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Bruce Peninsula District School Class of 2026

Bruce Peninsula Press Photo

Photo: The Bruce Peninsula District School Secondary Graduating Class of 2026 posed for the traditional group photo at the Lion's Head lighthouse before the grad ceremony. (* denotes High Skills Major in the Environment; OS denotes Ontario Scholar; Ltr denotes BPDS School Letter recipient.)

Front Row, from left: Jordan McMann (OS), Lilly Smith (OS), Bronwyn Stanton (* OS Ltr), Carly Burbridge (* OS Ltr), Cadence Langman (* OS Ltr), Ellie Robbins (* OS Ltr), Breanna Klerks (*), Mady Raney (* OS Ltr) and Erica Thompson (* OS Ltr). Back Row, from left: Myles Gambacort (* OS Ltr), Jaxon Quesnel (OS), Carter Daries, Hunter Rankin (*), Jakob Steinbach (* OS), Austin Kerton-Moir (*) and Quintin Janknegt (* OS).

42 Awards Given to Bruce Peninsula District School Secondary Grads

John Francis,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Bruce Peninsula District School's (BPDS) Secondary Grad ceremony was held at the school on June 25, 2026, with a class photo taken at the Lion's Head lighthouse beforehand.

Principal Lisa Gilbert acted as Emcee, welcoming students, parents and presenters. Sarah Peacock and Jessica Reid gave the Land Acknowledgement. In her final appearance as Trustee, Peninsula Trustee (and Bluewater District School Board Chair) Jane Thomson (who will not be running for re-election this fall) brought greetings from the Board.

2002 BPDS grad Tyler Cameron, founder of wrksourcing, returned to BPDS to give a commencement speech. He told the grads about how his Lion's Head upbringing had equipped him to manage multi-million-dollar accounts despite having flunked Grade 12 Math. (See the text of his address on page 5.)

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Fire at Bradley Davis Apartments Residents Still Have No Firm Return Date

John Francis,
Bruce Peninsula Press

On the evening of June 23, Sarah Wilkens was doing the dishes at her family's home when she heard what sounded like a truck's back-up alert. She assumed it was from nextdoor at the Bradley Davis Seniors Apartments or perhaps a nearby business. After several

minutes, it seemed like too long for a truck to be backing up, so she went to see what was going on.

She found a crowd outside the Bradley Davis apartments and smoke billowing from an apartment window near the entrance. The sound she had heard was the building's fire alarm.

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Photo Credit: Kent Wilkens

Photo: Smoke from a fire billowing from an apartment at the Bradley Davis Seniors Apartments in Tobermory. Fire damage was limited to the one unit where the the fire originated; there was water damage to two adjacent units and smoke damage throughout the building.

Checkerboard Challenge Raises Over \$81,000 For Local Health Care

Joanne Rodgers,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Local community members embraced the second annual Checkerboard Challenge and donated \$81,319 to the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation. The funds raised are earmarked for a major renovation of the Brightshores Wiarton Medical Device Reprocessing Department (MDRD) and to support the purchase of five ceiling lifts for the Regional ICU.

On 26 June 2026, there was a steady flow of community members to the live

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"Awesome" Canada Day Parade in Lion's Head

Joanne Rodgers,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Parade goes in Lion's Head on July 4, 2026, describe the annual Canada Day parade as "pretty awesome".

A miniature horse, classic cars and truck, tractors, ATVs, Golden Dawn Shuttle, mascots such as Clifford the Big Red Dog, a wide range of heavy equipment, along with the fire service vehicles all made for an interesting and unique parade.

The kids and even the adults got into the fun, as they excitedly snagged

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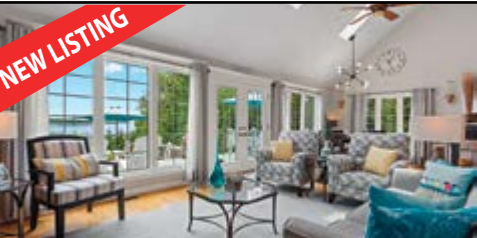
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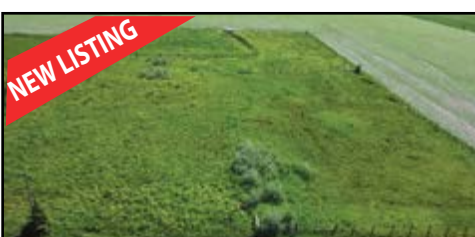
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Lost Buoy Washed up at Johnston Harbour Recovered by Coast Guard

John Francis, Bruce Peninsula Press
(with notes from Tara Lobb)

Tara Lobb describes what she and her husband saw from their cottage in Johnston Harbour:

“My husband went down to the water with his coffee and our dog for their morning stroll at our waterfront. It was Thursday June 25th at 7:30 in the morning when he was startled to see the large red channel marker 300-400 metres directly out from our waterfront.

“The buoy was not moving and had settled into about 15ft of water ... he assumed a broken chain was dragging on the rocky bottom and holding it stationary.”

The Lobbs then had a back-and-forth phone conversation with the Coast Guard that day, after which:

“Later that evening around 9pm a red/orange CG zodiac with twin outboard engines approached our bay from the northwest. It had 3 or 4 crew on board and spent about 10 minutes circling around

and investigating the buoy before it left on a southerly heading. On Sunday morning June 28th around 7:30 my husband saw a much larger Canada Coast Guard vessel approaching from the north west towards our bay. ... the ship slowly made its way to within a kilometre or so of our shore. It slowed to a stop and deployed a smaller barge type vessel via the aft-mounted crane. ... the barge proceeded to the buoy ... and proceeded to tie the buoy to the side of the barge ... to drag it back to the larger ship, which took about 25 minutes.”

Tara Lobb explains that when the crane hoisted the buoy out of the water, it had 20 or so feet of thick chain hanging from it, which had probably served as a sort of anchor, once it reached shallow water.

The large vessel the Lobbs saw was the Coast Guard’s buoy tender, CCGS Samuel Risley, which had been doing routine buoy maintenance on Lake Superior when it received the call.

The buoy proved to be American, although it did not have an identification plate so no further details were available at press time.



Photos Credit: Tara Lobb

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Council Waives Licensing Fee for Bed and Breakfasts

Tessa Swanton (Townson),
Bruce Peninsula Press

In January 2026, Council passed a B&B licensing by-law following a public commenting period. The Municipality’s public engagement website, Let’s Talk NBP, received 536 views and nine comments on the project. A staff report from January 12, 2026, indicated that comments reflected a wide range of opinions, some supporting standards and safety regulations while others expressing the by-law may be unnecessary for businesses.

A letter placed on the June 8th Council agenda from Neda Sarbakhsh and Nick Ferrence (Orange Bicycle Guesthouse and Gardens), and seven other B&B operators requested a licensing waiver. The letter explained that the operators respect the Municipality’s decision to regulate accommodations and ensure safety standards, however with no direct communication to B&B operators “many of us were caught off guard by the timing of this implementation,” it reads.

It further notes that B&Bs were exempt from MNBP’s short term accommodation (STA) licensing by-law that was introduced in 2022. B&Bs differ from STAs as they provide a unique personal hospitality experience where the owners live on site and manage the accommodations. The letter requested a licensing and inspection fee waiver.

At the June 22nd Council Meeting, Council waived the \$500 bed and breakfast (B&B) licensing fee for all 2026 applications. Staff recommended Council waive the fees for this year with them being reinstated on January 1st, 2027.

The waiver excludes the \$500 inspection fee which covers staff time and resources to conduct the inspection where By-law and Fire Department staff need to be present.

Staff report that seven B&Bs have registered and estimate another 18 B&Bs will apply by year end. The Municipality will lose approximately \$12,500 in revenue due to the waiver.

A report from Clerk, Alexandra Croce, says “Waiving the annual licensing fee for 2026 will support participation in the program, while maintaining the initial inspection

fee will ensure that costs associated with inspections are recovered. These measures will support a smooth implementation of the program and help position operators for full compliance in 2027.”

Operators still need to pay a \$500 inspection fee, \$250 for reinspection (every three years) and \$300 as a complaint investigation fee (if applicable). Unlicensed B&Bs may be subject to a \$900 fine. Like STAs, B&Bs must submit quarterly municipal accommodation tax (MAT) payments to the Municipality which is 4% of accommodation charges.

MNBP Donates \$5,000 to Tobermory Children’s Camp

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) Council approved a \$5,000 donation to Tobermory Children’s Camp during their Council Meeting on June 22nd. The newly founded camp is in its first year of business, providing six weeks of full day programming this summer for children aged 4-10. The camp offers creative hands-on learning activities like arts and crafts, music, literacy, outdoor play, nature walks, and STEM-based learning.

The camp’s website says, “Tobermory Children’s Camp is more than a summer program –we’re a community lifeline.” The camp aims to provide safe, reliable, and affordable childcare.

Tobermory is built on tourism, welcoming hundreds of thousands of visitors every year. Many residents face increased work demands in the summer months, resulting in a need for childcare. Tobermory Children’s Camp fills that void, taking the pressure off parents who need to show up consistently for work.

The Meeting Place (TMP) Tobermory allows use of their building, while also overseeing financial and organizational management. This key collaboration allowed the program to launch quickly for the 2026 season.

A report from Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Peggy Van Mierlo-West, states, “The requested contribution of \$5,000 would assist the organization in continuing to provide accessible and meaningful programming while supporting the social and economic vitality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.”

These measures will support a smooth implementation of the program and help position operators for full compliance in 2027.

Harbourside Music Returns for 2026 Every Friday at the Beach in Lion’s Head

Joanne Rodgers,
Bruce Peninsula Press

A sure sign of summer in Lion’s Head is the return of the weekly Friday evening concerts at the beach.

Slightly cooler temperatures on June 19, 2026 did not deter the music enthusiasts, as community members came out to the first concert of the **Harbourside Music** season.

The first act was Gibbran and Tamsynn-Lee. The couple and their family have recently moved to Stokes Bay and were thrilled to be invited to open the 2026 Harbourside season. They performed many original compositions along with Tamsynn-Lee’s rendition of a Whitney Houston song which definitely started the season off on a high note.

They were followed by Donna and Mike Cole of Tobermory, another new music act to Harbourside, while Scott Parent, a veteran performer at Harbourside, closed off the evening of music.

Harbourside concerts are held every Friday night for the summer, starting at 7 p.m. at the Harbourside Stage, located along the shoreline between the Lion’s Head beach pavilion and the marina. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy amazing music in a scenic outdoor venue.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Gibbran and Tamsynn-Lee were the first act at Harbourside Music on June 19.

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Your Small Town Roots Are Not The Thing You Grow Out Of.
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Lion's Head local, Tyler Cameron, Founder & CEO of wrksourcing, delivered this moving commencement speech at the recent Grade 12 graduation ceremony at BPDS. It was too good not to share with our readers.

Let me take you back.

It's 2002. I'm sitting in Grade 12 math. I am not doing well. I'm not grasping it like I used to when I won the math award in Grade 8 (not a big deal). But this time, it didn't end up in an award, it ended up in me failing the class -- despite my best efforts.

My relationship with school was complicated. I liked gym. I was good at gym. Everything else was negotiable.

But here's the thing nobody tells you when you're sitting in class daydreaming about who knows what (when you should be paying attention by the way) -- this is just one chapter of your life. You may not have loved all your classes

- despite having the amazing teachers here at BPDS. Trust me, I wasn't a "great" student. On paper I was average at best. But I knew I was creative. I knew I could read a room, sell an idea, and I genuinely loved connecting with people in a way that didn't show up on any report card.

I just hadn't found the place where that mattered yet.

Fast forward a few years. I'm 23 years old, sitting in a boardroom in Toronto, managing millions of dollars in advertising budget for Pepsi. Thank God for Excel and my trusty calculator.

The kid who failed Grade 12 math is now responsible for decisions that I may or may not have been ready for. And the whole time I'm sitting there thinking -- nobody in this room knows I failed Grade 12 math. And it does not matter one single bit.

For the record, that's the only class I

failed. And I'm actually pretty good with numbers now -- so I didn't just peak in Grade 8.

Now you might be wondering -- who is this guy and how did he get from Lion's Head to a Toronto boardroom?

For those who don't know my background, I spent my first 18 years right here. My parents Don and Wendy owned the garden centre for 35 years.



Photo: Tyler Cameron speaking at the BPDS Grade 12 graduation ceremony.

My brother Justin still lives here. My sister, Kaitlin is a teacher in Kincardine.

My roots go deep here.

But 18-year-old Tyler could not wait to leave -- not because I didn't love this place, but because I was genuinely excited to see what the world had to offer. And that distinction matters. I wasn't running away from Lion's Head. I was running toward something.

Some of you will stay here. Some of you are heading off to your next chapter. Both are valid. Both are exciting. Because it's not about where you go -- it's about what you're chasing when you get there.

If your path keeps you here -- if you build something in this community, raise a family on this Peninsula, or become the person this town calls when something needs doing -- that's not settling. That's a choice. And it's a damn good one, as my brother and so many of my friends still call this amazing place home.

The point isn't where you end up. It's about following your passion and staying curious about what's next.

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Letter: Council Urged to Review Home Occupations By-law

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2002-54 contains a provision, Section 6.8, governing home occupations -- activities permitted within a residential dwelling as an accessory use. Most property owners have never had reason to examine it closely. A recent staff interpretation of that provision, however, raises questions that touch every ratepayer in the municipality.

Section 6.8 defines a limited category of small-scale, low-impact activities compatible with residential neighbourhoods. Yet a recent staff interpretation has extended that definition to a degree that, if applied consistently, would permit a property in a residential zone to operate multiple concurrent commercial activities -- each individually labelled a home occupation -- without meaningful limit on their combined scale or impact on the surrounding neighbourhood. The residential character of adjacent properties, and the reasonable expectations of their owners, are left unaddressed.

This is not a trivial matter. Zoning by-laws exist to protect the character

of residential areas and to ensure that property owners can reasonably rely on the permitted uses of adjacent lots. When a staff interpretation stretches a provision beyond its plain meaning, it creates uncertainty for every ratepayer about what may legally operate next door -- and what recourse, if any, they have.

I am not writing about any single property. I am writing because the broader interpretive question deserves proper public consideration. Council should undertake a complete review of Section 6.8, assess whether the current language adequately defines and limits home occupation uses, and bring forward proposals to clarify any gaps -- with input from the community.

The Municipality has the tools to do this, and ratepayers have a reasonable expectation that it will.

I would encourage anyone with an interest in how their neighbourhood zoning is interpreted and enforced to follow this matter at Council and to make their views known.

James K Carson,
Lion's Head

Letter: Property Owners May Not Be on Municipal Voters' List

The following letter was sent to Mayor Milt McIver and the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council.

Dear Mayor McIver and Council,

We are writing to increase awareness of a looming problem with the voters' lists for the upcoming municipal elections: that seasonal property owners (who normally vote in Provincial elections somewhere else) do not appear to be on the new lists.

It's true that Elections Ontario has a website (www.registertovoteon.ca) where property owners can add their names back onto the voters list, but this service will operate only until August 12 and is cumbersome, requiring us to upload proof of ownership.

We're asking all residents of the municipality, including SEPO members, to check the list, and to go through the steps to get back on the list where we belong.

And we'd ask Council to spread the word that many residents and taxpayers may no longer be on the voters' list unless they try to get their names added back. We understand that Municipal Clerks in other municipalities, such as Muskoka, are working actively to get the message across.

The standard reminder run every four years to check to see if you're on the list may not be enough -- it will be important to explain why this year is different. Otherwise, a large percentage of potential voters will be disenfranchised and may not discover the problem until voting day, when it may be too late to do anything about it.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Edmunds Property Owners Inc., Executive

David Almack, Kevin Doyle, Dave Hartney, Carrie King, Tom McAfee, Udo Nixdorf and Jack Schenk

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Small Town Roots

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For me, I left here with a great foundation and followed the thing that actually lit me up. Sports. Media. Storytelling.

I went to Mohawk College in Hamilton -- which, if you've never left the Peninsula, felt about as far away as the moon -- and I went all in.

Leaving the Bruce was a big deal. And when I got to Hamilton, surrounded by people from everywhere, I had this moment of -- okay, who am I when nobody here already knows me?

Turns out, I was the same person. Which sounds obvious, but it's actually the most important thing I can tell you.

The best thing this place gave me wasn't a diploma. It was a foundation. A sense of self that held up when the world got loud and confusing. Small towns do that for you, whether you realize it at the time or not.

I went to Mohawk ready. Not because I had it figured out -- I absolutely did not -- but because I was genuinely excited about what came next. And that energy is contagious. People notice it. Doors open for you.

My career took me from college straight into the deep end.

I worked at a major advertising agency. Then landed at theScore television network, which was my dream job at the time. I'm going to events, meeting athletes, sitting across from executives at companies like Pepsi, negotiating deals that would have made my Grade 12 math teacher genuinely concerned for everyone involved.

But here's what I noticed in those rooms.

The people who stood out weren't always the smartest. They were the ones who could actually connect. Who could read what someone needed, make them feel heard, and build trust fast. My wife actually says that's my superpower -- the ability to genuinely gain people's trust very quickly.

That's a small town skill. That's a Lion's Head skill.

We grow up knowing everybody. We learn early that your reputation follows you, that how you treat people matters, and that there's no such thing as a throwaway conversation. Take that into a big city and you have an edge most people spent years trying to develop.

Eventually I stopped working for other people's dreams and started building my own.

Today I run a company called wrksourcing. We go into founder-led businesses that are growing faster than their operations can handle -- and we fix that. We map how they actually work, build better systems, and embed the right people to support their growth. Think of us as the operational backbone for businesses that are scaling but starting to crack under the weight of their own success.

I built it from scratch. No investors. No safety net. Just the skills I gained in this school and the ones I'd spent fifteen years collecting in the corporate world.

And the foundation of all of it -- every client, every deal, every system we've built -- traces back to the same thing. Staying curious. Staying real. And never pretending to be someone I wasn't, even when the rooms I was in made that feel tempting.

So here's what I want to leave you with.

You don't have to have it figured out today. I didn't. Most of the interesting people I know didn't.

What you need is a direction. Even a loose one. Something that makes you forget to check the clock because you're actually paying attention.

Follow the thing that lights you up, even if it doesn't make sense on paper. Especially if it doesn't make sense on paper. The most important career advice I ever got wasn't in a classroom -- it was watching people who loved what they did and deciding I wanted that.

Stay curious. Not just about your career -- about people, about how the world works, about why things are the way they are. The people who win long-term are the ones who never stopped asking questions.

And when you leave here, take the best of this place with you. The realness. The work ethic. The fact that you grew up somewhere where people actually know each other. That's not a limitation. That's a unique life experience not everyone gets the benefit of.

Your small town roots are not the thing you grow out of.

They're the thing you grow from. Congratulations, BPDS Class of 2026. You have no idea what's coming. And that is genuinely the best part. Now go find your thing.

Grey Bruce Public Health Offers Tips For Preventing Swimmer's Itch

Media Release
Grey Bruce Public Health is sharing ways to help prevent swimmer's itch after receiving reports of people getting the skin infection, which typically causes minor, but unpleasant, symptoms.

Swimmer's itch is caused by microscopic parasites, released into bodies of water by infected snails. The parasites can burrow into the skin of a person who is swimming, wading, or playing in the contaminated water. The parasites soon die after burrowing in the skin, as humans are not a suitable host, and this can provoke an allergic reaction and rash.

"While swimmer's itch cannot spread from person to person and is not an infection reportable to public health, it can cause symptoms that can last up to two weeks and scratching affected areas may result in secondary bacterial infections. Because of this, we are hoping to spread awareness about swimmer's itch and strategies for preventing it," says Senior Public Health Manager Andrew Barton.

The parasites that cause swimmer's itch are most often found in shallow water, close to shorelines with many aquatic plants.

Children tend to be more at risk of developing the infection as they typically spend more time than adults playing, wading, and swimming in shallow water.

To reduce the likelihood of developing swimmer's itch:

- Do not swim in areas where swimmer's

itch is a known problem.

- Do not swim near or wade in marshy areas where snails are commonly found.
- Towel dry or shower immediately after leaving the water. Using a dry and clean towel to rub your skin dry vigorously will kill most of the parasites.

Swimmer's itch can cause the skin to tingle, burn, or itch. This can begin minutes to days after exposure. Small reddish pimples can appear on the skin within 12 hours. The pimples can develop into small blisters or a rash. The condition can last from a few days up to two weeks.

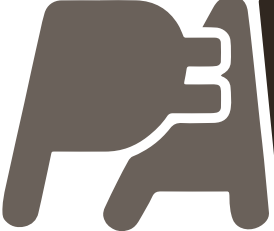
The severity of the symptoms varies from person to person. As swimmer's itch is an allergic reaction, symptoms can develop faster and more intensely each time a person is exposed to contaminated water.

Most cases of swimmer's itch do not require medical attention. Try not to scratch, as scratching may cause the rash to become infected.

People with swimmer's itch may find relief from symptoms by:

- Using calamine lotion;
- Applying cool compresses to affected areas;
- Bathing in Epsom salts or baking soda;
- Soaking in colloidal oatmeal baths; or
- Applying a baking soda paste to the rash (made by stirring water into baking soda until it reaches a paste-like consistency).

If symptoms persist, consult a healthcare provider.



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Bird Observatory Addresses Cabot Head Road Misconceptions

Submitted by Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory (BPBO)

Cabot Head Road provides important access to the nationally recognized Bird Observatory Research Station, and the historic Cabot Head Lighthouse.

One of the most scenic shoreline routes in the area, it is a natural tourism asset and an essential component of the cycling-based Gravel Gran Fondo, the Biosphere Association's major fundraiser and a fall tourism event.

The Bird Observatory (BPBO) and Biosphere Association (BPBA) have strongly supported the Municipal proposal to convert Cabot Head Road to a multi-use trail for cyclists, hikers and authorized users (emergency vehicles, BPBO and Lighthouse volunteers and staff). The BPBO Board wishes to clarify misconceptions raised in the June 8th Council meeting that discussed converting the road to a trail.

Road Has Been Thoroughly Studied

The Bird Observatory thanks Councillor Golden for keeping the future of Cabot Head Road on Council's agenda.

Six years ago, Councillor Golden and Mayor McIver were involved in Council discussions with the BPBO, BPBA and Friends of Cabot Head Lighthouse. After 60 meetings conducted by the three charities with three levels of government, SON, Dyers Bay Association, Bruce Trail and the American landowner, the charities drafted a 30-page proposal examining how to convert the road to a trail. Funding was secured and stamped engineering drawings developed.

Council began the current deliberations on the future of Cabot Head Road in 2025 and initiated a community consultation.

76% Support a Multi-Use Trail; Doing Nothing Untenable

Over 900 people, mostly residents, completed the Municipal survey on the Cabot Head Road's future. 76% of respondents support converting Cabot Head Road into a multi-use trail for cyclists and hikers, with controlled vehicle access for authorized users.

Given the public consensus, the Bird Observatory believes a "do nothing" approach is untenable; we encourage Council to exercise its leadership and choose a course of action for Cabot Head Road before the end of August, or the upcoming municipal election may render Council unable to resolve this long-standing matter.

Public Vehicle Access: Safety, Cost and Occasional Shuttle

Cabot Head Road is mainly a narrow, single lane with bends creating blind spots; it is already essentially now a trail. Bringing the "road" up to a standard suitable for public vehicle access will be prohibitive (some estimates exceed \$1,000,000) due to stretches of the road with a steep embankment bordering the shoreline. Regulatory approval would also be required.

BPBO agrees with the Dyer's Bay community that improvements would not address the serious safety concerns of public vehicles and cyclists sharing the road. Creating pull-offs to allow two cars to pass is impractical given the legal requirement to work within Municipal wheel track rights and the limited space between Georgian Bay shoreline and Niagara Escarpment cliff.

In contrast, improving Cabot Head Road to official status as a trail would be relatively easy, costing around \$150,000 which could be funded by the Municipal Accommodation Tax.

BPBO recognizes the disabled and elderly could not bike or hike to the Cabot Head Lighthouse. However, spending the resources to open the narrow road in the spring and fall to public vehicles is not a good compromise. Instead, an occasional shuttle service could operate like a guided tour, reducing potential for ecological damage, fires, vandalism and attempts at overnight camping.



Photo courtesy of BPBO

Photo: A section of the Cabot Head Road with a steep embankment will be the most costly to remediate.



Photo courtesy of BPBO

Photo: Cabot Head Road – a single lane gravel road through the cedars.

fees provide income to cover the Station Scientist's salary. Stewards agree to provide essential site security, deter vandalism, monitor Wingfield Basin visitors, mitigate fire risks, monitor biodiversity and perform light housekeeping. The Municipality distinguishes between short term rentals and the stewardship mission as evidenced by the exemption from the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT). The presence of stewards is one reason why the property hasn't been vandalized.

The Way Forward

BPBO believes the widely supported multi-use trail option is clearly the lower cost choice,

and with the addition of an occasional shuttle service, would provide access to local residents while protecting the environment, the Dyers Bay community, the safety of hikers and bicyclists, the Bird Observatory's migration monitoring program and access to historic Cabot Head Lighthouse.

Bruce Peninsula Press Publisher Emeritus, John Francis, has noted there are few iconic waterfront areas accessible to the public. Without investment, this irreplaceable, stunning shoreline asset will eventually disappear and be lost to everyone.

A multi-use trail along this spectacular Georgian Bay coastline would be a unique legacy achievement of this Council for all to enjoy.

Fortunately, the Municipality already has experience operating a shuttle and reservation system. Details need to be worked out.

Road is Essential to Protect Bird Populations

Cabot Head is a key biodiversity area where BPBO has gathered standardized, high-quality bird migration data for 25 years. Protecting and recovery of populations of birds depends on good science and BPBO has reliably contributed data to the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network and the

Canadian Wildlife Service that informs national and regional population trend analyses.

"Without road access, the Observatory would have to stop its long-term migration monitoring research at the Cabot Head Nature Reserve" BPBO President, Ted Cheskey stated.

Boat access is a logistical impossibility as it is weather-dependent and unreliable. BPBO lacks funding for the marine infrastructure and no suitable dock exists at Wingfield Basin.

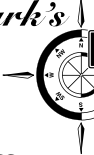
BPBO has a contractual obligation with Ontario Parks to have personnel on site during non-migration season. BPBO offers "Stewards" two rustic cottages used by the banding volunteers during non-migration season. Stewardship



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Photo: Blackburnian warbler, one of several species tracked by BPBO that migrates from South America.

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Checkerboard Challenge

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broadcast of 91.9/97.9 The Bruce, in downtown Lion's Head at The Shops of 84 Main. Radio hosts Longy and Bruffer kept the day flowing smoothly. Donors dropped by with cash or cheques in hand, there was live music by local musicians while neighbours and friends

hung out enjoying the lively atmosphere. There was an additional live broadcast by CFOS89.3 in Wiarton. In addition this this fundraising event, the 91.9/97.9 The Bruce's 5th anniversary birthday bash held at the Lion's Head Arena on June 6, 2026 raised \$5,000 for the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Radio hosts Longy and Bruffer (centre) hosted the live broadcast in Lion's Head. Lion's Head resident Dominik Franken joined the hosts to share his recent experience with radio listeners on getting quality local health care for his recent heart attack and his bypass heart surgery in Kitchener.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Melony (far left) and Serge (far right) from Tamarac Island Inn present a donation cheque to Mike "Bruffer" Brough and Marydale Ashcroft during the Checkerboard Challenge.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo L-R: Ashton and Andrew of ACN Electric with their donation cheque.



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Photo: Peninsula Appliances present a donation to the Checkerboard Challenge. (L-R): Evaleigh, Amanda, Marydale and Everson were on hand for the cheque presentation.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Paul Vickers (left) was honoured to come out and support local hospitals. He says \$101 billion is allocated to Ontario's health care budget and emphasized the important role of the local Hospitals Foundation which fundraises for hospital equipment. He congratulated the community on their fundraising efforts.



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Lion's Head Canada Day Parade

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candy, frisbees, balls, and other toys tossed out by the parade participants.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Lion's Head resident Dannah Oliver was joined by her grandkids from Kincardine to participate in the parade. (L-R): Emerson, Adalyn and Alecsys.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Friends of the Lion's Head Library with mascot Clifford the Big Red Dog were a big hit at the Lion's Head Canada Day parade.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo L-R: Firefighters Asher, Ben, Dave, Andrew, and Paul served hotdogs to the patriotic crowd.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Lincoln has participated in the parade for the last four years.

Prior to the parade, community members enjoyed hot dogs and cake in front of White's Garage, sponsored by the Lion's Head Community Bottle Fund and hosted by volunteers of the local fire service.

Tobermory Celebrates Canada Day

Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press

Hundreds of residents and visitors gathered in Tobermory on Canada Day to celebrate with live music, family activities and community events as Northern Bruce Peninsula welcomed one of its busiest weekends of the summer tourism season.

The festivities, centred around the Tobermory Community Centre and Little Tub Harbour, featured children's activities, live entertainment and local organizations, drawing families together to mark Canada's 159th birthday. Organizers said the annual celebration showcases the community spirit that defines Tobermory while providing an opportunity for residents and visitors to celebrate the holiday together.

The Tobermory Canada Day Marketplace took place along Little Tub Harbour, where local vendors welcomed visitors throughout the day. At the community centre, children enjoyed complimentary Canada Day cupcakes, colouring activities, crafts and handheld Canadian flags. Craft stations featured Canadian-themed images, including beavers, maple leaves and other patriotic symbols.

Tattoo artist Josh Williams and his family from Electric Woodpecker offered complimentary airbrush tattoos with a variety of Canada-themed designs and colours. Children eagerly added their names to the waiting list before gathering nearby to watch the artwork take shape as they waited for their turn.

Live music filled the waterfront throughout the afternoon as Marty Oblak and Brian Taylor performed for the crowd at Little Tub Harbour. Visitors joined together to sing O Canada, smiling and waving Canadian flags in a display of community pride.

Other Canada Day celebrations were also held in Pike Bay and Lion's Head over the days surrounding the holiday.



Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Finn (age 3) received an airbrush tattoo at the Tobermory Community Centre from Josh Williams, owner of Electric Woodpecker tattoo shop in Tobermory.

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Submitted by Dana Holmes,
Tobermory Yacht Club

On July 1st 2026, organized by the Tobermory Yacht Club (TYC) and supported by the Tobermory Chamber of Commerce, the Tobermory Pickleball Club, and the musicians playing at the market, the community of Tobermory and visitors gathered downtown to sing ‘O Canada’.

As part of the All Together, Canada movement, in Tobermory, over 100 people came together to celebrate and sing our national anthem at the same time as others across the country.

It was a heartwarming and inspiring way to celebrate our amazing country.

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Photo courtesy of Dana Holmes

Photo: Over 100 people gather at the head of the harbour in Tobermory for a nationwide singing of ‘O Canada’.

Lion’s Head VON SMART Class Send Happy Canada Day Greetings to Community



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: Members of the Lion’s Head VON SMART level 1 class wish the community a “Happy Canada Day”. The seniors meet twice a week at the Friendship Club hall in Lion’s Head for an exercise class sponsored by VON and run by local volunteers.

Back row (L-R): Helen, Dorothy, Colleen, Jeanette, and Sherri. Front row (L-R): Mary, Grace, and Linda.

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Ferndale Information Centre Hosts Canada Day Crafts & Cupcakes



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Photo: Families enjoyed Canada Day themed cupcakes and crafts on July 1, 2026 at the Ferndale Information Centre. Stick-on tattoos, flags, pins and coloring sheets were also given out to the kids.

The event was organized by the Tobermory and the Northern Bruce Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

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Pike Bay Celebrates Canada Day in Style



Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Cora and Barrett getting outfitted with some festive face paint and tattoos for Canada Day.

Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press

This year, Canada Day landed in the middle of a heat wave, but the event at the Pike Bay

Park persisted with tents and pleasant breezes off Lake Huron providing some relief from the sun's strong rays. This annual event, hosted by the Pike Bay Community Association (PBCA), attracted both locals and visitors with many multigenerational families enjoying the festival together revealing a heartfelt bond between grandparents, parents and children.

The park was overflowing with attendees wearing red and white traveling around the grounds to each station.

Community groups covered the lawn, including the Bruce Trail Club, Lion's Head Legion, Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association, and St. Edmunds and Peninsula Museum. Some groups were selling raffle tickets, accepting donations and offering games, like an entertaining fishpond game to win candy presented by Lianne Timbers Sharp Real Estate. The Northern Bruce Peninsula Fire Department parked a firetruck in the parking lot handing out swag bags. Children were witnessed beading, blowing bubbles, playing ball, getting tattoos and face paint, and playing on the new playground structure and swings installed last October. MP (Member of Parliament), Alex Ruff, made a brief appearance welcoming the community and local band, the Ferndale Flats and Sharps, played uplifting music.

Cottager Erica and her family were seen at the Bruce Men's Shed tent building wooden birdhouses which she described as a family favourite. Erica comes to the event ever year, "We've got our bird house from last year up on the tree and we've got tree swallows living in it right now." "They [The children] love coming to make birdhouses," she said. Erica's family celebrates Canada Day by swimming at "The Rocks" in Whiskey Harbour followed by an evening campfire.

Dedicated volunteer and Pike Bay local, Karen Sword, described the atmosphere as "cheerful." "People are happy to be here, it's better than so many other places we could all be." Sword's Canada Day tradition is

"making this happen and being a part of it," as well as her kids coming year after year. "They want to be here and that makes me feel good," she expressed.



Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Visitors Sarina, Sean and their son Fritz taking a photo in the Pike Bay frame in front of Lake Huron waters.



Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Pike Bay residents Alesha and Chance with their children Lachlan, Onyx, and Cordelia sporting fabulous attire in front of a Northern Bruce Peninsula firetruck.

This event continues yearly because of several devoted volunteers and the hard work of the PBCA.

The July 1st celebration can be

summarized in a few honest words shared by Karen Sword, "Coming here is a wonderful thing, this is our home, in many ways the old home is where the heart is."

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Lisa Gilbert explained that the subject awards had been handed out already at an assembly. The English and Math Awards went to Bronwyn Stanton; the Science Award to Carly Burbridge. Cadence Langman won both the Cooperative Education and History/World Studies Awards. The Senior Outers Award went to Myles Gambacort.

The 2026 grad ceremony featured 42 Awards, Bursaries and Scholarships. This is a remarkable testament of community support, when you consider that the graduating class consisted of only 15 students. The awards have a combined value of well over \$20,000.

The first of the scholarships and bursaries presented were the UNESCO Global Citizenship Awards, which went to Mady Raney and Carly Burbridge.

Tony Barton presented the Graham Barton Memorial Award to Erica Thompson. The Foundations for the Future Scholarship went to Jakob Steinbach; the Canon Jack James Memorial Scholarship went to Quintin Janknegt. Erica Thompson received the Dr. Harpur Healthcare Scholarship; the Biosphere Award went to Mady Raney.

The next three presentations were endowed and presented by the Northern Bruce Peninsula Rotary Club. The Mary Cameron Memorial Award was given to Ellie Robbins, the Keith Hopkinson Memorial Scholarship to Erica Thompson and the Bob Spearing “Service Above Self” Bursary to Carly Burbridge.

The Catherine Pedwell-Ganton Award was presented to Cadence Langman; the Isobel K Ganton Award went to Erica Thompson. The EPH Skilled Trades Bursary was given to Jaxon Quesnel.

Bronwyn Stanton & Mady Raney received the Sources of Knowledge Scholarships; the Tobermory Health Services Award went to Erica Thompson and the SWANS Annette Richardson

Award to Bronwyn Stanton. The Suntrail (Outers) Award was given to Myles Gambacort, the Independent Order of Oddfellows Bursary to Lilly Smith and the Good Humour Award to Austin Kerton-Moir.

The Bumper to Bumper Automotive Award went to Jaxon Quesnel, the Beatrice Bruin Arts Bursary to Bronwyn Stanton and the Bruce Grey Woodlands Award to Mady Raney.

The True Grit Award was presented to Jakob Steinbach, the RONA Technological Studies Award to Jordan McMann. The Bruce Power Future Innovators’ Award went to Carly Burbridge. The Art Shoppe Award went to Bronwyn Stanton and the Enet West Memorial Award to Ellie Robbins. The David Wilton Award for Altruism was given to Jakob Steinbach.

Brianna Klerks received the BPDS Communication Award; Bronwyn Stanton received the Entente Community Service Award. The Larry Bannerman Awards were presented to Cadence Langman and Myles Gambacort. The Colpoy’s Bay WI Community Award went to Jordan McMann, the Bruce County Council Award to Jakob Steinbach and the CUPE Local 1176 Award to Myles Gambacort.

Jordan McMann received the Bruce Power Women in Trades Award; the Lieutenant Governor’s Community Volunteer Award went to Erica Thompson and the Virginia Wiley Memorial Award went to Hunter Rankin.

The Ivan Hepburn Memorial Trades Award recognized four future tradesmen: Jordan McMann, Jaxon Quesnel, Jakob Steinbach, and Hunter Rankin.

The Tod Wright Scholarship was presented to Carly Burbridge, the Rotary Highest Academic Proficiency Scholarship to Bronwyn Stanton and the Bruce Peninsula District Staff Award to Cadence Langman.

The final Award of the evening is the prestigious Governor General’s Bronze Academic Medal. Principal Lisa Gilbert proudly presented the medal to Bronwyn Stanton.

Twelve of the fifteen members of the graduating class received a Specialist High Skills Major with a focus on the Environment. Seven BPDS School Letters were presented. Twelve of the fifteen were named as Ontario Scholars (over 80% average). These are detailed in the caption to the grad photo.

Valedictorians Bronwyn Stanton and Carly Burbridge gave a thoughtful salute to their classmates.

Cadence Langman’s slideshow was the evening’s finale.



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Photo L-R: BPDS Principal Lisa Gilbert presented the Governor General’s Bronze Academic Medal to Bronwyn Stanton.



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Photo L-R: Valedictorians Carly Burbridge and Bronwyn Stanton offered a thoughtful perspective to the class’s time together.



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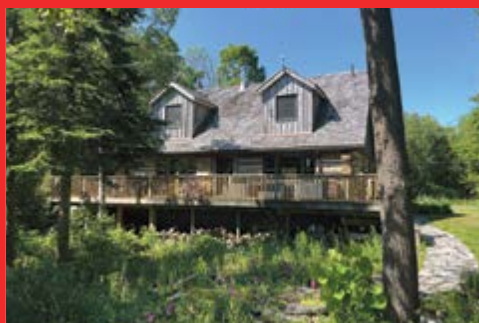


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OBITUARIES



HALL, John Thompson (Jack) - On Thursday June 18, 2026, Jack departed this life after a long illness. He was 94. He never lost his wit or lively connection to play, and fun that endeared him to all who knew and loved him. He was a gregarious spirit with a large capacity for simple joys that came with laughter, dancing and toward the end, singing loudly and confidently without needing to know all the words. He had been living at Highview Residences in London since May 2024, following a debilitating infection of the COVID virus in late 2023, from which he never recovered. Jack was a Christmas baby born on December 25, 1931, in Halifax Nova Scotia. He was the middle child of Frank and Florence Hall. The family moved to Windsor and then to London during his youth. In 1956, he went to a dance and was smitten with Shirley Keyes, a nursing student. They married later that year and by 1961, had three children. They were together until she passed suddenly in 2018 from cancer. When asked about the best part of his life, Jack didn't hesitate. It was Shirley. Together they met life's challenges, learned, struggled and stayed together. They found a deep appreciation of what it means to be lifelong partners. They never lost their love of dancing, the woeful Maple Leaf's and full weekends of bridge and more bridge. Jack was a gutsy card player who delighted in making Shirley (always on the other team) curse with his outrageous, yet dazzling bids. More often than not, he made the hand. He spent his career in retail management and leadership, first for the Metropolitan Store his father managed, later moving to Jack Austin Pharmacies at Woolco and then Big V Drug Stores. He was considered by his staff to be a generous, kind and very human boss. Jack faced his share of adversity. In 1975 he joined Alcoholics Anonymous and became an active member. The benefit of service to others and the Twelve Steps guided his actions for the remainder of his life. This July 25th, his dry date, he would have been sober 51 years. He was involved in AA until his health kept him away. After retiring, he found new ways to serve. Shirley and Jack moved to Spry Shores on Lake Huron. He joined and then became president of the Rotary Club. They raised money for the Wiarton hospital, supported scholarships and other causes. He was Santa in the Lion's Head Christmas parade. Jack, Shirley and a small but mighty team of volunteers and club members cooked hundreds of chickens for BBQ dinners and grilled endless pancakes, bacon and potatoes for Rotary breakfasts on the beach at Lion's Head, rain or shine. They ran a successful weekend long country music festival for two years that brought people to the Bruce from all over Canada and the U.S. There was always fun that went with the hard work. In 2015 they moved to Ilderton to be closer to London and family. Jack is lovingly remembered by his children, Margaret, Wendy and Peter; his grandchildren, Sam and Max MacPherson, Jessica and JD Hart, and Sarah (Rudy) Carreiro, his great-grandchildren, Jayda, Jaxton and Zoey, and by his sister Gwyneth Doty. He was predeceased by his beloved Shirley, his parents Frank and Florence, his sister Elizabeth Dewar Davis, and son-in-law Sandy Hart. Wherever Jack and Shirley lived, in Galt, Kitchener, London, Spry Shores and Ilderton, they joined the community, contributed and made good friends. The same was true of their communities of AA and AlAnon. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Jack's life on Tuesday July 21st at the Civic Garden Complex, 625 Springbank Drive in London, from 2:00-4:00 pm, with remarks beginning at 2:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Society. A very special thank you to the staff at Highview Residence where Jack lived and spent his last days. He died peacefully, wrapped in loving and professional care that was a great support and comfort for the family.



LANE, Judith "Judy" Ann (née Kerr) in her 78th year. It is with profound sadness that the family announces the passing of Judith "Judy" Ann Lane on January 10, 2026. Judy will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered as a kind, generous, and compassionate woman whose warmth touched everyone she met. Judy was predeceased by her parents, George Russell, "Pat" Kerr and Cathleen Rose "Kay" Kerr (née Hodigo); her sister, Joan Craven; her husband, Edward "Ted" Lane; and her partner, James Belt. She passed away peacefully with the love of her life, Brian Allen, by her side. Judy is lovingly remembered by her siblings, June Wilkins and Gary Kerr (Susan); her cousin and lifelong best friend, Darlene Bradley; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends, and neighbours whose lives she enriched and who will miss her dearly. A lifelong resident of Woodstock and a cherished summer resident of Stokes Bay, Judy was known for her unwavering kindness, generosity, and positive spirit. She had a remarkable ability to make everyone feel welcome and valued, always bringing out the best in those around her. Judy dedicated her entire career to the Human Resources Department at Woodstock Hospital, where she began working straight out of school and remained until her retirement. Her professionalism, commitment, and genuine care for her colleagues and the community were evident throughout her many years of service. A Celebration of Judy's Life will be held at her cottage, 175 Tamarac Road, Stokes Bay, on Sunday, August 2, beginning at 12:00 noon. Family, friends, and neighbours are warmly invited to gather with Brian and Judy's family to share memories and celebrate a life so well lived. Guests are kindly asked to bring a lawn chair and their beverage of choice. Food will be provided.

OBITUARIES



TOMLIN, Ruth Emma (Pearson) of Pike Bay and formerly of Palmerston passed away peacefully at Gateway Haven on Monday, July 2, 2026 in her 84th year. Beloved wife of Larry Tomlin for 63 years. Cherished mother of the late Chris Tomlin (2008) and Shelly McIlmoyle, Cindy Cooke of Calgary, Steve and Stephanie Tomlin of Elora. Grandmother of Thomas Tomlin, Elizabeth and Dak Yungblut; Rachel and Mitchell MahPoy, Danielle Cooke; Jillian Tomlin and Allison Tomlin. Great grandmother of Evelyn, Cora, Barret, Parker and Maysie. Sister of Jim Pearson. Sister-in law of Ruth Anne Savage and Elaine Melville and Bruce and Judy Tomlin. Predeceased by brother Dave Pearson, brothers-in-law Kevin Tomlin, Howard Savage, Ken Melville. The family received friends at the Heritage Funeral Home, Palmerston on Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 1:00 to 1:45 followed by a funeral service of remembrance at 2:00 p.m. Interment Palmerston Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. www.heritagefuneralhomes.ca



COWELL, Andrew Joseph - After a long battle with Diffuse Systemic Sclerosis, Andrew passed away in Lion's Head Hospital on June 15, 2026 at 49 years old. He is at peace now and no longer in pain. He was the beloved father of Kinsley Cowell of Brantford and cherished son of Daryl and Judy Cowell of Tobermory, Ontario. Andrew was, in his working life, an arborist for Burlington and Oakville. He loved trees, nature and bugs (entomology). It was not unusual to find jars filled with fluid and huge bugs in our house. In 2015 he was involved in a project to obtain cuttings and acorns from Oak trees that had been brought from Vimy Ridge over to Canada (Toronto area) as acorns by Leslie Miller. Mr. Miller had fought at Vimy Ridge in WW1. The project goal was to supply France with some "original" real Vimy Oaks for France's November 11, 2018, 100th anniversary, of the end of WW1. Andrew also loved hockey (played AAA rep hockey as a goalie), baseball and photography. He moved up to Tobermory 4 years ago. It was his request for no funeral services. The family wishes to express our gratitude to Dr. George Harpur, Dr. Claire Bodkin and the Lion's Head Hospital staff. If you wish to make a donation, please contact Scleroderma Canada www.scleroderma.ca/donation. Arrangements entrusted to Grey Bruce Cremation and Burial Services, greybrucecremation.com.



HIGGINS, François - beloved husband of Janet Higgins (Barr), father to Marc (Brooke Madden) and Catherine, and grandfather to Oscar and Simone, who died at Hospice House in Fredericton, New Brunswick on Monday, November 3, 2025, will be laid to rest at a graveside ceremony officiated by the Reverend Alan Barr on Friday, July 31, 2026 at 11:00 am at Eastnor County Cemetery in Ontario. For obituary, please see www.bishopshfuneralhome.com.

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Clubs, Organizations, Groups, etc., call us before July 22, 2026 to be included in the next Press.

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**

Lakeview Vendor Market. Sauble Town Square, Sauble Beach. facebook.com/saublemarket. **Until Sep. 7, 9am-4pm**

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**

Mah Jongg Mavericks. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. New players welcome. Drop in or call Carol for info/lessons 519-795-7143. **1-4pm**

Hatha Yoga with Karin. Tobermory United Church. See tobermoryunited.ca. **1-2:30pm**

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**

Euchre. Pike Bay Community Centre. \$4 entry, includes light refreshments and prizes. Contact pikebay.ontario@gmail.com **7pm**

Stokes Bay Community Meeting. Stokes Bay Community Centre. **4th Mon. each month. 7pm**

Bayside Astronomy. Miller's Family Camp, Miller Lake. Free. [Facebook.com/baysideastronomy](https://facebook.com/baysideastronomy) for details. **Sunset.**

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. **Not July/Aug. 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**

Hooked on the Bruce. Lion's Head Friendship Club. Rug hooking & punch needle. Drop in, or call Linda at 519-377-6592 for info or lessons. **1-3pm**

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

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**

Bruce Men's Shed Coffee Gathering. 451 Frank St, Wiarton. Contact Matthew at 905-979-9934 or Arcticfinearts@outlook.com for info. **10am**

Chair Yoga. Hosted by Lion's Head Friendship Club. Call Maxine at 519-375-0959 for info. **10am**

Tobermory Marketplace. At the harbour, Tobermory. **10am-1pm**

Veterans Coffee. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. For veterans and currently serving members of Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, and first responders. **3rd Wed. ea. month. 10am-12pm.**

Lakeview Vendor Market. Bluewater Park, Wiarton. facebook.com/saublemarket. **Until Sep. 7, 10am-4pm**

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 rjmielhausen@gmail.com or 519-374-4110. **1st Wed. Not July/Aug. Social time 5:30pm, Dinner 6pm.**

Bingo. Tobermory Community Centre. Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. All are welcome. **Doors 6:30, starts 7pm**

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**

Sauble Beach Concerts in the Square. Lakeshore Blvd, N of Mainstreet. Free. Bring a blanket or chair. **7-9pm**

Bayside Astronomy. Summerhouse Park, Miller Lake. Free. [Facebook.com/baysideastronomy](https://facebook.com/baysideastronomy) for details. **Sunset.**

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](https://www.facebook.com/LHGoodFoodBox).

Good Food Box Program, Tobermory. As above. Drop off order and payment at The Meeting Place, Tobermory during business hours or contact 519-596-2313 or food@tobermorymeetingplace.com. Pickup at the Meeting Place 5:30-6:30pm. **Not July/August**

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THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

Pickleball. Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. **8am–12pm**
Lakeview Vendor Market. Sauble Town Square, Sauble Beach. [facebook.com/saublemarket](#). **Until Sep. 7, 9am–4pm**

VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Visit [von.ca](#) for more info. **10am**

VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Tobermory Community Centre. Visit [von.ca](#) for more info. **10:30am**

Tai Chi. Tobermory United Church. See [tobermoryunited.ca](#). **10–11:30am**
Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 10am–3pm**

Friendship Club Luncheon & Bingo. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. \$8 for members. Contact 519-375-0959 [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](#) for time & more info. **2nd Thurs. each month. 11:30am.**

Cornhole. Lion's Head Legion. All are welcome. Bring your darts in case of rain. **1pm**
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](#). **Not July/Aug. 10–11am**

Warton Farmers' Market. Berford St. parkette. [facebook.com/wartonfarmersmarket](#). **Until Thanksgiving, 10am–2pm**

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. **July 24: West Side Story. Doors 1pm, Starts 1:30pm**

Lion's Head Knitting Group. Lion's Head Library. 51-9-793-3844 for more info. **2–4pm**

Cornhole. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. **3pm**

Euchre. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. All are welcome (19+). [tobermorylegion.org](#) **Last Fri. each month. 7pm**

Harbourside Music. Harbourside Stage, Lion's Head Marina. Live music. Bring your chair. Free. Donations welcome. Rain location Rotary Hall. **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**

Bayside Astronomy. Peninsula Observation Deck, Lion's Head Marina. Free. [Facebook.com/baysideastronomy](#) for details. **Sunset.**

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 All Seasons Market. At the ball diamond park. [facebook.com/tobermoryallseasonsmarket](#). **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. 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.**

Club 290. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. \$10 cover. With DJ Maxx. All are welcome (19+). [tobermorylegion.org](#) **Aug. 1, 8, 22, Sept. 5. 9:30pm–1am**

Bayside Astronomy. Peninsula Observation Deck, Lion's Head Marina. Free. [Facebook.com/baysideastronomy](#) for details. **Sunset.**

SUNDAY

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

Bingo. Stokes Bay Community Centre. **Until Sep. 6. 1pm**

Summer Concerts. Earthbound Gardens, Red Bay. Local musicians. Bring a chair. Free, donations appreciated. **2–4pm**

Fuel Our Youth. Hungry Hiker, Ferndale parking lot. Children under 12 eat free. \$5 from every dinner special sold goes to the Bruce Peninsula District School Breakfast program. Cash donations accepted. **6–8pm**

Bayside Astronomy. Singing Sands, Tobermory. Free. [Facebook.com/baysideastronomy](#) for details. **Sunset.**

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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 July 15

Ladies of Note Benefit Concert. Lion's Head United Church. Admission by donation. Proceeds to the Women and Youth Centre, Grey Bruce. **7pm**

Monday July 13 – Friday July 17

Community Yard Sale Donation Drop Off Days. St. Edmund's Anglican Church, Tobermory. **10am–4pm**

Friday July 17

Royal Canadian Legion 100th Anniversary – Tobermory. Tobermory Legion, Br. 290. Live music. Free BBQ. Giveaways. See ad pg. 10. **3pm**

Saturday July 18

Bicycle Tuneup. Lion's Head Farmers' Market, Lion's Head Beach. Bruce Men's Shed members provide basic bicycle maintenance. **9am–12pm**

Community Yard Sale. St. Edmund's Anglican Church, Tobermory. Silent auction. BBQ by donation. Proceeds support community outreach programmes. **9am–12pm, BBQ 11am–12pm**

Quilts on the Fence. St. Edmunds Museum, Tobermory. Celebration of heritage quilts, local art & crafts. **11am–4pm**

Sunday July 19

Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Rainbow Hike. Inglis Falls Arboretum, Owen Sound. Hosted by Sydenham Bruce Trail Club. Relaxed walk led by certified SBTC hike leader. Bring-your-own lunch & social time. All skill levels. Register ahead at hikes.bruce trail.org. More info on Pride events at bruce trail.org/pride-2026. **11am**

Wednesday July 22

Lunch & Learn – Let's Talk Financial Planning part 1. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. Free. Register ahead at 519-793-3473 or dshcolter@cabletv.on.ca. **10am–1pm**

Summer in the Spirit Begins – Sacred Fire. St. Edmund's Anglican Church, Tobermory. Join initiative with Tobermory United & St. Edmund's Anglican. Sacred fire, teachings, and ceremony by Nawash Three Fires. Come and go event. Potluck supper at 6pm. See ad pg. B2. **3–9pm**

Saturday July 25

Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Lion's Head. Eastnor Landfill Site. No commercial, industrial, agricultural waste, PCB materials, ammunition, or flares. Full list at bruce county.on.ca/hazardouswaste. See ad pg. 10. **8am–12pm**

Summerfest. Stokes Bay Community Centre. Events for kids and the whole family. For more info search "Stokes Bay Summerfest" on Facebook. **10am–3pm**

Saturday July 25 – Sunday July 26

Warton Lavender Festival. Bluewater Park. Artisan market, yoga, live music. More details at bluewaterlavender.com. **9am–3pm**

Monday July 27 – Friday July 31

Lion's Head Summer Music. Harbourside Stage. Free admission. Donations welcome. Search "Lion's Head Summer Music" on Facebook. **7pm**

Wednesday July 29

Septic Workshop. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. Hosted by Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association. Pump-out demonstration and Q&A. For info contact info@bpba.ca. **9am**

Summer in the Spirit – Songs of the Canadian Spirit. Tobermory Legion, Br. 290. Local musicians play familiar favourites. See ad pg. B2. **7pm**

Friday July 31 to Monday August 3

Lion's Head Homecoming Weekend. Lion's Head. Horseshoe tournament, sandcastle building, family fun. Annual Street Dance.

Warton Homecoming Weekend. Bluewater Park, Warton. Tournaments, food booths, classic car show, pancake breakfast, fish fry, musical entertainment, market, kids' zone. More details TBA.

Bruce Peninsula Art Show. Bruce Peninsula District School, Lion's Head. Art exhibits from local artists. Free admission, donations accepted. More info at bruce peninsula art.ca/art-show See ad pg. 10. **Fri: 7–9pm; Sat–Mon: 11am–5pm**

Tea Time Quilters Annual Quilt Show. Bruce Peninsula District School, Lion's Head. Quilts on display and for sale. Boutique with other items. Free admission, donations to the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary accepted. **Fri: 7–9pm; Sat–Mon: 11am–4pm**

Saturday August 1

Lakeview Vendor Market. Sauble Town Square. **9am**

Summer Chicken BBQ. Tobermory United Church. \$26/person. Drive-thru pickup. Tobermory call 519-596-2227. Lion's Head, call 519-793-3119. **4:30–6pm**

Lion's Head Homecoming Dance. Downtown Lion's Head. \$15 entry. All ages. Musical acts. Proceeds to the Bruce Peninsula Family Centre. See ad pg. 3. **8pm–1am**

Sunday August 2

Lions Annual Horseshoe Tournament. Lion's Head Beach. Food bar. See ad pg. 4. **Registration starts 11am**

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Monday August 3

Shore to Shore Road Race. Starts in Oliphant. wiartonrotary.org/shore-to-shore-road-race. *Walkers start 7:30am; Race 8am*

Wednesday August 5

Lunch & Learn – *Let’s Talk Financial Planning part 2.*
Lion’s Head Legion, Br. 202. Free. Register ahead at 519-793-3473 or dshcolter@cabletv.on.ca. *10am–1pm*

Summer in the Spirit – Spirit of the Forest. Starts at Parks Visitor Centre (parking fees waived). A gentle walk along a forest path. See ad pg. B2. *7–8:30pm*

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CHURCH SERVICES

Services with an asterisk (*) are also available online.

Christ Church Anglican christchurchlionshead@djohuron.org
226-949-9105. 55 Main St, Lion’s Head. *Sunday, 11:30am*

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

- **St. Edmund’s** 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 bethelmc.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, 11am, Not Jan–Mar.*

Pike Bay United Church lhpc@amtelecom.net, 519-793-3312.
575 West Road, Pike Bay. *Sunday, 9:30am, Not Jan–Mar.*

Tobermory United Church tobermoryunited.ca
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WED	2–6pm	10am–5pm	10am–6pm
THU	10am–2pm	10am–6pm	10am–7pm
FRI	9:30am–5pm	10am–2pm	10am–6pm
SAT	9:30am–2pm	10am–3pm	10am–4pm
SUN	Closed	1–4pm	2–6pm

Sources of Knowledge Present
Student Bursaries for National Park
Studies and Protected Areas

Submitted by Rob Klea

Sources of Knowledge (SOK) is known for organizing and holding an annual Forum in North Bruce covering environmental/cultural/heritage themes. However, many don’t realize that SOK also administers an annual bursary award program on behalf of Parks Canada.

Each year we seek secondary school students and students in post-secondary studies with an interest in the environment and outdoors who are pursuing areas of study that could lead to employment opportunities with Parks Canada. We manage \$4,000.00 in total bursary funds provided each year by Parks Canada.

The purpose of the award is:

1) To provide financial support to qualifying secondary students for post-secondary study in fields related to the environment or conservation or other field related to a prospective career with Parks Canada.

2) Thereby, to assist Parks Canada in meeting its obligation for local employment under clauses 15 and 16 of Appendix A of the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to Establish a National Park and a National Marine Park in the Township of St. Edmunds dated July 20, 1987.

3) To further the stated goal of the Sources of Knowledge Forum to “encourage and enable youth to be stewards of this remarkable place.”

To be eligible, candidates must be “local” meaning from the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula or a member of the Saugeen Ojibway Nations. They must have a good

academic standing and demonstrate an interest in a career in conservation or a related field. Their applications must include a 500-word essay outlining their interests, a summary of past activities related to the environment and outdoors, and have a demonstrated involvement in community service. The application must also include an academic and community reference and proof of acceptance at a post-secondary school institution including program of study.

We received 3 strong applications again this year and the selection committee approved all three, awarding each a bursary. SOK is very pleased to see continued interest within our communities and, along with Parks Canada, are happy to assist these students in their future studies.

We are pleased to present the SOK Bursary award recipients for 2026:

- **Mady Raney** will be attending University of Guelph for Wildlife Biology and Conservation,
- **Bronwyn Stanton** will be attending Western University studying Sociology, and
- **Chloe Cameron** will be continuing her studies at Western University in the areas of English and History.

Congratulations to all 3 students. We are pleased to see such great academic achievement in our communities.

SOK is a registered charity and accepts donations for our Student Bursary Program. Please visit www.sourcesofknowledge.ca to donate or you can e-transfer to info@sourcesofknowledge.ca.

Bruce Men’s Shed Holding Second
Bicycle Tune-up Event July 18th

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans, Team Leader

Earlier this spring a small group had gathered to make the boot scrubbers we were commissioned to build for the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, who has been operating since 1997 and have already conserved more than 25,000 acres across over 250 properties (nature reserves). This area protects more than 70 species-at-risk and includes 80+ kilometres of trails. Adding boot scrubbers at trail heads to prevent tracking invasive species plant seeds onto or off of a property is now added to a trail on Cape Hurd Road as well as at Ben Allen at Oliphant.

On Saturday July 18 we will hold a second bicycle tune-up event at the Lion’s Head Farmers’ Market. We will have a number of commonly replaced items but if your bike needs a tube or brake pads it is better to pick them up and bring that day. We can adjust brakes and derailleurs, lubricate chains, straighten wheels (to a limited extent) and repair cables.

On Wednesday July 1 we were at the Canada Day festivities at Pike Bay Community Park with our information tent and birdhouse building kits. All 24 kits were hammered together on the picnic tables with help from our guys and the parents of the kids who came by. It was a great turnout and tons of fun too.

This year at the Warton Homecoming Festival we will be selling pulled pork sandwiches again on Saturday August 1 at Bluewater Park in Warton. Tickets are now available. For \$25 you will get pulled

pork on a bun with french fries and coleslaw. Served from 4 to 6 pm. Our information booth will be there too, so please stop in and say hello as we are cooking the pork roasts! The festival runs Friday July 31 to Sunday August 2.

Our next monthly meeting is Saturday September 19 from 9am-11am. Every Monday morning we gather for coffee from 9am-11am at Canadian Legion Branch 202, 6 Hellyer Road on Highway 6, 4 km north of Ferndale. Doors open at 8:45. There is also a Bruce Men’s Shed coffee gathering every Wednesday at 10 am in Warton at 451 Frank street, Matthew Mutch hosting. If you would like further information on how to get involved with the Men’s Shed movement, please contact us at brucemensshed@gmail.com or call Gerry at (519) 793–3005.

“Somewhere to Go. Something to Do. Someone to Talk to”.



Photo credit: Bruce Men’s Shed
Photo: Bruce Men’s Shed volunteers Wayne Clements and Michael Latimer assisted visiting kids assemble our wren houses.



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA PUBLIC NOTICES

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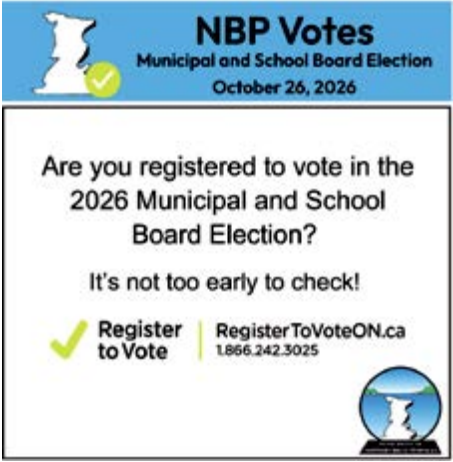
COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and held at the Council Chambers at 56 Lindsay Road 5, Lion's Head, ON N0H 1W0. Council meetings are open to the public and are available to watch via livestream. For more details, including access to public meeting agendas and minutes, please visit www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/government.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATES

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. 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.



LANDFILL SITES HOURS OF OPERATION APRIL 1ST TO OCTOBER 31 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lindsay 9-5	Eastnor 9-5		St Edmunds 9-5		Lindsay 9-5	Eastnor & St Edmunds 9-5

Eastnor Site – 1252 West Road | Lindsay Site – 627 Ira Lake Road | St. Edmunds – 71 McArthur Road

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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Now is a great time to remove hazardous materials and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner. Bruce County staff will be at the following locations within the Municipality on the assigned dates for the collection of hazardous materials

Event Location	Date	Hours of Operation	Location
Lions' Head	July 25	8:00-12:00	Lion's Head-Eastnor Landfill-1252 West Road
Tobermory	August 15	8:00-12:00	Tobermory – St Edmunds Landfill – 71 Mearthur Rd

For more information, and for a full comprehensive list on what can be collected, visit: brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste

MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX

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

MAT Remittance Deadlines

- Q2 (April–June) – Due July 31
- Q3 (July–September) – Due October 31
- Q4 (October–December) – Due January 31



How to Pay

Visit the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Payment Page on the municipal website or scan the QR code provided to submit your remittance. The Municipality does not have agreements with third-party booking platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO, or similar services.

These companies do not collect or remit MAT on your behalf. Property owners/operators remain responsible for compliance.

SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION LICENCING PROGRAM

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

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

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

BED AND BREAKFAST LICENCING PROGRAM

Attention Bed and Breakfast operators, registration for 2026 is open. License fees for 2026 have been waived, however registration is still required. For information on how to register your Bed and Breakfast, please visit northbrucepeninsula.ca/b&b
If you wish to report a concern regarding a Bed and Breakfast property, please call 1-866-750-8219. Any person who obtains a licence shall comply with the regulations set out in the Municipality's Bed and Breakfast Licence By-law.

FOOD TRUCK OPERATORS

Attention all food truck operators! The 2026 registration for food truck licences is open! Whether you're launching a new food truck or renewing your existing licence, now is the perfect time to ensure compliance with local regulations and prepare your business for a successful year ahead. For information on how to register your Food Truck, please visit <https://northbrucepeninsula.ca/foodtrucks>

AFTER-HOURS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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

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
3. After Hours Emergency/Animal Control: 1-866-750-8219

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
- Keep water or an extinguisher nearby
- Check weather and conditions before burning

Getting your permit is quick and easy, apply online today! <https://nbp.burnpermits.com/home>
Thanks for helping keep our community safe!

WEED SPRAY CONTROL PROGRAM – NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula will be conducting a Weed Spray Control Program in accordance with the Weed Control Act R.S.O. 1990. Notification is required as per current regulations under the Pesticides Act Ontario Regulation 63/09.

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula will be spraying for Noxious Weeds on all road rights-of-way within the boundaries of July 5, 2026, to October 9, 2026

Weeds included are: Wild Parsnip, Giant Hogweed, Poison Ivy, or other noxious weeds listed on the Noxious Weed list Regulation 1096 under the Weed Control Act

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MONTHLY COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

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.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Scan the QR Code to access the events calendar:



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25 Grads in Bruce Peninsula District School Grade 8 Class for 2026

John Francis,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Bruce Peninsula District School's Elementary Graduation Ceremony was held at the school in Lion's Head on Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

The evening began with a group photo at the lighthouse, followed by ceremony, awards and presentations at the school with Grade 8 teacher Melissa Rosenberg acting as emcee. Presentations included awards for excellence in each subject area and for other aspects of citizenship, plus school letters, awards of merit and diplomas.

Principal Lisa Gilbert gave opening remarks; Trustee (and Board Chair) Jane Thomson brought greetings from Bluewater District School Board.

Maddi Thomson won the Art award; Excellence in Dance/Drama went to Owen Cameron. Hunter Bender-Tamulynas received the English award and Shea MacAskill won the French award. The Geography award went to Nate Schenk, the History award to Jake Craddock. Excellence in Music went to Paislee Chabot, Excellence in Math to Tristen Barges. The Phys Ed Awards went to Reid West and Quentin Bernard. The final subject award, Excellence in Science, went to Georgia Myles.

The CUPE Local 1176 Award went to Shea MacAskill, Ms Rosenberg recognized Ruthie McNair with the Growth, Mindset and Perseverance Award. The Mary Cameron Sense of Humour Award went to Autumn Liverance on behalf of the Cameron family. The Leadership Award was presented to Tamara Thompson and the UNESCO Global Citizenship Award (sponsored by BPEG) to Avery Sachs and Owen Cameron. The Bruce Power Science Award went to Sam Carey; the Bruce County Beef Farmers Award recognized Tamara Thompson. The Greatest Improvement Award, sponsored by Hellyer's Foodland, was presented to Sully Mansfield by Kara Hellyer.

The David Wilton Altruism Award went to Kyren Shearer and Georgia Myles. The Montreal/Ottawa Award recognized the contributions of Easton Collins, William McGuigan and Matthew Gill on the class trip.



Bruce Peninsula Press Photo

Photo: Bruce Peninsula District School Elementary Graduating Class of 2026 (Back row L-R) Tamara Thompson, Autumn Liverance, Ruthie McNair (in front), Maddi Thomson, Avery Sachs, Kyren Shearer, Matthew Gill, Easton Collins, Nate Schenk, Reid West, Paislee Chabot, Jake Craddock (behind), Shea MacAskill, Sam Carey, Gabrielle Jackson, Georgia Myles and Cassandra Schafer. (Front row L-R, kneeling): Izak Lefebvre, Hunter Bender-Tamulynas, Quentin Bernard, Owen Cameron, Sully Mansfield, Ronan Waddle, Tristen Barges and William McGuigan.

The Peninsula SWANS Citizenship Award went to Ronan Waddle.

The Scholastic Award, presented on behalf of the Stokes Bay Community Centre, went to Maddi Thomson. The ETFO Volunteer Award was given to Tamara Thompson and the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association's Environmental Science Award went to Ruthie McNair.

The final award, the General Proficiency Award, went to Avery Sachs.

School Letters, which acknowledge participation and volunteerism, were awarded to Jake Craddock, Reid West, Autumn Liverance and Shea MacAskill. Awards of Merit (which include School Letters) were sponsored by the Myles family in memory of Jason Myles. They were presented to Owen Cameron, Tamara Thompson, Maddi Thomson, Ruthie McNair, Avery Sachs and Georgia Myles.

Ruthie McNair offered a toast to the families.

Valedictorians Avery Sachs and Georgia Myles reminisced about their classmates and their years together.

Melissa Rosenberg brought the ceremony to a close with a toast to the Graduates.

A slideshow was prepared by Sam Carey and Maddi Thomson.

The ceremony was followed by a mix and mingle for students, families, teachers and community members.



Bruce Peninsula Press Photo

Photo L-R: Valedictorians Georgia Myles and Avery Sachs speculated about the future of their Grade 8 classmates.



Bruce Peninsula Press Photo

Photo: Teachers Terri McIver (left) and Ali Mielhausen (right) presented Awards of Merit to (from left): Owen Cameron, Georgia Myles, Avery Sachs, Ruthie McNair, Tamara Thompson and Maddi Thomson.



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Photo: Teachers Terri McIver (left) and Ali Mielhausen (right) presented School Letters to (from left): Jake Craddock, Reid West, Shea MacAskill and Autumn Liverance.

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Lion's Tale Charity Ride Raises \$2,590 For Local Schools Breakfast Programs

Joanne Rodgers,
Bruce Peninsula Press

The Lion's Tail Annual Ride raised \$2,590 which will go towards supporting the School Breakfast program at five local schools. All of the donations are given to the Ontario Student Nutrition Program of Grey-Bruce for distribution to the five schools. Organizer Dan Cassel was pleased with the generosity of the participants.

On June 20 2026, over 60 motorcycles assembled in front of Rachel's Restaurant in Lion's Head. The near perfect weather conditions of sun, not too warm temperatures and low humidity made it a perfect day for a ride along the scenic coastal roads from east to west of the Peninsula, arriving at Sauble Beach mid-afternoon.

Many of the bikers have come year after year to this annual ride, but there were many first time participants, who say they looked forward to exploring the Bruce. Each year Cassel carefully plans the route to include some of the breathtaking sights of the Peninsula.

Those interested in learning more about the annual charity ride can visit <https://www.thelionstail.ca>



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: Bikers lined the street in front of Rachel's Restaurant in Lion's Head, the starting point for the annual Lion's Tail charity ride.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: Bikers Cindy, Dave, Dave, Don, Ed, Evelyn and Violet, some have participated before while others were participating for the first time.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo L-R: Steve and Monica from Kincardine. This was their first time on the ride.



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Photo: Riders depart Rachel's Restaurant in Lion's Head and make their way south down Main Street.


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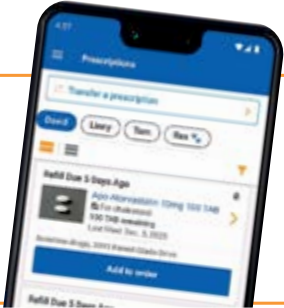
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Local Student's Campaign Delivers Big Impact for Lion's Head Hospital



Photo courtesy of Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation

Photo L-R: April Patry, Executive Director of Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation with local philanthropist Emmett Stewart. Emmett's *Action Plan Project* raised an incredible \$6,888.00 in support of local healthcare.

Submitted by April Patry,
Executive Director,
Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation

Lion's Head, ON — What began as a simple challenge from a local student has grown into an inspiring example of community generosity and support for local healthcare. Emmett Stewart, a student at Bruce Peninsula District School, successfully completed his Action Plan Project campaign in support of Brightshores Lion's Head Hospital, exceeding expectations and bringing the community together in a meaningful way.

Emmett initially set out to raise \$500 by challenging others to match his personal \$20 donation. Thanks to overwhelming support from friends, family, and community members, his campaign quickly gained momentum and far surpassed its original goal—raising an impressive \$3,444. The impact was further amplified by the generous participation of the Mascott Family Foundation, which matched the campaign total, bringing the final fundraising impact to \$6,888 in support of local healthcare.

Reflecting on his experience, Emmett shared: "I want to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to my Action Plan Project. But most importantly, 'thank you' for supporting the Brightshores Lion's Head Hospital! Seeing friends, family and community members come together through my campaign to strengthen local healthcare made me feel very proud. I am also grateful to the Mascott Family Foundation for joining my challenge!"

Funds raised through the campaign will support priority equipment needs at Brightshores Lion's Head Hospital, helping to ensure residents and visitors alike continue to have access to high-quality care close to home.

"Emmett's campaign is a powerful reminder that leadership and philanthropy have no age limit," said April Patry, Executive Director of the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation.

"The enthusiasm he inspired, combined with the generosity of our community and the Mascott Family Foundation, demonstrates how small ideas can grow into something truly impactful. We are incredibly proud of Emmett and grateful to everyone who supported his effort."

The success of this campaign highlights the strength of the Bruce Peninsula community and its ongoing commitment to sustaining local healthcare services. Emmett's initiative not only raised important funds but also inspired a shared sense of pride and connection among those who contributed.

Liverance Family Donates to Food Bank Summer Munchies Program

Submitted by Lion's Head
& District Food Bank

Kids these days! Jocelyn Liverance, mom to Emma and Layton, has a good reason to smile! This is the second year that her kids have set up a lemonade

stand and donated the proceeds to a charity of their choice. Last year Emma and Layton donated their profits to the animal shelter and this year they chose the Lion's Head and District Food Bank.

Continued on page B3



Photo courtesy of Lion's Head and District Food Bank

Photo L-R: Emma and Layton Liverance with their haul of kid friendly snacks in support of the Lion's Head Food Bank's Summer Munchies Program. The snacks were purchased from funds raised by the Liverance children at a recent lemonade stand. Way to go Emma and Layton!

Why Is This Week's Paper In Two Sections?

Marianne Wood,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Why is this week's paper in two sections? We get asked this every time it happens.

The Bruce Peninsula Press is printed overnight at Huron Web Printing in Wyoming, Ontario. Once our pages are finished at our office here in Tobermory, we upload the files electronically so the paper can be printed overnight and delivered the next morning.

Our goal is to keep the paper to 32 pages or less in a single section – that's the maximum number of pages the press can print in one section. When

we have more news, photos, community events and advertising than will fit into 32 pages, the paper has to be printed in two sections.

Printing two sections isn't our first choice – it means one section has to be completed and sent to the printer earlier than usual, making for a very busy newsroom. But when there's simply too much happening to fit into one section, we'd rather bring you all the local news than leave stories behind.

So, if you find two sections tucked inside your newspaper this week, it's simply because there was too much good community news to fit into one!

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Bear Tracks Supports Local Students on Super Happy Fun Day

Marianne Wood,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Bear Tracks Inn & Restaurant was proud to support our local elementary students during this year's Super Happy Fun Day by donating jumbo freezies for every elementary student at Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) to enjoy. It was a wonderful way to help celebrate the day and bring a smile to students as they took part in the festivities.

In addition to the cool treat, Bear Tracks was pleased to present a cheque for \$3,003.00 in support of the school's 2026-27 Breakfast Program. This contribution will help ensure students have access to nutritious breakfast items throughout the school year, giving them the best possible start to each day.

Bear Tracks is proud to support our local students and is always happy to give back to programs that make a difference in our school community.



Photo credit: Bear Tracks Inn & Restaurant

Photo: Jeff Mielhausen (right) from Bear Tracks Inn & Restaurant delivers several cases of freezies to elementary students at BPDS. What a "cool" treat!



Photo credit: Bear Tracks Inn & Restaurant

Photo L-R: Jeff Mielhausen from Bear Tracks Inn & Restaurant presents a donation of \$3,003.00 to teacher Ashley Earle. The funds will help support the 2026-27 Breakfast Program at BPDS.

Growing Lion's Head Soccer Program Scores Big for Kids and Schools

Submitted by Anna Martens

June 22nd marked the end of the Lion's Head Soccer program for this year. This was the fourth year the program has run, and each year it is growing.

Kids in grades JK-5 participate in skills and drills for one hour at Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) sports field. The registration fees this year were used as a fundraiser to support BPDS and St. Edmunds Public School supplies.

The program donated sports equipment to both schools, giving students the opportunity to stay active throughout the year. From basketballs, agility cones, and soccer balls to sand buckets and shovels, these new supplies will support play, physical activity, and learning for local students.

I am sure participating players and families would agree in saying a huge

thank you to our wonderful high school helpers this year. This is the most we've ever had, and they showed up each week with an eagerness to help and smiles for kids.

Thank you to the fantastic coaches, Kristen, Elijah, Sacha, Basha, Michal, Lincoln and Adam.

Big shout out to the parents for getting their kids back to the school field, or down the peninsula from Tobermory for a 6pm soccer practise on a Monday. That is no easy task!

And lastly, the biggest thank you, to the 68 amazing players we had this year. Everyone improved each week in their dribbling skills, throw ins, strikes, passing and especially their sportsmanship.

Next year our program will begin May 3rd and go through to June 28th.

Enjoy your summer. Stay active.



Photo credit: Anna Martens

Photo: Volunteers and participants on the final day of the 2026 Lion's Head Soccer program. Next year the program will begin May 3rd and go through to June 28th.

SUMMER IN THE SPIRIT 2026

BUILDING COMMUNITY, HONOURING THE SACREDNESS OF PLACE & CELEBRATING SPIRIT - WEDNESDAYS - JULY 22nd TO SEPTEMBER 2nd

July 22nd - Sacred Fire - 3p.m. - 9p.m. (come and go as you wish)

Johnny Keeshig & April Jones, Nawash 3 Fires, Saugeen Ojibway Nation
Fire lighting, tobacco offerings, water teachings, stories; 6p.m. - Potluck Community Feast, prayers and land offering. **St. Edmund's, The Gap (end Hwy 6) ... Bring a lawn chair**

July 29th - Songs of the Canadian Spirit - 7p.m.

Blue Sky Day - Brian Taylor, Arnie Crittenden & Friends
Building solidarity and strength in our own Canadian music! Sing along to familiar favourites!
@Tobermory Legion, 37 Legion Street

August 5th - Spirit of the Forest - 7p.m. - 8.30p.m.

Sheryl Spencer leads a gentle walk along a forest path.
Meet @ 7 p.m., **Parks Canada Visitors' Centre**. (Park fees waived.)

August 12th - 4th Annual Brews & Hymns - 7p.m.

Hymns we love to sing, in an unexpected setting. Over a cup of tea or a beer, we raise the roof with favourite old hymns. **@ Tobermory Legion, 37 Legion Street**

August 19th - Fireside Conversation about Things that Matter - 7p.m.

Introduced by Graham Bland. Public dialogue is uncommon, conversations are often polarized. Listening is a rare art. This fire is designed to be a safe space for us to speak and listen together about what's on our minds and hearts. **@ St. Edmund's, The Gap ... Bring a lawn chair**

August 26th - Music on the Bruce - 7p.m.

A rare opportunity for classical music at the tip of the Peninsula. Works by Beethoven, Frank Horvat and Maurice Ravel. **Sarah Pratt-Parsamian**, violin; **Shane Kim**, violin; **Caitlin Boyle**, viola; **Rachel Desoer**, cello. **@ Tobermory United Church**

September 2nd - "The Last Sweet Bite" of Summer! - 6p.m.

Naomi Nwanyioma Abiola, Trinidadian - Canadian spoken word poet, performing arts teacher
Potluck Meal & Poetry - Naomi will offer her poetry. We are invited to bring poetry to share (our own or favourites from other writers). *Donations to Performing Arts Camp in Wiarton*
Bring your favourite dish! @Tobermory United Church

Summer in the Spirit is a joint initiative between St. Edmund's Anglican (38 Big Tub Road) and Tobermory United (5 Brock Street) Churches. For more information call Graham Bland 519-379-7992, or go to <https://www.tobermoryunited.ca/>
Donations from events go towards the costs of the series.

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Liverance Kids Donation
Continued from page B1

The Liverance children came into the food bank with \$250 because they wanted to make sure other kids and their families had enough food to eat.

I had fun taking them for a private tour around our little food bank that's currently housed, with gratitude, in the basement of the Country Church on Hwy 6. They had a lot of questions filled with curiosity and compassion.

I asked the kids how they would like to use their money to help the food bank. Knowing that we are offering a summer munchies program, the kids decided to go shopping with mom for kid friendly nutritious snacks and what a shopping spree they had! The Liverance family came back with bags of great snacks kids will love.

Thank you for raising compassionate children in a world with so much uncertainty.

Coast Guard Rescue Team Arrives 6 Minutes After MAYDAY Call on *16



Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Tobermory Coast Guard Search and Rescue (SAR) personnel prepare to tow an overturned Sea-Doo back to Tobermory boat launch. The Tobermory SAR Fast Rescue Craft arrived at the scene six minutes after a MAYDAY was called in from a cell phone using *16.



Tobermory Coast Guard photo
Photo: The crew of the Tobermory Coast Guard Search and Rescue Station. From left: Leading Seaman Ryan Stemmler, Commanding Officer Zach McColman, Engineer Darryl van Dinther and Leading Seaman Doug McKenna.

John Francis,
Bruce Peninsula Press

On Thursday, July 9, just after sunset, a Sea-Doo with two people aboard capsized in Tobermory's outer harbour. Someone called *16 on their cell phone and reported it as a MAYDAY. *16 connects you instantly with Coast Guard Marine Communications Traffic Services (MCTS) in Sarnia. MCTS passed on the MAYDAY to the Search and Rescue (SAR) station in Tobermory. Tobermory SAR's Fast Rescue Craft (FRC) left the dock within seconds and made the short trip to the outer harbour.

The elapsed time from the MAYDAY call to the arrival on scene was six minutes.

Tobermory Coast Guard were pleased with the outcome. The people were wearing life jackets; they stayed by their overturned vessel, which made them easy to find. There was no fuel spill. The Coast Guard were able to tow the Sea-Doo to the boat launch, where it was loaded onto a trailer.

Coast Guard Captain Zach McColman is enthusiastic about the *16 utility. "Dial *16 on any cell phone and it

connects you directly to the MCTS. It's the best way to report a marine emergency".

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Summer in the Spirit Commences July 22 With Sacred Fire

Submitted by Rev. Sheryl Spencer

Summer in the Spirit, a joint initiative of Tobermory United and St. Edmund's Anglican churches, that aims to build community, honour the sacredness of place and celebrate Spirit, begins July 22 with a Sacred Fire between 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. on the grounds of St. Edmund's church, 33 Big Tub Road.

The Sacred Fire will be led by Johnny Keeshig and April Jones of Nawash Three Fires, who will offer teachings, ceremony, water and land offerings.

This is a come-and-go gathering, and all are welcome to drop by or stay for the whole event. A community potluck feast will be held at 6:00 p.m. Please bring some food to share and a lawn chair.

Other events continue throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings. Please consult the Tobermory United Church website for details www.tobermoryunited.ca

Summer Chicken BBQ August 11

Tobermory United Church's Annual Summer Chicken BBQ will happen on August 1! Tickets are \$26.00 and include a half-chicken dinner, baked potato, sour cream, coleslaw and dessert. Dinners are picked up in a drive-through fashion at

Tobermory United and are also delivered to a central location in Lion's Head. To order tickets, please call 519-596-2227 or e-mail tucbbqtickets@outlook.com. For Lion's Head dinners, please call 519-793-3119. This event often sells out, so it's best to order tickets in advance!

Tobermory United Church would like to thank the first responders, local businesses, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula, Bruce County staff and all others who have been assisting the residents of the Brad Davis Senior Apartments during and after the fire there on June 23. It is a testament to this community that all residents got out safely and are housed temporarily while restoration work occurs.

A fund will be established through the Tobermory Meeting Place to assist residents with extra expenses as they move back into their homes. Details will be made available soon.



Photo courtesy of Rev. Sheryl Spencer
Photo: A past Summer in the Spirit Sacred Fire, with teachings by Nawash Three Fires.

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Lion’s Head’s Makenzy Williamson Releases Debut Album *Had My Fill*

Media Release

LIONS HEAD, ONTARIO — Local singer-songwriter Makenzy Williamson is set to release her debut full-length album, *Had My Fill*, on July 16th, marking a major milestone in a musical journey that began right here on the Bruce Peninsula.

Born and raised in Lion’s Head and a graduate of Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS), Makenzy has been performing professionally since the age of 12 and writing songs since early childhood. Now 22, she is preparing to share her most personal and ambitious project to date: a 12-track rock album that explores the highs and lows of her life over the past decade.

Had My Fill blends powerful vocals, piano-driven melodies, gritty guitars and rock influences to tell stories of resilience, personal growth, and the challenges of pursuing a career in music. The album reflects many of the experiences that have shaped both Makenzy’s life, and those around her.

Recorded locally in Springmount, Ontario, *Had My Fill* showcases Makenzy’s evolution as both a songwriter and performer. The album features a collection of songs written over several years, with tracks such as, *Never*, having been written at the mere age of 14.

To celebrate the release, Makenzy will perform the album live in its entirety at her album release show on July



Photo courtesy of Makenzy Williamson

Photo: Album cover for *Had My Fill* – available on all major streaming platforms beginning July 16th, 2026.

16th at The Painted Lady in Toronto. The performance will also feature opening act Burness, a female-fronted alternative rock band performing both original music and fan-favourite covers.

“These songs tell the story of some of the most impactful moments of my life,” says Makenzy. “This album has been years in the making, and I’m excited to finally share it with everyone.”

Had My Fill will be available on all major streaming platforms beginning July 16th, 2026.

Erica Thompson Receives the 2026 THSA Scholarship for Health Care Studies

Submitted by Wendy Caron

The Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary (THSA) extends its sincerest congratulations to Erica Thompson, this year’s recipient of the THSA Scholarship for Health Care Studies. Erica was presented with a \$2,000 cheque by Patty Kelly, Chair of the THSA Scholarship Committee at the Bruce Peninsula Secondary School Graduation Ceremony on June 25, 2026. Erica has been accepted into the Practical Nursing program at Georgian College’s Owen Sound Campus.

Erica was selected as the recipient of this year’s scholarship based on an outstanding application that demonstrated her commitment to a career in health care and her strong record of achievement. Through her high school experiences, volunteer work, employment, and community involvement, Erica has developed

many of the qualities essential to a successful nursing career, including empathy, resilience, teamwork, strong communication skills, and the ability to remain calm under pressure.

Erica hopes to use her education and experience to give back to the community that has supported her throughout her life. She also hopes to inspire younger students who are interested in health care careers by demonstrating that it is possible to pursue their professional goals while remaining connected to—and giving back to—their hometown community.

The Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary is proud to support Erica’s educational journey and wishes her every success in her studies and future career. We look forward to seeing the positive impact she will make in the health care profession.



Photo courtesy of THSA

Photo L-R: Patty Kelly, Chair of the THSA Scholarship Committee with this year’s recipient Erica Thompson.

BPDS Outers Raise \$3,000 at Community Lasagna Dinner

Submitted by Ashley Myles

On June 17, the BPDS (Bruce Peninsula District School) Outers hosted a successful Lasagna Dinner at the school. A huge thank you goes to the Peninsula SWANS, who prepared and donated all of the lasagnas for the evening. Their generosity, experience, and expertise in serving large groups helped make the event a tremendous success.

Thanks to the support of the many community members who attended, whether dining in or taking advantage of takeout, the BPDS Outers were able to raise an impressive \$3,000.

Entering into the program’s 58th year, the BPDS Outers program continues to provide incredible outdoor learning experiences for local students. Funds

raised from this event will help support the program’s 2026–2027 adventures, including the annual 3-day/2-night Fall Hike from Crane Lake to Little Cove, the 3-day/2-night Winter Camp, where students hope for snowy conditions to build quinzees, and the 8-day/7-night Algonquin Canoe Trip in the spring.

We are grateful for the continued support of our community and look forward to seeing this outstanding program continue to challenge and benefit Peninsula students for many years to come. Through these experiences, students develop resilience, mental toughness, confidence, and grit, while creating lifelong memories with their peers in the outdoors.

Here’s to another 60 years of adventure!



Photo courtesy of Ashley Myles

Photo: Bruce Peninsula District School Outers with teacher Ashley Myles and Peninsula SWANS volunteers Cathy McLay, Roberta Mielhausen and Charlene Scharlach at the June 17th Lasagna Dinner fundraiser.

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Friends of the Lion's Head Library Prepare For Used Book Sale August 8th



Photo credit: Friends of the Lion's Head Library
Photo L-R: Friends of the Lion's Head Library volunteers Lynn Allen, Carolyn Prieur, Donna Hambleton, Leesa Couper, Kelly Burgess, Sue Avis, Shelley Sweazey and Shelly Annett showcase a few of the books ready for sale at the annual **Used Book Sale** on August 8th.

Submitted by
Donna Hambleton,
Chair, Friends of
the Lion's Head
Library

Several members of the Friends of the Lion's Head Library are keeping busy organizing books for the upcoming **Used Book Sale** on Saturday, August 8 at the Lion's Head arena. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Donations of used books, placed in boxes marked Friends, can be left inside the front doors of the Lion's Head arena until Friday, August 7. Please: No text books, damaged books or magazines.

Please help Friends raise funds to assist with programs, resources, guest speakers and books for the Lion's Head Library and the purchase of furniture and fixtures for the anticipated new library.



Photo credit: Friends of the Lion's Head Library
Photo L-R: Shelley Sweazey and Donna Hambleton, Friends of the Lion's Head Library volunteers, prepare a costume for the Lion's Head Parade held Saturday, July 4.

100th Anniversary Celebration at Tobermory Legion July 17

Submitted by Kathryn Hauck,
Poppy Chair

Hello July! The weather has been beautiful and Tobermory is in full swing!

July 17th we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion! A celebration will be held at the Tobermory Legion Branch 290 starting at 3:00pm. Come and celebrate 100 years of an excellent organization

BBQs are scheduled for August 29 and September 12, after the meat draw, which starts at 4:00pm. You can get a burger and a bag of chips for \$15.00.

Join the fun with DJ Maxx starting at 9:30pm to 1:00am (last call is 12:30am). Happening on July 24 (Country and Western Night), August 1, August 8, August 22 (Summerween – come in your costumes) and September 5. Come on out and dance like no one is watching! There is a \$10.00 cover charge.

Darts is 7:00pm on Thursdays, Meat Draws are Saturday at 4:00pm. Ladies Auxiliary Bingo is at the Tobermory Community Centre on Wednesdays. Doors open at 6:30pm with a start time

of 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Legion is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 3:00pm.

Remembering Thomas Andrew HOPKINS

From the Legion Ontario Command Military Service Recognition Book - Thomas Andrew HOPKINS was born in Tobermory on February 17, 1887. He worked as a Fireman on two steamers before joining the Army. On December 29, 1915, he enlisted in the Army and served with the 160th Bruce Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, Canadian Machine Gun Corps in Canada, England and Europe during WW1.

He was discharged on January 3, 1919 and went to work in fishing and lumbering. He also worked on a guide boat. Thomas was the Lightkeeper at Big Tub Lighthouse from 1928 until it closed in 1952. He was a charter member of the Tobermory Legion Branch 290.

Thomas passed away on January 9, 1963. Unfortunately, there is no picture of Thomas to accompany this bio.

~ We Will Remember Them ~

Bruce Peninsula Environment Group Visits Persephone Market Garden

Submitted by Joanne Rodgers

Kristine Hammell, Thorsten Arnold and family welcomed Bruce Peninsula Environment Group's (BPEG) members to the Persephone Market Garden 100 acre property near Allenford, ON on 17 June 2026.

Kristine and Thorsten are strong advocates for ecological agriculture, conservation and biodiversity. They have been operating their market garden for 17 years, employing various practices to minimize negative environmental impacts, promote soil health and biodiversity.

They showed BPEG members the various techniques used to manage soil health such as no till, mulch and cover crops. They discussed their challenges and successes over the years, and their best practices. The evening proved to be very educational and thought provoking as to the role and responsibility of small scale agriculture in providing healthy and quality produce to local communities.

The farm is operated as a Community Supported Agriculture venture (CSA), with a pickup location at Sylvia Street

in Lion's Head. The farm also produces seeds for sale to seed companies.

For more information, please visit their website www.persephonemarketgarden.ca



Photo credit: BPEG
Photo: Kristine Hammell welcomes BPEG members to the Persephone Market Garden 100 acre property near Allenford, ON.

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Rotary Presents Scholarships to Graduates of BPDS

Submitted by Rob Hiscott

The graduation ceremony for Grade 12 graduates of Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) was held at the School on Thursday, June 25th. Members of the Rotary Scholarships Committee (Gwen Bestard, Doug Embleton, and your Rotary reporter Rob Hiscott) attended to celebrate with the graduating class and to present four Rotary scholarships/award valued at \$1,500 each to support BPDS graduates pursue post-secondary studies.

Your local Rotary Club has supported graduates of BPDS in their pursuit of post-secondary studies through scholarships and awards since 1972, over half a century!

This year, the 'Highest Academic Proficiency' Scholarship (going to the graduating student with the highest Grade 12 average) went to Bronwyn Stanton who will enter the Social Sciences/Sociology program at Western University in Fall 2026.

The Bob Spearing 'Service Above Self' Scholarship (going to a student whose community volunteer and extra-curricular activities best exemplify our Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self') was presented to Carly Burbridge who will enter the program in Environmental Sciences at University of Calgary this coming fall.

The Keith Hopkinson Memorial Scholarship (going to a graduate proceeding into a post-secondary program in a medical, health or related field) was presented to Erica Thompson who will pursue the Registered Practical Nurse program at Georgian College beginning this fall.

The Mary Cameron Award for 'Most Improved Student' (going to the graduating student who has shown the most improvement over the course of their high school studies) was presented to Ellie Robbins – Ellie will enter the Social Sciences/Psychology program at University of Toronto after completing a year experience as a Rotary Exchange Student in Belgium.

Congratulations to all graduates in the 'Class of 2026' of Bruce Peninsula District High School! More photos from the BPDS Graduation Ceremony can be found on our Club website at www.rotarynbp.org/photoalbums/rotary-scholarships-2026

The second of four community Pancake Breakfasts was held at the Rotary Hall on the morning of Sunday, July 5th with 120 customers being served. Rotarians and Friends of Rotary prepared the breakfast ingredients



Photo credit: John Francis, Bruce Peninsula Press.

Photo L-R: Rotarians Rob Hiscott & Gwen Bestard, Rotary Scholarship recipients Carly Burbridge (Bob Spearing 'Service Above Self' Scholarship), Bronwyn Stanton (Highest Academic Proficiency Scholarship), Erica Thompson (Keith Hopkinson Memorial Scholarship) and Ellie Robbins (Mary Cameron Award for 'Most Improved Student'), and Rotarian Doug Embleton.

(mixing and grilling pancakes and scrambled eggs, grilling seasoned hash browns and pork sausages) at the lower level of the Hall, while our servers dished out delicious breakfasts for customers in the Main Hall.

Rotary thanks our individual and corporate sponsors who generously donate product and money to help defray our costs of putting on these breakfast events, allowing us to return more of the proceeds back to the community of Northern Bruce Peninsula!

We hope to see you at our next Pancake Breakfast at Rotary Hall! More photos from this most recent Pancake Breakfast can be found at www.rotarynbp.org/photoalbums/pancake-breakfast-july-5-2026

Our third Rotary community Pancake Breakfast will be held during the August

Civic Holiday weekend, on Sunday, August 2nd, at Rotary Hall (59 Main Street, Lion's Head). Come check out the newly-renovated Rotary Hall with a finished street-side patio with bistro chairs and tables for dining outside (along with picnic tables on the adjacent lot).

If you prefer to eat your breakfast inside, tables and chairs are set up in the now fully air-conditioned Main Hall! We hope you can come join us for a delicious breakfast of buttermilk & vanilla pancakes with real maple syrup, scrambled eggs, pork sausages, seasoned hash browns, orange juice and coffee/tea, served by Rotarians and Friends of Rotary.

We're proud to serve an 'environmentally-friendly' pancake breakfast with minimal waste! Hope to see you there!

Once again, Rotarians will team up with members of the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club for another 'Butt Blitz' event on the morning of Friday, July 17th at 10 AM starting out at Lion's Head Beach. Please join us that morning to help clean up cigarette butts and other debris along the Beach and proximate sections of the Bruce Trail! Help keep the Bruce clean and beautiful!

And finally, Friday Pub Nights at the Rotary Hall will continue on Friday, July 17th and 31st from 7:00 PM until late in the evening. In addition to a wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages a variety of snacks are available at Rotary Pub Nights. Please join us for fun Friday Pub Nights at the Rotary Hall!



Photo credit: Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Rotarian Rob Hiscott 'crackin' the eggs', mixing up scrambled eggs which were then grilled by long-time Friend of Rotary Dr. Dave Thomson at Rotary Hall, July 5, 2026.



Photo credit: Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Photo: Our street-side patio at Rotary Hall was open with bistro tables and chairs for customers at our Pancake Breakfast held July 5, 2026. Additional seating was available both inside the now fully air-conditioned Rotary Hall, and outside at picnic tables set up on the adjacent property.



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Rotarians and Friends of Rotary on the serving line, serving customers delicious pancake breakfasts at Rotary Hall, July 5, 2026.

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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Minutes June 8, 2026

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

Staff Present: Peggy Van Mierlo-West, Chief Administrative Officer, Alexandra Croce, Clerk, Troy Cameron, Public Works Manager, Emily McDougall, Chief Building Official, Deputy Clerk, Cally Mann

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

Mayor McIver called the meeting to order at 1:08 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

#14-01-2026

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. 26-13, May 25 2026

#14-02-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That the minutes of Council Meeting No. 26-13 May 25, 2026 be approved.

Carried

4. Delegations – Nil

5. Consideration of Agenda Items

Office of the CAO

a. CA026-04 Cabot Head Road - Public Engagement and Request for Direction

Council discussed options for hiking and biking trails, varying levels of vehicular access, approaches to controlled or authorized access, staffing requirements for maintenance and enforcement, cellular service availability, signage, parking access, resource needs, and accessibility considerations.

Council discussed considerations for the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory access.

Council requested that a comprehensive cost analysis be prepared for all options under consideration, including trail development and road improvements required to support vehicular access.

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

Main Motion

That Council receives report CAO26-04 Cabot Head Road – Public Engagement Results and Request for Direction; and

That Council receives the Cabot Head Road Proposed Operational Plan - Public Project Final Report prepared by Clerks on Call dated May 1, 2026; and

That Council provide direction to staff on the preferred operational approach for Cabot Head Road, including the level and type of public access, the approach to controlled or authorized access, enforcement expectations and resourcing, and the consideration of accessibility requirements.

Superseded

#14-03-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

Motion to Amend

That the motion be amended so that paragraph 3 reads “That Council directs staff to bring back a report with further information regarding cost implications for road standards, legal implications regarding ownership, and proposed options for public access.”

Carried

#14-04-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

Main Motion as Amended

That Council receives report CAO26-04 Cabot Head Road – Public Engagement Results and Request for Direction; and

That Council receives the Cabot Head Road Proposed Operational Plan - Public Project Final Report prepared by Clerks on Call dated May 1, 2026; and

That Council directs staff to bring back a report with further information regarding cost implications for road standards, legal implications regarding ownership, and proposed options for public access.

Carried - As Amended

Clerk’s Department

a. C26-16 Fees and Charges Updates

Council asked about the public meeting requirements for changes to fees regarding the arena.

#14-05-2026

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

That Council receives report C26-16 Fees and Charges Update for information; and

That Council directs staff to hold a public meeting on June 22, 2026 regarding proposed updates to the building fees and to subsequently bring forward a by-law to establish updated fees and charges for the Municipality on July 13, 2026.

Carried

b. C26-17 - Eastnor Cemetery - Additional Marker Request

#14-06-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council receives report C26-17 – Eastnor Cemetery – Additional Marker Request for information; and

That Council approves the request for one (1) additional marker for plot 386 in Eastnor Cemetery as requested.

Carried

c. MLE026-12 Appointment By-law Update – MLEO Officers

#14-07-2026

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

That Council receive Report MLEO 2026-12 Appointment By-law Update – MLEO Officers for information; and

That Council directs staff to bring forward an updated by-law to appoint Municipal Support Services as contract Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers.

Carried

Treasury

a. TR26-09 By-law Allocation of Revenue and Expense

#14-08-2026

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

That Council receives report TR26-09 2025 By-law Allocation of Revenue and Expense for information.

Carried

b. TR26-10 Municipal Accommodation Tax Report

#14-09-2026

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

That Council receives report TR26-10 2025 Municipal Accommodation Tax for information.

Carried

c. TR26-11 Short-Term Accommodation Licencing

#14-10-2026

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

That Council receives report TR26-11 2025 Short-Term Accommodation Licencing for information.

Carried

Public Works Department

a. PW26-17 2025 Annual Performance Report for the Tobermory Sewage Treatment System

#14-11-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives report PW26-17 2025 Annual Performance Report for the Tobermory Sewage Treatment System for information; and

That Council directs staff to place a notice in the Bruce Peninsula Press indicating the Annual Report is available for viewing on the Municipal Website.

Carried

6. Committee Minutes

a. Cemetery Committee

b. Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board

Council inquired about Highway 6 patrolling, specifically regarding construction zones.

7. Correspondence - for Information

a. Friends of the Lion’s Head Library,

b. Ministry of the Attorney General, Follow-up to Updates to “Tailgate Event” Permits, 2026

c. Grey Bruce Public Health, Grey Bruce Drug Toxicity Response Plan, 2026

d. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Protecting Ontario’s Streets and Communities Act, 2026

#14-12-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council directs staff to submit comments in support of the proposed Protecting Ontario’s Streets and Communities Act.

Carried

e. Orange Bicycle B&B, Bed and Breakfast Licensing Program Request, 2026

#14-13-2026

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

That Council directs staff to bring forward a report to review the request.

Carried

8. Other Business

a. Councillor Dowd brought forward a resident request regarding backyard hens in residential neighbourhoods and Council referred the request to staff for review.

9. Closed Session

#14-14-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council move into a closed meeting with the CAO and Clerk in attendance pursuant to Section 239 (2) of The Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reasons:

1. a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board specifically related to the Arena Project.

Carried

Reporting Out

Mayor McIver reported out that Council met in closed session with the CAO and Clerk in attendance regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board specifically related to the Arena Project. Council approved the closed session minutes from May 25, 2026 and direction was given to the CAO.

10. Reading of By-laws

a. BY-LAW 2026-47- Being A By-Law to amend by-law 2002-54, as amended (being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula) regarding 123 Hardwick Cove Road, in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

b. BY-LAW 2026-48 - Being A By-Law to amend by-law 2002-54, as amended (being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula) regarding EASTNOR CON 4 WBR PT LOT F;RP 3R5641 PT PART 1 PARTS 3; AND 5 in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

c. BY-LAW 2026-49 - Being a By-law to Appoint Municipal Support Services As Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

d. BY-LAW 2026-50- Being A By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on June 8, 2026.

#14-15-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That the listed by-laws be given a first, second, and third reading, and enacted.

Carried

11. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn

#14-16-2026

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

That the meeting adjourns at 2:30 p.m.

Carried

Original signed by Mayor, Milt McIver and Clerk, Alexandra Croce

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Climate Comment for June 2026

Another Near-Normal Month That Didn't Feel Like It!

Submitted by Bill Caulfeild-Browne

The mean temperature for June was 15.6C, about one degree above normal. Means however can be deceiving as they mix the “too cold” with the “too hot”. The month started out cool with the mercury as low as 5.8C but recovered in the second week to give us highs in the twenties - the 9th saw 25.1C.

The third week saw cool days again with some highs barely making the teens. The 18th only reached 13.9C which is quite cold for mid-June. The last week gradually warmed up and the hottest day occurred on the 30th at 28.6C. If it were not for the last few days the month would have been below normal.

Rainfall was 87mm which is higher than the norm of 68mm. Most of it fell in three deluges - 29mm (over one inch) on

the 6th, 18mm on the 18th and 11mm on the 25th.

Winds were predominantly from the south and the west-northwest, normal for June. Our highest wind was 47 km/hr on the 12th. What was not normal was the stillness on the 28th when the average wind speed was less than one kilometre per hour! No wonder it felt so muggy.

Our weather was pretty representative of the Province as a whole with the north a bit warmer and the south a bit cooler. The rain storm that reached us on the 18th caused extensive flooding in Toronto along with multiple traffic accidents.

The outlook for July is for warmer than usual weather, which is true for the first few days!

Grey Bruce OPP Seeking Witnesses Following Serious Cycling Accident In Georgian Bluffs

Media Release

(GEORGIAN BLUFFS, ON) - The Grey Bruce Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a serious cycling accident that occurred on Grey Road 1 near the Regional Airport in the Township of Georgian Bluffs.

On July 6, 2026, at approximately 11:36 a.m., members of the Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to Grey Road 1 near the Regional Airport in the Township of Georgian Bluffs after Grey County Paramedic Services were dispatched for a report of an injured cyclist.

Upon arrival, emergency responders located a 62-year-old resident of Georgian Bluffs near a bicycle. The individual sustained serious, life-threatening injuries and was transported to a local hospital before being airlifted by Ornge Air Ambulance to a trauma centre for further treatment.

Members of the OPP West Region

Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement (TIME) Team attended the scene and are assisting with the ongoing investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Grey Road 1 was closed at Winter Street for several hours and reopened at approximately 3:08 a.m. on July 7, 2026.

The investigation remains ongoing, and the circumstances surrounding the accident are still being determined.

Grey Bruce OPP is asking anyone who witnessed the incident, or who may have dash camera, security camera, or doorbell camera footage from the area around the time of the occurrence, to contact police at 1-888-310-1122.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or leave an anonymous online tip at ontariocrimestoppers.ca where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000. Reference: E260954725.

Ontario Investing Over \$10 Million to Support Hospital Operations in Bruce and Grey Counties

Media Release

As part of a \$1.1 billion investment to support operational improvements and ensure Ontarians can continue to access high-quality hospital care in their community

BRUCE-GREY — The Ontario government is investing a total of \$10,210,000 to support improved operations and reduced wait times for hospitals within South Bruce Grey Health Centre, Brightshores Health System, and Hanover and District Hospital. This funding is part of a \$1.1 billion investment into our hospital sector as part of Budget 2026, A Plan to Protect Ontario, which represents a 4 per cent increase in annual support for the fourth year in a row.

“This investment reflects our commitment to supporting local healthcare and recognizing the vital role our hospitals play in the community,” said Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Paul Vickers. “It’s also a recognition of the dedicated hospital staff who work hard to ensure every funding dollar is directed towards improving healthcare close to home while continuing to provide exceptional care and service.”

Brightshores Health System will receive \$7,263,100 in funding.

This investment will support the operations of South Bruce Grey Health Centre, Brightshores Health System, and Hanover and District Hospital’s core clinical services so they can better meet patient needs. This includes funding to help keep their emergency department open, support inflationary or other wage pressures, and reduce wait times for diagnostic imaging and surgical procedures, including MRI, CT, cardiac,

stroke, neuroservices, orthopedics and cataracts, so that people can connect to care faster.

Ontario continues to make historic investments in health care. Over the next 10 years, Ontario is investing approximately \$64 billion in major health infrastructure. This is part of the government’s plan to get shovels in the ground on more than 50 major hospital projects across the province, which will deliver approximately 3,000 new hospital beds to enhance access to quality care and build a connected, people-first health-care system.

Through *Your Health: A Plan For Connected and Convenient Care*, the Ontario government is expanding access to key services to provide people with the right care, in the right place, close to home.

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56th Annual Bruce Peninsula Art Show Civic Holiday Weekend in Lion's Head

Joanne Rodgers,
Bruce Peninsula Press

One of the largest displays of regional art will be showcased at the 56th Annual Bruce Peninsula Art Show to be held from 31 July to 3 August 2026 at Bruce Peninsula District School in Lion’s Head. The Art Show has garnered the reputation for offering high quality art and patrons can find something to suit every budget and size requirement.

Many artists, who are either permanent or seasonal residents in Grey or Bruce County, participate year after year at the Art Show. The show attracts visits from many local residents and from the neighbouring urban districts.

With two galleries of art, there is lots to savor. Gallery 1, located in the school auditorium, will host 49 artists displaying original works of art, photography, paintings and fabric artworks. Gallery 2, located in the room across the hallway, will showcase the works of 26 artists through reproduction prints, cards, jewelry, woodworking and pottery.

New this year is a special exhibit “Artful Echoes” by the Bruce Peninsula Society of Artists. Participating artists will draw inspiration for their submission from a series of three photographs taken by Brenda Kerton. Art patrons will be able to nominate their favorite artwork for the “People’s Choice Award”.

The cost of artist participation is very economical, making it an attractive opportunity for local and regional artists. Interested artists can contact organizers at the thebpartshow@gmail.com

Completely volunteer-run, a committee of six members plan and execute this amazing event, along with the help of 20 volunteers that support the Art Show over the duration of the Civic Holiday weekend. Anyone wishing to volunteer to this event can contact the organizers at thebpartshow@gmail.com

Members of the local fire service donate their time to assist in the set-up and dismantling of the display boards in the main gallery.

The Art Show, which is a registered non-profit organization, offers bursaries to graduating high school students of the Bluewater District School Board. Eligible students are recommended by their art teachers. Those nominated must demonstrate a high level of talent in their work and plan to pursue post secondary studies in Fine Arts. A percentage of proceeds from the sale of art works and donations go towards funding the Bursaries. This year’s recipient is Daniella Connolly.

The Art Show also funds an Endowment Fund at Georgian College to support students in the Fine Arts Program.

Admission is free, donations will be accepted for the Bursary Fund.

The Art Show Opening Night takes place on 31 July from 7 p.m to 9 p.m. It will continue on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (1st, 2nd and 3th of August) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The show is located at Bruce Peninsula District School, 5 Moore St, Lion’s Head. For more information visit <https://brucepeninsulaart.ca/art-show/>

Windows of WiARTon Invites Community To Downtown Art Exhibition

Media Release

WIARTON, ON – June 2026 – Residents and visitors are invited to celebrate the artists behind Windows of wiARTon (W.o.W), a unique outdoor art exhibition transforming downtown Wiarton into a walkable gallery experience.

Running from June 26 through October 12, 2026, Windows of wiARTon features five original installations by local and regional artists displayed in storefront windows along Berford Street. The exhibition brings art into the heart of the community, encouraging visitors to explore downtown while discovering creativity in unexpected places.

Featured artists and installation locations include:

- Meghan Fitzsimmons – Chestnut Park Real Estate, 551 Berford Street
- Chris Malleck – DeJong Acres Farm Shop, 571 Berford Street
- Natalie Vanderzand – The Bookstore, 572 Berford Street
- Christian Bernard Singer – MiddleBro’ & Stevens LLP, 647 Berford Street

• Candace Louise – Team Lisk, 658 Berford Street

Windows of wiARTon showcases the incredible talent of artists while creating new opportunities for people to engage with our downtown businesses and public spaces. This reception is an opportunity to celebrate the artists, thank our community partners, and invite everyone to experience downtown Wiarton through a creative new lens.

The exhibition represents a collaborative effort between local artists, businesses, community organizations, and sponsors committed to supporting arts and culture in downtown Wiarton.

Windows of wiARTon is proudly supported by the Wiarton District Chamber of Commerce, the Wiarton BIA, Bruce County, LakeHouse Bath + Kitchen, MiddleBro’ & Stevens LLP, Chestnut Park Real Estate Brokerage, Team Lisk, Home by Design, Katie Young Realtor, and Wiarton Home Hardware.

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Red Schoolhouse Gallery Artist Spotlight: Lin Souliere and Terri Munn



Photo courtesy of Lin Souliere
Photo: Aspens by Lin Souliere.



Submitted by Janet Whittington

Lin Souliere, guest artist at the gallery, has worked and lived in the forest near Lion's Head for 28 years at her studio, Dragonfly Ridge Studio. Her paintings are watercolour on canvas/rag paper and acrylic on canvas. Exploring the relationship between ancient forests on the BC West Coast, rock cliffs on the Bruce Peninsula, Canadian Shield rock along Georgian Bay, how the trees connect with each other, and how the rock bears witness to thousands of years of history, are her focus and inspiration. Lin likes complexity and patterns in her compositions.

Guest artist, Terri Munn, has a passion for translating the things she sees every day into timeless works of art. Using a simple acrylic paint palette of six colours, along with a dash of white, Terri looks to the beautiful Saugeen-Bruce Peninsula for inspiration. Old barns, Bruce Trail vistas, laneways and sweet local homes first capture her attention, and then she creates painted versions of these motifs. Terri loves to experiment with colour, and more and more clouds are creeping into her paintings.

During July and August, the gallery is open every Thursday to Monday from 11am to 5pm. The Red Schoolhouse Gallery is an artist-run cooperative gallery, located at 2866 Hwy 6 in Ferndale, ON.

Photo courtesy of Terri Munn
Photo Left: Painting by Terri Munn.

Ladies of Note Surprise Farmers' Market Crowd with Pop-Up Performance



Photo courtesy of Mary Friesen
Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

Local A Cappella group, The Ladies of Note, made a surprise appearance at the Lion's Head Farmers' Market on 27 June 2026. Market goers were entertained by nine members of the choral group led by Vicky Corcoran.

Plan to attend their next performance, a benefit concert for The Women and Youth Centre, Grey Bruce at Lion's Head United Church on July 15 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is by donation.

Tea Time Quilters Annual Quilt Show July 31-August 3

Submitted by Elaine Powney

The Tea Time Quilters invite everyone to attend their Quilt Show over the August Civic Holiday weekend at Bruce Peninsula District School at 7 Moore Street in Lion's Head. Show hours are: Friday, July 31, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and Monday (August 1, 2, 3), 11:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Come and admire the many beautiful quilts created by our talented local quilters. Several of the quilts on display will also be available for purchase.

Be sure to visit the boutique, where you will find a wonderful selection of handcrafted placemats, table runners, potholders, wall hangings, tote bags and other quilted items. Proceeds from the boutique will be donated to the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary.

Admission is free, although donations are accepted to help our Comfort Quilt programme which provides quilts to members of our community in times of need.

We look forward to welcoming you to enjoy this yearly event.



Photo credit: Elaine Powney
Photo: Members of the Tea Time Quilters prepare items ready for sale at the Boutique. L-R: Barb Dawson, Ruth Bauer, Mary Swanton and Joanne Clark.

Biosphere Septic Workshop July 29th

Submitted by Willem Jacobson

Do you have questions about proper septic system maintenance? Don't miss the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association's (BPBA) two upcoming workshops!

Since 2017, with support from the MECP, the BPBA has assisted homeowners with properties near important watercourses to improve their septic systems. The goal of BPBA's Six Streams Project is to restore ecosystems through improving water quality in Judges Creek, Stokes River, Swan Lake Drain and Black Creek. Underperforming, outdated or damaged septic systems impair water quality through introducing nutrients that can lead to algae blooms in the areas of the Six Streams and in Lake Huron and Georgian Bay.

A September 2019 report by the federation of Ontario Cottage Owners (FOCA) referred to in a recent Cottage Life magazine article states that there are 250,000 waterfront properties in Ontario. Fifty six per cent of these systems were installed twenty years ago and many are outdated and not properly maintained. Another study shared in that Cottage Life article stated that 41 per cent of systems inspected had major deficiencies. FOCA is advocating for municipal re-inspection programs.

To mitigate the impact of septic systems on our watercourses, the BPBA is proud to be able to provide assistance to homeowners through covering the cost of a set number of pump outs and inspections done by Bruce Peninsula Septic Service. The BPBA offers ten \$4,000 incentive payments and works with Bernie Hellyer to assist in the replacement of a failing septic system if a problem is revealed in the inspection.

As part of the program, we will be hosting two workshops, the first on July 29th, at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 202 in Lion's Head and at a location to be specified in the last two weeks of August. The workshop will feature a live pump-out demonstration by Bruce Peninsula Septic Service, a presentation on the Biosphere's mission and on best management practices of septic systems followed by a Q&A

These workshops are a part of the Biosphere's efforts to improve water quality throughout the region by educating the public, with thanks to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks for their generous funding.

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Free Community Day for Local Residents August 10 at Bruce Peninsula National Park



Photo credit: Parks Canada

Photo: Halfway Log Dump in Bruce Peninsula National Park. On August 10, 2026, residents will have access to Halfway Log Dump from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Grotto from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Media Release

TOBERMORY, ON – Residents of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula and Anishinabek of Saugeen Ojibway Nation will once again have an opportunity to enjoy reservation-free access to Bruce Peninsula National Park’s most popular destinations during Community Days 2026 on July 11 and August 10.

During designated timeslots on both days, parking reservation fees will be waived for eligible residents visiting the Grotto (Cyprus Lake) and Halfway Log Dump. No reservation is required. Visitors should be prepared to provide proof of residency upon arrival at the gatehouse, such as a driver’s license, status card, Tax bill, or other valid identification.

On August 10, residents will have access to Halfway Log Dump from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Grotto from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Visitors attending on August 10 are also invited to a special presentation from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources at 12 p.m. at the Cyprus Lake Campground HUB, featuring the latest findings from the province’s black bear research study.

Community Days are a special opportunity for the local community to enjoy Bruce Peninsula National Park, to reconnect with nature, explore a truly unique landscape, and feel pride in having such an extraordinary place close to home.

For more information, visitors can contact bruce-fathomfive@pc.gc.ca.

“School’s Out, Summer’s Here” BBQ Fundraiser Supports BPDS Outers Program

Submitted by Ashley Myles

The BPDS (Bruce Peninsula District School) Outers Program would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the School’s Out, Summer’s Here BBQ Fundraiser a tremendous success!

On Saturday, July 4, Outers students cooked and served food by donation from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Wilson Home Hardware. We are especially grateful to TLMH Riverside Farms for their incredible generosity in donating all of the beef burgers served at the event. Riverside Farms also donated the proceeds from all sales of beef jerky, pepperettes, frozen burger packs, and seafood items ordered that day.

A total of \$2,205 was raised through community donations for the 165

burgers and 30 hot dogs served, Wilson Home Hardware’s generous donation of \$100 for each BPDS Outer who helped run the event, and proceeds from TLMH Riverside Farms product purchased that day. These funds will go toward gear improvements for the 2026–2027 BPDS Outers trips, helping provide students with memorable and meaningful outdoor learning experiences for years to come.

Thanks to the support of EPH, Wilson’s Home Hardware, and TLMH Riverside Farms for advertising and organizing this event, as well as the many community members who stopped by to support the program. The fundraiser was a tremendous success!

The BPDS Outers Program is truly grateful for the continued support of our community. Thank you for helping make a difference for our students!



Photo courtesy of Ashley Myles

Photo L-R: BPDS Outers with Wilson Home Hardware owner Sandra Wilson and Tyler Hayes from EPH Tools and TLMH Riverside Farms at the July 4th “School’s Out, Summer’s Out” BBQ Fundraiser at Wilson Home Hardware.

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52nd Annual Chi-Cheemaun Weekend a Huge Community Success

Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press
The 52nd annual Chi-Cheemaun Festival kicked off June 10 with "Scrub the Tub". This year 42 people, including divers, volunteered their time to help clean the peninsula before the upcoming festival.
Participants were provided neon orange t-shirts, gloves, garbage bags and grabbers. There was also a group of students from St. Edmunds Public School that cleaned their regular route. Volunteers gathered more than 515 pounds of waste from around the Tobermory area.
"That is both impressive and disappointing," said Laura Bryan, Brand Ambassador at Blue Heron Company. "So sad that we are collecting so much."
Originally scheduled for June 9, the event was delayed by one day because of
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