenges and progress within invasive species management. Attendees heard from Samantha Sommer about efforts to control phragmites australis, the invasive reeds that clog wetlands and impede species. Spencer Bennett, Resource Conservation Technician from Parks Canada, detailed actions being taken to detect and suppress invasive species throughout Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park. Attention was drawn to emerging threats, including the invasive aquatic plant Hydrilla, which is the subject of a successful study by speaker Kayla Martin that may prevent its establishment in Ontario lakes. Erin Dunlop led a discussion of lake whitefish under pressure from invasive zebra and quagga mussels and revealed that some fish are adjusting their diet to eat the mussels themselves. Fisheries biologist, Ryan Lauzon, from the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation also brought



Photo: Chef Zack Keeshig, whose award-winning restaurant in Owen Sound is called Nagaan, served creative hors d'oeuvres at the forum's opening night.

attention to the effects on lake ecology from intentionally introduced non-native species such as salmon.

Saturday evening featured a locally catered buffet from Heat n' Eat Meal Co., followed by the presentation of the Bill Graham Award of Excellence to longtime Sources of Knowledge chair Daryl Cowell. The award was presented by past chair Lindsey Griffith, who also hosted the evening. Following this, Nicholas Mandrak, one of

Canada's foremost experts on invasive species in the Great Lakes, depicted the likely future and emphasized the urgency of taking action now.

The forum concluded Sunday, May 3, with presenters in a panel discussion, reflecting on the many issues raised over the weekend. Key themes included the importance of early action on new invasive species, the role the public can play, and whether there is hope in the

ways invasive species are being addressed. Audience questions introduced further perspectives, such as whether commercially harvesting invasive species could help control their spread.

Organizers extend sincere thanks to all who contributed to the success of this year's forum. A big thank you goes to the speakers and participants whose knowledge

and engagement shaped the weekend's discussions, as well as to the generous donors and supporters whose contributions made the event possible. Special thanks to the catering team, including Zach Keeshig and Heat n' Eat Meal Co., and to the dedicated volunteers and board members whose time and effort brought the forum to life. In particular, Bill and Judy Caulfeild-Browne for hosting the wine and cheese, and Escarpment Heights and The Princess Hotel for providing accommodations for visiting speakers. Additional thanks to John and Jane Greenhouse, as well as Rob Klea, for generously hosting speakers and ensuring a warm welcome throughout the weekend.

SOK Talk May 21: Salt of the Earth: People of Bruce County

Looking ahead, Sources of Knowledge continues its programming with an upcoming talk by Willy Waterton, titled *Salt of the Earth: People of Bruce County*. A longtime photojournalist and former chief photographer at the Owen Sound Sun Times, Waterton spent more than three decades documenting life across Grey and Bruce during a period of major transition in photography, from black-and-white film to the digital era. His work, recognized with over 100 provincial and national awards, has appeared in publications such as National Geographic, The Globe and Mail, and The New York Times. Drawing from decades of archived negatives, *Salt of the Earth* captures the people, livelihoods, and changing landscapes of the region, reflecting Waterton's role as a visual historian and his connection to rural communities.

The talk will take place May 21 at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre in Tobermory, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. Donations are welcome.



Photo: Past Chair Lindsey Griffith presents the Bill Graham Award of Excellence to Chair Daryl Cowell.



Photo: Sunday morning panel discussion (L-R) Chris Sumpton, Samantha Sommer, Kayla Martin, Erin Dunlop, Nicholas Mandrak, Spencer Bennett and Peter Stoett.



Photo: Sources of Knowledge members enjoying a meal after the forum (L-R) John Newitt, Graham Bland, Teresa Fogal, Joshua Willoughby, Marty Oblak, Lindsey Griffith, Rob Klea, Pat Neuwelt, Scarlett Janusas and Chris Sumpton. (missing board members: Sigrid Feser, Jonathon Stewart and Moira Parker)

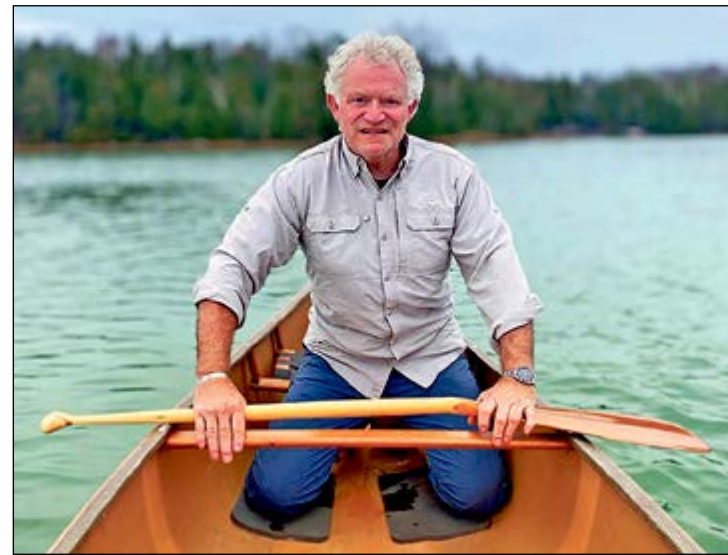


Photo: Photographer Willy Waterton will be presenting *Salt of the Earth: People of Bruce County* at the National Park Visitor Centre on May 21.

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Milt McIver confirmed "The County plan supersedes our zoning by-law"

and "does govern Northern Bruce Peninsula." The three new lots ranging from 5500 sq.m. to 6900 sq.m. appear large compared to other residential lots in the Hardwick Cove area as

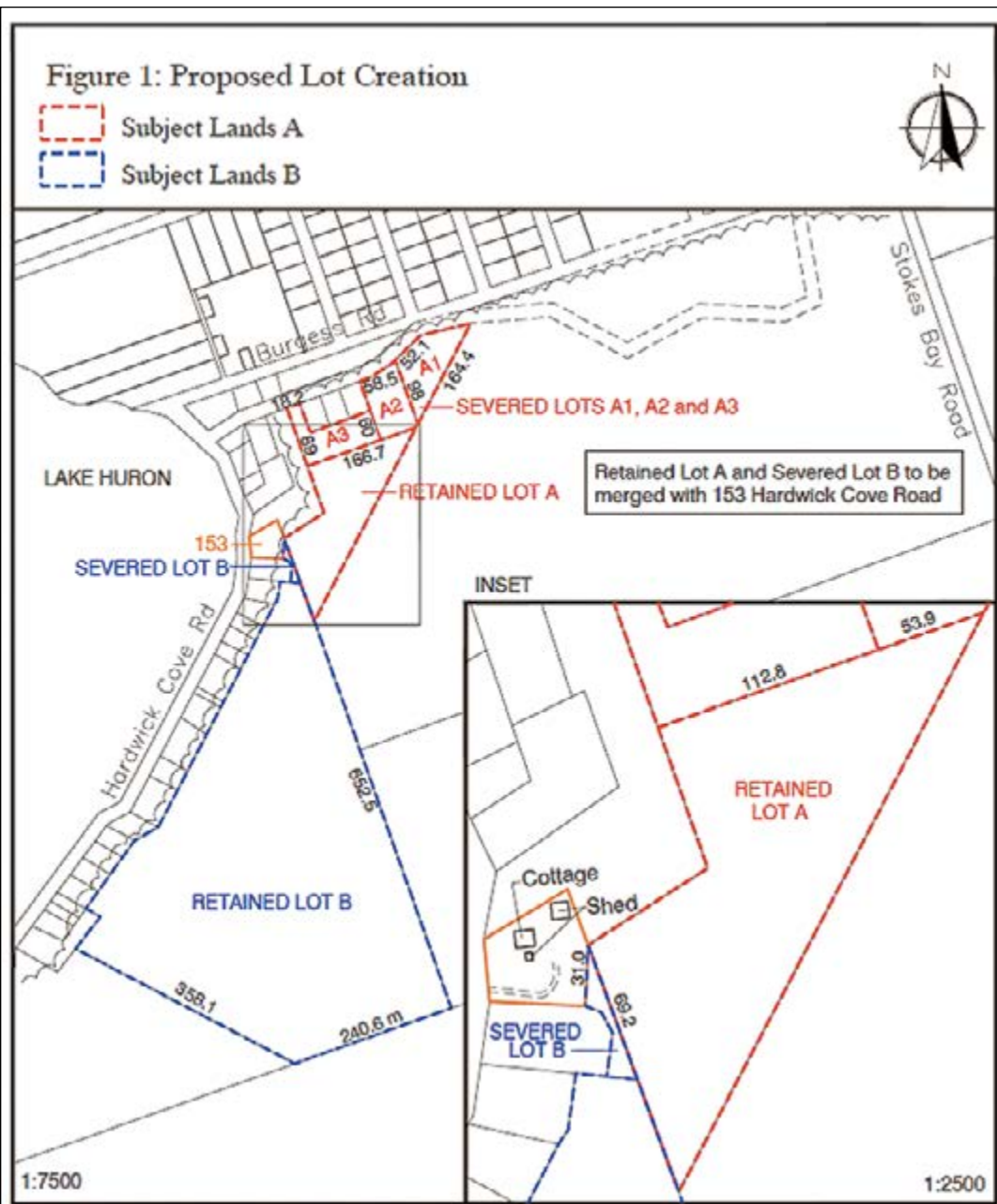
lots to the north are only 1400 sq.m. The third lot, A3, poses an additional exception to the ZBL requesting an 18m lot frontage allowance due to its configuration.

Brad Dickinson accompanied by other Hardwick Cove property owners attended the Public Meeting. He asked the mayor, "Milt, when was the last time you saw people from Hardwick Cove in here [at a council meeting]?" To which the mayor responded, "45 years ago," representing the magnitude of the application on the lives of residents. "I'm here because somebody doesn't want to follow the rules, somebody wants to make a change, and that's going to impact my way of life," said Dickinson. Dickinson's property sits directly in front of the building envelope of lot A3 with the 18m entryway to the building envelope beside his land, forming an "L" shape for the lot (refer to graphic). Dickinson asked, "Why should we change the rules for one person?" He continued, "We live here, our kids [have] gone to school here, we participate in plays and fundraisers, it's important to us that someone just doesn't just come in and start draining their property in those three lots...Yeah, they're small lots but they're our lots and we love them." He continued declaring his disagreement with the creation of lot A3, "The owner did a good job getting an environmental assessment, but they never came to us and got a people assessment, how's that impacting the residents, how's that impacting your neighbour," he questioned. "The zoning by-law's there for a reason, let's enforce it, let's say no for a change, rather than bending to the will or desire of a few," he requested.

Speaking to concerns from Dickinson about drainage from lot A3 onto his property, Ron Davidson, a planner retained by the owners of 123 Hardwick Cove, mentioned that typically larger lots (like the proposed three new lots) have better drainage opportunities with lessened likelihood of impact on neighbouring lands.

To ease concerns from Dickinson, Davidson suggested a tree retention strip placed on lot A3 around 5-6 metres wide to ease visual impact. To alleviate drainage problems, Davidson suggested a requirement for a lot grading and drainage plan within the development agreement.

Following a request from planner Davidson, Council ultimately deferred the ZBLA application due to concerns from neighbours. It will be brought forward again in the coming weeks. Visit <https://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca> for more information.



Graphic from Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Agenda Package April 27, 2026. Provided by Ron Davidson Land Use Planning Consultant Inc. Graphic: Lot Creation and Lot Line Adjustment, Hardwick Cove Road.

Happy 95th, George!



Help us celebrate **George Bowman's 95th birthday** with an Open House at the Lion's Head Legion Hall on **Saturday, June 13 from 2-5pm.** Join us for coffee, tea, cake, and a cash bar. *Best wishes only, please.*

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Lunch & Learn at Lion's Head Legion Discusses Long-term Care & Seniors Services

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans,
1st VP, Public Relations

April was a busy month. We held two free Lunch and Learn sessions back to back. April 24 we hosted guest speaker Emily Kussmann, Director of Long-term Care and Seniors Services at Gateway Haven Warton and Brucelea Haven in Walkerton.

While her daily focus is on these facilities, we talked a lot about seniors' needs before they are admitted. A shortage of public transport to help get people to doctors appointments, the difference between Long-term Care (LTC) and a Retirement home, tiny homes, garden suites and retirement communities are all things that the group attending expressed concerns about.

A good deal of dialogue brought about a discussion that a delegation should approach Council to discuss what can be done to provide affordable smaller homes for seniors. We will be building a network with other seniors groups to help promote this.

On April 29 Angela Yenssen, staff lawyer at Grey Bruce Community Legal Clinic in Owen Sound, spoke about different forms of housing that are non-ownership, and our rights at each of them. For example, Angela explained that in a retirement home people are classified

as tenants, but in a Long-term Care they are considered residents (or patients). Contract details are extremely important and in some forms of rental such as "life lease" housing it is the wild west as these are private organizations and many are for-profit and there may be pitfalls in the fine print.

She also pointed out that it is your right to request a mental health assessment of someone in your care and that Ontario Health and Home are obligated to do this. Be sure that you or someone you know is present during the assessment.

Be aware of something hospitals call "transitional beds." They might want to move a patient from hospital to one of these beds while waiting for entry into a Long-term Care home. The transitional bed facility might be a hotel or an LTC, but wherever the bed is, make sure that they can provide the correct healthcare needed for that person before agreeing to move them.

A few other important points. Not all retirement homes are equal; confirm if they're for-profit or non-profit, privately owned or government operated. The words "I need to talk to my lawyer" can be quite helpful if you're being pressured to move someone to another facility.

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Open to the public are our monthly movies, Friday May 29 is "Mission Impossible Dead Reckoning Pt 1", Friday June 26 "A Complete Unknown". 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. Doors open at 1:00, movie starts at 1:30.

Also open to the public (by RSVP): Let's Talk Lunch and Learn events with guest speakers. The events are free to attend but please register with Sharron Colter at 519-793-3473 or at dshcolter@eastlink.ca This series is sponsored by a 2026 Community Grant from the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula, the Northern Bruce Peninsula Community Support Advisory Action Committee (NBP CSAAC), the Council on Aging Grey Bruce (COAGB) and Legion 202 Lion's Head.

The dates are:

Friday May 22: 11am-2pm "Let's Talk About Health and Wellness" with Dr. George Harpur of the Tobermory Family Health Team.

Friday June 12: 11am-2pm "Driving Safely Into Your Senior Years" with Kristy Kastelic, Regional Strategic Coordinator - West Region - Public Outreach & Education Office Ministry of Transportation Ontario.

Tuesday June 23: 10am-1pm "Let's Talk About Senior Resources" Francesca Dobbyn, United Way Bruce Grey.

Our free weekly Tai Chi classes are Fridays, 9:30 to 10:30 am. This is open to the public, so if you're interested just come out a few minutes early, and bring a dry pair of shoes with you. The focus of the moves are to stretch, improve balance, and of course, 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) at 1:00 pm for a fun round of darts.

Doors open at 12:30, play begins at 1:00. It costs \$3 to play. Saturday June 6th 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). Our address is 6 Hellyer Road.

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Photo: Emily Kussmann, Director of Long-term Care and Seniors Services at Gateway Haven Warton and Brucelea Haven in Walkerton speaks to the April 24th Lunch & Learn crowd.

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Local Indigenous Artist Mark Nadijwan Designs Coins for Royal Canadian Mint

By Tammy Roycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press

Local Indigenous artist Mark Nadijwan from Three Trees Art recently had the pleasure of designing artwork and stories for the Royal Canadian Mint.

The process started in November of 2024 when Nadijwan received a phone call from the Mint, saying they wanted to work with him to create 3 designs for a series of fine silver \$15 coins.

This is something that is usually done through a competition, according to Nadijwan, but they had waived the competition and wanted to work directly with him. Nadijwan does not typically do commissions, as he has only done 3 in his whole career.

"It's the Royal Canadian Mint," he said. "I couldn't say no."

While Nadijwan typically creates one piece a year, he was able to design the 3 coins in about two and a half months.

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Tobermory Legion Now Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 3pm

Submitted by Kathryn Hauck,
Poppy Chair

Hi May with November temperatures! The Tobermory Royal Canadian Legion branch 202 is now open Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 3:00 pm. Stop in and welcome Raelene, our new bartender!

Save your Pop/Beer Tabs and deliver them to your local Legion Branch. Tabs can help purchase needed items such as chairs, walkers, canes, crutches and commodes. Please take the moment to wiggle the tab and give to a great cause.

Darts time has changed to 7:00 pm on Thursdays. As usual, Meat Draw is Saturday at 4:00 pm and Euchre is the

last Friday of the month at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

We are now in month five where new members can get a free legion membership, part of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion (actual date is Friday July 17th) – 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. Please consider joining and help support veterans and your local legion.

Remembering Charles E. Golden

From the Legion Ontario Command Military Service Recognition Book: Charles E. Golden was born in Tobermory on June 13, 1917. He enlisted with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters on June 19, 1940 in Owen Sound. He trained at CFB Borden. After going overseas, he transferred to the 1st Hussars and served in England, France and Germany during WW2. After he was discharged, Charlie sailed on the NORMAC before moving to Thunder Bay where he worked for the United Grain Growers.

He was a member of the Tobermory Legion Branch 290 and was also a member of the North West Trappers Association. Charles passed away on August 28, 1987.

~ We Will Remember Them ~



Photo: Charles E. Golden.

Spring is Busting Out All Over: Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary Launches Fundraising Activities

Submitted by Cathy Viscount

Spring has finally vanquished winter and that means the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary's (LHHA) spring/summer fundraising events are underway.

The Perennials Plant Sale occurs this year on Saturday, June 6 at the grassy area between the arena in Lion's Head and the Friendship Centre. Some perennials are starting to emerge from their winter slumber so we are currently organizing our crew to dig up, divide and pot perennials to sell at the sale.

Have some you'd like to donate? That would be fabulous. Of course, it always helps to know what it is we're selling so it would be wonderful if you can identify what it is that is sprouting. If you have perennials you would like to donate please contact our Perennial Plant Sale convener, Linda Holden at lmholden32@gmail.com or any LHHA member that you know.

Of course, the first fundraiser of our year is the Fish Fry to be held at the Lion's Head arena May 16. You can eat in or take out but it is essential that you buy tickets in advance. Last year we sold out.

The meal consists of fish, baked potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, dessert, and tea, coffee or lemonade. The price is \$26 per person, \$13 for children 12 and under. For those

wanting an adult beverage, a cash bar will be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula. Live music will be provided by Blue Sky Day.

Tickets are available at Scott's Hardware (Lion's Head 519-793-3446), Walsh's Garage (Hwy. 6 519-793-4625), Susan Hellyer (519-374-5778), Susan Lyons (Verna's in Tobermory 519-596-2351) and Sandy Walsh (519-270-6978).

Don't miss out on an opportunity to have someone else prepare dinner and have all profits fund Lion's Head hospital's equipment needs, a win-win for everyone.

The long weekend in May also brings the reopening of the LHHA Used Bookstore located at the bottom level of Christ Church in Lion's Head, 55 Main Street. The selection is always changing and the cost is whatever you want to donate. Time to stock up on your summer reading.

The other major fundraiser is the annual Yard Sale, which occurs this year Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5. More details will become available in future issues. People have already started requesting the date so it is a safe bet that the Annual Yard Sale is making its way onto numerous schedules.

As always, the LHHA thanks this amazing community for its support. We are in this together.



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MONDAY
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**
Mahjong Monday. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. All are welcome. Contact nbprotary@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*
Pickleball. Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. **4-8pm**
Lion's Head Peanut Soccer. Bruce Peninsula District School field. Ages JK - Gr. 5. \$30/child. Contact lionsheadsoccer@gmail.com. **Until June 22, not May 18. 6-7pm**
Stokes Bay Community Meeting. Stokes Bay Community Centre. **4th Mon. each month. 7pm**

TUESDAY
Pickleball. Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. **8am-12pm**
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 Linda at 519-377-6592 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. 7pm**
The Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula. Hybrid virtual and in-person meeting. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. More info at [facebook.com/LionsHeadRotaryClub](https://www.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**
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**
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**
Pickleball. Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. **4-8pm**
Peninsula SWANS Meeting. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. New members welcome, contact Roberta at rjmihlhausen@gmail.com or 519-374-4110. **1st Wed. Not July/Aug. Social time 5:30pm, Dinner 6pm.**
Bruce Peninsula Environment 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 & \$25 to LH Pharmacy or e-transfer to lionsheadgfb@gmail.com. Pick up at LH Rotary Hall 2:30-4:30pm. 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**
Pickleball. Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. **8am-12pm**
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**

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REGULAR MEETINGS, FUN & GAMES (CONTINUED)

THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

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. *2nd Thurs. each month. 11:30am.*

Bridge Club. Tobermory United Church. See tobermoryunited.ca. *1-4pm*

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

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*

Darts for Fun-Tobermory. Tobermory Legion Branch 290. *7pm*

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. Warton Legion. *3rd Thurs. Not Jan/Feb. 7:30pm*

FRIDAY

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. Tea, coffee, snacks provided. *May 29: Mission Impossible Dead Reckoning Pt 1; Jun. 26: A Complete Unknown. 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. Warton 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*

Lion's Head Farmers' Market. The beach, Lion's Head. Full list of vendors at lionsheadfarmersmarket.com. *9am-12pm (until 1pm on long weekends)*

Tobermory Market. At the ball diamond park. *10am-3pm*

Laugh Yourself Healthier. Part of SCWW. Phone 519-793-3473 for the link. *11-11:30am*

Repair Café. Owen Sound Library. Email GBOSRepairCafe@gmail.com to get involved, or osngupl.ca/repair-cafe for info. *Second Sat. each month. 1-4pm*

Music & Dancing. Warton Legion Br. 208. Music & Dancing. All are welcome. *Doors 1pm, Music 2-5pm*

Meat Draw. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. \$7 for 3 draws, plus bonus draw. All are welcome (19+). tobermorylegion.org *4pm*

Friendship Club Meal. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Full course meal. \$15 members, \$18 non-members. Contact 519-375-0959 lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com for time & more info. *Last Sat. each month.*

SUNDAY

Pickleball. Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. *8am-12pm*

Through the Week

Yoga. Yoga Hive North. facebook.com/yogahivenorth

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Ongoing

Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Hikes. Dates, times, locations, and registration at peninsula.bruce-trail.org/hikeitloveitkeepitclean, or follow us on Facebook under PeninsulaBTC.

Wednesday May 13

Tobermory United Spring Chicken BBQ. Tobermory United Church. Drive-through meal pickup. Vegetarian Option available. Delivery available. Tickets \$25/dinner. Contact tucbbqtickets@outlook.com or 519-851-3411 for tickets or more information. For delivery to Lion's Head, call 519-793-3119. *4:30-6pm*

Friday May 15 - Sunday May 17

Tobermory Thrift Shop Opens for Donations. Tobermory Thrift Shop. After the long weekend the Thrift Shop will be open for donations Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, & Sat, 1-4pm. Open for sales starting June 6 on the same days. To volunteer, contact 519-596-2394 or tobermoryunitedchurch@eastlink.ca. See ad pg. 7. *1-4pm*



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Saturday May 16
Annual Fish Dinner Fundraiser. Lion's Head Arena. Fundraiser for the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary. Live music by Blue Sky Day. Take-out available. \$26/adult, \$13/child 12 & under. Tickets available at Scott's Hardware, Walsh's Garage, or call 519-374-5778, 519-596-2351, or 519-270-6978. **5-7:30pm**

The Meeting Place Tobermory 11th Annual Spring Fundraiser Concert. Tobermory Community Centre. Scott Manery and Barnburners. DJ Max opens. Licensed event 19+ only. Tickets available from The Meeting Place, Princess Hotel, Reader's Haven, or Rachel's Cafe in Lion's Head. Online at eventbrite.com. **Doors 7pm; 8pm-1am**

Sunday May 17
Rotary Pancake Breakfast. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. \$15/adult, \$7/child 12 and under. **9-11:30am**

Red Schoolhouse Gallery Opening Reception. Red Schoolhouse Gallery, Ferndale. Meet the artists, with hors d'oeuvres and desserts. More info at redschoolhousegallery.com. **2-4pm**

Fuel Our Youth - Classic Car & Motorcycle Show Opening. Hungry Hiker Ferndale parking lot. Donations accepted for the Bruce Peninsula District School Breakfast Program. \$5 from each dinner special go to the breakfast program. Kids under 12 eat free. **6-8pm**

Wednesday May 20
Writer's Workshop. Lion's Head Friendship Club. Funded by Seniors Active Living Centre. More info at 519-793-3473 or dshcolter@eastlink.ca. **Lunch 12:30pm; Workshop 1pm**

Thursday May 21
Sources of Knowledge Talk - Salt of the Earth: People of Bruce County. Parks Visitor Centre, Tobermory. Speaker Willy Waterton. Donations welcome. For more information visit sourcesofknowledge.ca. **Doors 6:30pm, Starts 7pm**

Friday May 22
Lunch & Learn - Let's Talk about Health & Wellness. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. Speaker Dr. George Harpur. Free. Register ahead at 519-793-3473 or dshcolter@cabletv.on.ca. **11am-2pm**

Rotary Hall Pub Night. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Bar and Trivia. **7pm**

Saturday May 23
Trivia Night & Silent Auction. The Propeller Club, Wiarton. Supports the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association. \$20/person. More info at bpba.ca. See ad pg. 7. **7pm**

Sunday May 24
Natural Burial Presentation. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Presented by Northern Bruce Peninsula Natural Burial Group, supported by the Rotary club of Northern Bruce Peninsula and Bruce Peninsula Environmental Group. An environmentally friendly alternative to cremation and "normal" burial. All are welcome. **11am-1pm**

Monday May 25
Open House for the New Bruce County Official Plan. Friendship Hall, Lion's Head. Planners available to answer your questions on the new Official Plan for land use in Bruce County. More info at planthebruce.ca. See ad pg. 11. **4:30-7pm**

Wednesday May 27
Health & Wellness Speakers Series - The Evolution of Health Care on the Peninsula. Parks Visitor Centre, Tobermory. Hosted by Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary. Speaker Dr. George Harpur. Free. Light refreshments served. **6pm**

Thursday May 30
Lion's Head Friendship Club Anniversary Dinner. Lion's Head Friendship Club. Tickets available at the club. **5pm**
An Evening with Allen Smutylo. The Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Presented by the Bruce Peninsula Society of Artists. Author speaks on his newest book *Gold of Another Kind - The Lost Legacy of Georgian Bay*. Cash bar provided by the Rotary Club. See ad pg. 3. **5pm**

Monday June 1
Friends of Lion's Head Library Annual General Meeting. Lion's Head Rotary Hall. After the AGM, local author Beth Gilhepsy speaks on her book *Walking Through Time*. Free admission. Refreshments. Everyone welcome. **6:30-8:30pm**

Friday June 5
Rotary Hall Pub Night. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Bar and Trivia. **7pm**

Saturday June 6
Rotary Huron Shore Run. Supported by local Rotary chapters, community partners, and volunteers. 15k race, 5k run & walk, 10k run, and free Kids Fun Run. Participants of all ages and abilities are welcome. Early bird registration open. For full details and to register, visit huronshorerun.com.

Perennials Plant Sale. Next to the Arena, Lion's Head. Hosted by the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary. Contact Linda, lmholden32@gmail.com or any LHHHA member, if you would like to donate plants. **5pm**

Saturday June 7
Annual Hike for Hospice. Outdoor Education Centre, Oliphant. Fundraiser for Bruce Peninsula Hospice. Donate at bphospice.ca. For more info, contact 519-534-1260 or info@bphospice.ca.



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Thursday June 11

Sources of Knowledge Talk on the Oldest Great Lakes Shipwreck. Parks Visitor Centre, Tobermory. Speaker Dr. James Conolly. Donations welcome. For more info visit sourcesofknowledge.ca.
Doors 6:30pm; Starts 7pm

Friday June 12

Lunch & Learn – Driving Safely into Your Senior Years. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. Speaker Kristy Kastelic. Free. Register ahead at 519-793-3473 or dshcolter@cabletv.on.ca. **11am–2pm**

Presentation – Driving Safely into Your Senior Years. The Meeting Place, Tobermory. Free. Register ahead at 519-596-2313 or info@tobermorymeetingplace.com. **2–3:30pm**

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519-793-3784. 55 Main St, Lion's Head. **Sunday, 11:30am**

Lutheran & Anglican Services laamb.ca. 519-534-1604.

- **St. Edmunds** 38 Big Tub Rd, Tobermory. **Sunday, 10am**

- **St. Margaret's** 133 East Rd, Cape Chin. **Victoria Day, Labour Day, & Thanksgiving weekends, July & Aug, Sunday, 7pm**

Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church bethelcnc.ca
18 Ferndale Rd, Lion's Head. **Sunday, 10:30am**

Pentecostal Country Church pentecostalcountrychurch.org
226-559-0564. 2627 Hwy #6. **Sunday, 10:30am***

Pentecostal Light & Life Community Chapel lightandlifecommunitychapel.ca
7347 Hwy#6, Tobermory. **Sunday, 10:30am***

St. Mary's & the Missions Catholic Church stmarysandthemiissions.ca
519-376-0778.

- **St. Mark's** 54 Main St, Lion's Head. **Saturday, 9:30am**

- **St. Thomas Aquinas** 552 Gould St, Warton. **Sunday, 11am**

- **St. Thomas the Apostle** At Tobermory United. **Saturday, 11:30am**

Lion's Head United Church lhpc@amtelecom.net. 519-793-3312.
54 Main St, Lion's Head. **Sunday, 10:30am, Not Jan–Mar.**

Pike Bay United Church lhpc@amtelecom.net. 519-793-3312.
575 West Road, Pike Bay. **Not Jan–Mar.**

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FRI	9:30am–5pm	10am–2pm	10am–6pm
SAT	9:30am–2pm	10am–2pm	10am–4pm
SUN	Closed	Closed	2–6pm

Lion's Head Friendship Club Keeps the Fun Going This Spring



Photo: Participants at the May 6th Craft Day created beautiful terrariums using succulents.

Submitted by *Geraldine Loker*

The Lion's Head Friendship Club continues to offer a full calendar of enjoyable and well-attended events for its members.

A recent highlight was the club's trip to Stratford to see the popular musical *Guys and Dolls*. All 54 participants departed the club at 9:30 a.m., making a stop at Tim Hortons in Hanover before continuing on to Stratford. With beautiful sunny weather greeting the group, many took the opportunity to enjoy a picnic lunch on the scenic grounds of the Stratford Theatre.

The performance of *Guys and Dolls* was a tremendous success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Following the show, the group travelled to Pebbles Restaurant in Varney for dinner, which proved to be an added treat. The delicious meal was only part of the experience—members were pleasantly surprised to learn it was "Honour a Senior Day." Each person had the chance to spin a prize wheel, winning items such as banana loaves, fruit drinks, frozen dinners, jams, and jellies.

Everyone left with both a full stomach and a gift in hand.

The group returned to the club at 9:00 p.m., tired but happy after a memorable day.

Back at the club, activities continue to thrive. The Craft Day held on May 6 was well attended and began with a pizza lunch. Participants then created beautiful terrariums using succulents, with everyone taking home their own unique creation. The event was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Looking ahead, the club's next outing will be a trip to see *Sister Act* in Penetanguishene this June.

In addition, *Classie Casual Boutique* will be visiting the Friendship Club on May 13 at 12:00 p.m. Members and guests are invited to come out, browse the selection, and find something new to add to their spring and summer wardrobes.

With such a wide variety of events and activities, the Lion's Head Friendship Club continues to be a vibrant and welcoming place for the community.

Peninsula Hike Festival Returns October 2–4

A Weekend of Celebration, Place, and Belonging

Submitted by *Leslie McBeth*,
PBTC Communications Director

Tickets are limited and expected to go quickly.

The Peninsula Hike Festival returns October 2–4 at Camp Celtic, bringing together hikers, nature lovers, and community members for a celebration of trail, place, and belonging. Whether you're a seasoned Bruce Trail explorer or just looking for a great fall experience, the Festival offers something for everyone.

Over the course of the weekend, participants can choose from a wide range of guided hikes across the Peninsula — from scenic shoreline walks to immersive forest experiences led by knowledgeable local experts. It's a chance to discover hidden gems, learn something new, and connect with others who share a love of the outdoors.

At the heart of the Festival is Saturday evening's keynote dinner featuring legendary Canadian outdoorsman Kevin Callan, widely known as The Happy Camper. With humour, insight, and unforgettable stories from a lifetime in the wild, Kevin's talk promises to be a highlight of the weekend — whether you travel by trail or by canoe.

Beyond the hikes, the Festival hub at Camp Celtic will come alive with a Friday Pizza & Beer social, an art exhibit celebrating the Peninsula, and a Silent Auction filled with unique local experiences and items.

Register on the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club (PBTC) website peninsula.bruceclub.org. Keynote Dinner tickets available separately if you'd like to only attend the dinner and not the hiking components.

We are also welcoming support from local businesses and community members. If you're interested in contributing as a sponsor or donating an item to the Silent Auction, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Marg at pbtcoutreach@gmail.com.

Come walk the trails, share the stories, and find your common ground.

We thank our sponsors – Hutten Land & Shore, Summer House Park, Believer Coffee Co., Tagwerk Brewery, Mountain Equipment Company, Blue Heron Cruises, Suntrail Source for Adventure, and Thorncrest Outfitters.



Photo: A hiking group at the 2025 Peninsula Hike Festival.



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA PUBLIC NOTICES

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MUNICIPAL OFFICE CLOSURE

The Municipal office will be closed for Victoria Day on Monday May 18, 2026, and will re-open on Tuesday May 19, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

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

NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Nominations for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election open on May 1, 2026.

Candidates may be nominated for Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council, including the offices of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and three (3) Councillors.

Candidates may also be nominated for School Board Trustee positions with the Bluewater District School Board, BruceGrey Catholic District School Board, Conseil scolaire Viamonde, and Conseil scolaire catholique Providence.

Nomination papers may be filed with the Municipal Clerk in person beginning May 1, 2026, during regular business hours until August 20, 2026, and on August 21, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Residents who are thinking about running for Council are encouraged to attend a Candidate Information Workshop on May 14, 2026. The workshop will be offered in person at the Bruce County Administration Centre (30 Park Street, Walkerton) and virtually.

More information, including the Official Notice of Nomination, workshop details, and election resources, are available at <https://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/government/council-committees/elections/>.

For questions, to pick up a Candidate's Package, or to book an appointment to file nomination papers, please contact or visit the Office of the Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following by-law will be tabled for consideration of passage by Municipal Council at its regular meeting on May 25, 2026:

Being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 2002-54, as Amended, Being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula As it relates to the Removal of the Holding (H) Zone Provision – Plan 571 Lot 155; 35 Howard Bowman Drive, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

NOTICE: WEIGHT/LOAD RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Effective Friday, May 1, 2026, the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula has lifted the weight/load restrictions of 5 tonnes per axle on all municipal roads.

We thank everyone for their patience and cooperation in helping to protect the integrity of our municipal assets during spring thaw!

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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.

FACILITIES OPENING

The following facilities will be open on Friday May 15, 2026 for the season:

- Lion's Head and Tobermory Harbours
- Lion's Head Beach Campground
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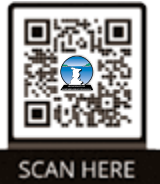
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Do you own or operate a Short-Term Accommodation, Bed & Breakfast, Hotel, Motel, or any other establishment offering short-term lodging (30 days or less) in all or part of a dwelling? You are required to collect and remit the Municipal Accommodation 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



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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.

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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.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

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.

By-law Enforcement complaints can be submitted 24/7 through the three following methods:

1. Online By-law Complaint Form by visiting our website at www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/government/by-law-enforcement/
2. Phone: 1-833-793-3537 Ext. 235
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FRIENDLY REMINDER: FIRE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

As we head into fire season, just a reminder that fire permits are required each year for all outdoor fires in Northern Bruce Peninsula, including campfires.

- Permits are free and must be renewed annually
- Never leave a fire unattended
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- Check weather and conditions before burning

Getting your permit is quick and easy, apply online today! <https://nbp.burnpermits.com/home>

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Our E-newsletters will be sent out on the first business day of each month, filled with upcoming events, cool activities, important announcements, and so much more. You don't want to miss out! Now, you might be wondering, how can I be part of this fabulous E-newsletter club? Just head on over to our website at www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/newsletter It's that simple! Say goodbye to FOMO because you'll be the first to know about all the fantastic things happening in our community.



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Ontario Fire Code Changes – Effective January 1, 2026

New requirements for all homes with fuel-burning appliances, attached garages, fire places or heated by a fuel-burning appliance not located in your home:

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

These updates help provide earlier warning and better protection from carbon monoxide.

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

Scan the QR Code to access the events calendar:



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Chi-Cheemaun Returns Continued from page 1

Jessie and Levi Austin waited excitedly on the dock with the local crowd, looking across the water until the boat rounded the corner. The crowd's excitement grew and they gathered to take pictures, enjoying a favourite moment.

Passengers can expect some exciting things this season.

On Saturday June 16 there will be a special evening sailing along Tobermory's shoreline during the Chi-Cheemaun Festival Cruise. Hosted by the festival committee, there will be a BBQ dinner and a fireworks display. Ticket details will be announced soon at ontarioferries.com.

Passengers can explore OSTC's rich history at the Sail Through Time exhibit, featuring historic photographs and artifacts which will be free to visit during your sailing.

According to staff at OSTC there will also be a Play for Passage program where travellers can enjoy



Photo: The MS Chi-Cheemaun coming into view at the dock in Tobermory April 30.

live entertainment on select sailings throughout the season, featuring guest speakers, musicians and artists.

Passengers can also check out the boats gift store, where they will find a thoughtfully curated selection of new and classic items, according to staff at OSTC.

This year, Women's house, serving Bruce and Grey Counties will be the onboard fundraising partner.

As always, the MS Chi-Cheemaun continues to offer a spacious vehicle deck that can safely accommodate everything from large motorhomes and commercial vehicles to bicycles. Walk-on travellers are welcome aboard to enjoy the journey as well, says OSTC.

With the MS Chi-Cheemaun scheduled for its five-year dry dock inspection at the end of the season in October, a Fall Repositioning Cruise has not been scheduled.



Photo L-R: Janet White, Andrew White and Daryl Wood wait together for the 2026 arrival off the Chi-Cheemaun in Tobermory.



Photo L-R: Jessie Austin and Levi Austin excitedly wait for the MS Chi-Cheemaun to arrive for the 2026 sailing season in Tobermory.

Climate Comment for April 2026 A WET Month!

Submitted by Bill Caulfeild-Browne

At 140 mm. of precipitation it wasn't the wettest April I've recorded - both 2011 and 2024 exceeded 155 mm. The difference is the way the rain fell. In those previous years it was spread fairly evenly over the month, whereas this year it occurred in two major storms. 40 mm. came during the 3rd-5th, and 50 mm. during the 12-14th. So much coming in short periods caused local flooding - no doubt helped by still-frozen ground in some areas. I should note that while Big Tub got 140 mm., the airport registered 159 mm.

The province as a whole had above normal precipitation. Single-day records

were set at Sarnia with 48 mm and at Wiarton with 46 mm. At least we didn't get the record snowfall of 18 cm. in Kapuskasing on the 8th.

On the other hand, temperatures were near normal, just half a degree above the long-term record. The mercury slipped to -8.1C on the 7th but bounced up to 23.2C on the 27th. It didn't always feel that warm because it was quite a windy month with frequent maximum speeds of over 50 kms/hr. They reached a blustery 70 kms/hr on the 7th.

May is forecast to be a bit cooler than usual for the first couple of weeks but not likely more wet or drier than normal.

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time, energy, and heart to make our community stronger. Volunteers are the backbone of our Municipality; I have to say that twice because it's that important. Whether it's supporting events, protecting our natural spaces, serving on committees, helping neighbours, or stepping up when something needs to get done, you are the reason our community thrives."

Lion's Head Food Bank

Darlene Myles and Lisa VanGeem of the Lion's Head Foodbank accepted awards on behalf of the absent recipients. "Darlene has been instrumental in the foodbank for many years," voiced Mayor McIver. Myles indicated that she took over operations of the foodbank in 2018 from Helen McIntyre who had been managing the program alone for 14 years. She noted that operations were taking place in the revival centre until the pandemic hit in 2020, prompting the move to the country church basement when "money started pouring in from different organizations who supported us during Covid."

Referring to the Board of Directors and Hamper Day volunteers, Myles said "they're very committed to the foodbank." Lisa Van Geem, who was awarded a certificate for volunteering with the foodbank and VON SMART, joined Myles as the treasurer and "was instrumental in helping us get our charitable status," explained Myles. Myles referred to the foodbank's mission as "to fight the battle against food insecurity." She said, "We are seeing more and more individuals and homes who are affected" and "we fight that by providing nutritious food to our clients." She announced that she will be stepping down from her role as coordinator chair and the role will be assumed by Charlene Scharlach.



Photo L-R: Darlene Myles and Lisa VanGeem (award recipient) accepting volunteer awards on behalf of Lion's Head Food Bank Board of Directors and Hamper Day Group.

Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary

Hanne Fynbo received an award on behalf of the whole Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary as the president. She said that they raised \$90,000 this past year to purchase a transport ventilator and this coming year they are raising funds for a new



Photo L-R: Mayor Milt McIver presenting an award to Hanne Fynbo on behalf of the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary.



Photo: VON SMART Volunteer Award Recipients (L-R) Coordinator Jill Thurston, Sue Gremm, Susanne Smith, Marg Johnson, Gail Pells, Gail Beagan, Kim Tilmans, Barbara Zych, and Sherri Panter.

air conditioner at the hospital. Their upcoming fundraising event is the Fish Fry on May 16th. "The hospital auxiliary is amazing, the money they raise and the commitment and the time that they put in to raising that, a lot of us are older like me and we certainly appreciate the time spent raising that [money]," said the mayor.

VON SMART

Twelve volunteers from the VON SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) program were presented certificates for their service. Sue Gremm, Susanne Smith, Marg Johnson, Gail Pells, Gail Beagan, Kim Tilmans, Barbara Zych and Sherri Panter were all present to accept their awards. Coordinator, Jill Thurston, spoke on behalf of the group. The program runs twice per week at the Lion's Head Arena and Friendship Club for 48 weeks of the year. The exercise program focuses on functional fitness, preventing falls, and maintaining independence for seniors.

Sandy and Charlie Coulter - Tobermory Foodbank

Linda Godhue accepted an award for Sandy and Charlie Coulter for their volunteerism with the Tobermory Foodbank. "They're the two volunteers that are always there and it's wonderful. Charlie built shelves for us, he also helps if we have our barbecues, he's the guy with the truck unloading...We've chosen to recognize them, I know they appreciate it because they told me." Godhue stated, "We too are seeing an increased number of clients, food insecurity is a real thing, it's very real in our community and Lion's Head, every week we see a new client, that client might have someone at home and often have children at home, so the community supports us, they always have and it means very much to us."

Noreen Steinacher - Tobermory Meeting Place

A spokesperson for the Tobermory Meeting Place accepted an award on behalf of Noreen Steinacher. "Noreen is by far the heart and soul of The Meeting Place... She's the chair of our board but so much more...She's at The Meeting Place almost daily, she calls me to check on things... Without her this place wouldn't exist and it's so good and helps so many people." The mayor supported the sentiments, "Noreen is instrumental in raising money...I sit

include occurrences of a Muskoka Chair Lounge, professional chef, and microbrewery. "If you haven't come to the market, you really should," said Jordan. The Studio Tour occurs during a weekend in August and "we've had the largest number of artists since we've started it back up, from Tobermory to just north of Wiarton."

Brad Gibbs - Tobermory Health Auxiliary and Pickleball

Brad Gibbs was presented with an award for volunteering with the Tobermory Health Auxiliary and pickleball. "Based on several people that have travelled across Canada, our pickleball club in Tobermory is one of the most socially active and connected clubs in Canada," he said. Gibbs also helps facilitate health and wellness talks in NBP.

Beth Burdon and Karen Van Oss - St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum

Volunteers from the St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum, Beth Burdon and Karen Van Oss received awards for volunteering. Burdon assisted this past year with implementing children's programs on the weekends and Wednesdays at the museum. "I really enjoyed doing that as a former teacher, it was a fun opportunity to meet everyone in the community," she mentioned. Karen Van Oss expressed her love for gardening. "It's a wonderful way to get introduced to the history, the people that come visit all have stories, it's a rewarding place to be," she said.

Although several recipients were absent from the ceremony, their names were recognized as follows: Karen Livick with the Venus Cat Project; Connie Tackaberry with Bruce Peninsula District School; Dominik Franken with Harbourside Music; Carol Ruland with Golden Dawn Senior Citizen Home; Sandy and Charlie Coulter with Tobermory Food Bank; Noreen Steinacher with Tobermory Meeting Place; Donna Hambleton, Rebecca

Hagey, and Sheri McHardy with VON SMART; Cathy Cake, Carolyn Prieur, Kelly Burgess, Tracy Smith, Theresa Gray, John Power, Elaine Levesque, Christine Robinson, Dennis McLay, Bev Miller, Laura Owen and Charlene Scharlach with the Lion's Head Food Bank.

on Bruce County Council and Noreen has been instrumental in getting money from the County and she's done a great job."

Charlotte Chinn - Girl Guides

Charlotte Chinn was recognized for running the Girl Guides program called the NBP Sparks and Embers Unit for girls age 5-8. "We were blessed with the opportunity to bring girl guides to the area, this is our second year running it, we have 22 girls this year between Tobermory and Lion's Head," said Chinn. "Thanks to the community we have a plethora of donated supplies." The girls focus on crafts, songs, nature, and campfire stories while building confidence, curiosity, and friendships.

David Pierce - Recreation Instructor

David Pierce received an award for volunteering as a recreation instructor teaching free Tai Chi. He explained that his classes are "different" as he teaches his participants to extend rather than grip their hands for increased circulation.

Charlene Jordan - Lion's Head Farmers Market and Studio Tour

Charlene Jordan was recognized for volunteering with the Lion's Head Farmers Market and Studio Tour. She stated that "everything is locally Grey or Bruce made or grown." The market has a collection of volunteers. Some interesting features of the market



Photo: Mayor McIver with Charlene Jordan who received an award for volunteering with the Lion's Head Farmers' Market and Studio Tour.



Photo: Dozens of volunteers seated at the 2026 MNBP Volunteer Recognition Day event at the Tobermory Community Centre on April 23rd. Snacks and refreshments were provided.

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Shine 1-1 Mobile Dental Hygiene Clinic Visits Tobermory Students

By Tammy Raycraft,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Shine 1-1 Mobile Dental Hygiene Clinic has returned to Tobermory and visited St Edmunds Public School's junior and senior kindergarten class on May 5.

The Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary (THSA) arranged for Candace McIntyre, RHD, to bring her mobile clinic to St Edmunds to do a presentation about the importance of dental hygiene.

McIntyre showed students the importance of visiting the dentist, how to brush their teeth properly, and answered the students' questions about how to care for their teeth. The classes also watched a video about what to expect when they visit a dentist and got to tour the mobile clinic.

As part of the dental education session, every student received a zippered bag, sewn by THSA President, Lin Gitterman. Each bag contained a new toothbrush, a tube of toothpaste, dental floss and lip balm courtesy of Maxill Dental.

The THSA said they consider bringing the mobile dental hygienist to Tobermory a tremendously successful and valuable initiative. Having McIntyre engage directly with students on dental health provides an added benefit and supports efforts to get the youth in the community more actively involved in THSA activities.

Additionally, families may choose to connect with McIntyre for ongoing dental care. The mobile clinic provides access to residents who may otherwise

face logistical barriers to dental services.

Shine 1-1 Mobile Dental Hygiene Clinic will be at the Tobermory Clinic (7275 Hwy 6) on Tuesdays. Residents can view the mobile clinic schedule and make appointments with Candy by visiting <https://akitu.io/rk4qk> to book directly online, going to the home page and clicking on "Book Now" or by calling 519-373-3519.



Photo: Candace McIntyre, RHD, and Shine 1-1 Mobile Dental Hygiene Clinic visit St Edmunds Public School Kindergarten classes.



Photo: Each student received a zippered bag, sewn by THSA President, Lin Gitterman. Each bag contained a new toothbrush, a tube of toothpaste, dental floss and lip balm courtesy of Maxill Dental.



Photo: Candace McIntyre, RHD, shows kindergarten students at St Edmunds Public School how to properly brush their teeth when she visited with her mobile clinic.



Photo: Kindergarten students at St Edmunds Public School took turns touring the Shine 1-1 Mobile Dental Hygiene Clinic and were excited to climb up and sit in the dental chair.

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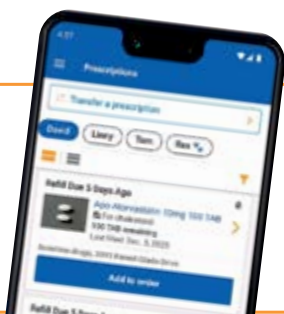
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