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Council Approves Road Closure and Multi-Use Trail for Cabot Head Road

Recorded Vote Shows Divided Opinions

Tessa Swanton (Townson),
Bruce Peninsula Press

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council (MNBPC) passed a motion at the July 13 Council Meeting directing staff to move ahead with a legal process to close Cabot Head Road and convert the corridor to a non-motorized public trail for walking or cycling (Option 3). A recorded vote requested by Councillor Todd Dowd resulted in Councillors Dowd and Laurie (Smokey) Golden opposing the motion and Mayor Milt McIver, Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson, and Councillor Aman Sohrab in favour. Majority ruled and the motion passed.

A comprehensive report prepared by Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Peggy Van Mierlo-West was presented at the meeting identifying a capital expenditure of \$150,000-\$350,000 for Option 3 with an annual operating cost of \$95,000-\$180,000. The project would take 18-36 months to implement with

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Paswewe De: Echoes of the Heartbeat Celebrates National Indigenous Peoples Day

Photo credit: Stephanie Roote

Photo: Drummers from the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) on Bears Rump Island for the Paswewe De: Echoes of the Heartbeat celebration to mark National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21. The Indigenous-led gathering brought SON members together on culturally significant islands surrounding Tobermory for ceremony, drumming, a community feast and guided tours, highlighting the Nation's enduring connection to its traditional territory. Turn to page 18 for the full story.



Photo: Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

Bruce County Plowing Match Coming to North Bruce August 29

Photo: The Mackie family will be hosting the Bruce County Plowing Match at their property 2238 Highway 6. Turn to page 9 for the full story.

Back row (L-R): Ezra, Jenna, Paige, Bryce, Jerry, and Debbie. Middle row (L-R): Emme, Aubrey, Mitch with Kaley, Quinton, and Gilbert with Liam. Front row (L-R): Clay (sitting), Ellie, and Barley the dog.

Some Residents Return to Bradley Davis Apartments After Fire

John Francis,
Bruce Peninsula Press

The Bradley Davis seniors apartments is a 14-unit building in Tobermory. It was built by Bruce County in the 1980s to offer an affordable place for seniors (55+) on the peninsula.

In the early evening of June 23, 2026, there was a fire in the bedroom of one unit. Bystanders, including an off-duty fire captain from Owen Sound, gathered as many fire extinguishers as they could find and managed to keep the fire from spreading during the crucial minutes

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Defending the Peninsula's National Parks from Invasive Plant Species

John Francis,
Bruce Peninsula Press

The purpose of a national park is to preserve and present Canada's natural environment. To quote a recent media release "...keeping ecosystems healthy and protecting the long-term health of the broader ecosystem."

Looking at it from 40,000 feet, that should be easy, right? Preserve the forests and lakes.

On the ground or in the water, it gets pretty complicated. How do you preserve the aquatic ecosystem when

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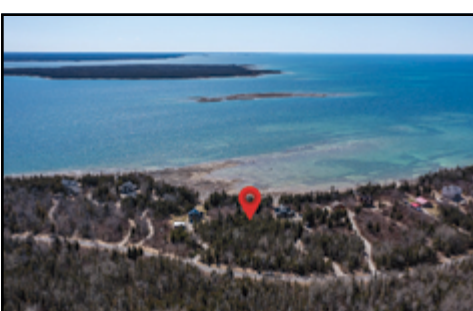
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Northern Bruce Peninsula Fire Issues Air Quality Advisory and High Fire Danger Rating



Photo credit: Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press
Photo: Smoke obscuring the view from Pike Bay Park on July 16. Mill Point and Widgeon Cove are almost invisible in the distance. Smoke appeared orange in colour on July 15 as it was higher in the atmosphere, as it lowered the smoke turned grey on July 16, but just as dangerous.

*Tessa Swanton (Townson),
Bruce Peninsula Press*

On Wednesday, July 15, Northern Bruce Peninsula (NBP) Fire Department issued an Air Quality Advisory Public Notice that was shared across social media channels. Poor air quality due to wildfire smoke from Northern Ontario and Quebec prompted Fire Chief Jack Burt to issue the advisory as a precaution.

The notice reads, “Northern Bruce Peninsula Fire and Emergency Services recommends that residents and visitors limit open-air burning until air quality conditions improve.” It further explains that while no fire ban is currently in effect, the fire danger rating remains high. If you choose to have a fire, please do so responsibly, by always attending the fire, keeping it small, and having a water source or fire extinguisher immediately available.

In an interview, the Fire Chief said, “We’re recommending that people limit

fires, if you don’t need to have a fire, then don’t.” The last time the Chief saw significant wildfire smoke spread across NBP was in 2023.

Multiple reports of almost 200 active wildfires in northern Ontario on July 15 triggered media stations across the country. Wildfires have forced some Ontarians to leave their homes while buildings are destroyed and smoke blankets the province. Many woke the morning of July 15 to an orange glare peeking through bedroom curtains and breaking news announcing the City of Toronto rated the worst in the world for air quality by IQAir. The Weather Network reported that wildfires had sent smoke over 1,000 km away.

Environment Canada issued an Orange Air Quality Warning on July 15 which was extended until end of day on July 17. The notice stated that “everyone’s health is at risk regardless of their age or health status.” It asked

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Voters’ List Additions, Lame Duck Period, and Key Municipal Election Dates

Many Seasonal Residents Dropped from Municipal Voters’ Lists in Ontario

*Tessa Swanton (Townson),
Bruce Peninsula Press*

Municipalities across Ontario are expressing their dissatisfaction with municipal voter registration lists for the upcoming October 26 municipal elections. Seasonal residents may have been inadvertently removed from the list following a change in voter list management from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to Elections Canada.

Municipalities are reporting a drastic reduction in the number of eligible voters when reviewing registration lists, likely due to cottagers being unintentionally deleted.

Anyone who owns, rents, or lives in shared accommodation is eligible to vote in the election as a resident elector.

Non-resident electors are also able to vote if you own or rent property in the municipality, even if you don’t live there. This means that even if you are a resident elector in only one municipality, you may be eligible to vote in other municipalities where you own property too. Spouses of non-resident electors are also permitted to cast a ballot. Students living away from home attending school can vote in their hometown (if they plan on returning there) and the municipality where they live while in school. If the property is owned by your business or cottage owned by a trust, you do not qualify. You must be 18 years of age or older and a Canadian citizen. If you are unsure if you are qualified to vote, check with the municipal clerk.

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Bruce Peninsula National Park Community Day August 10

Exclusive Parking Access Timeslots for Residents

Marianne Wood,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Residents of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula and Anishinabek of Saugeen Ojibway Nation will once again have a special opportunity to enjoy Bruce Peninsula National Park's most popular destinations during the second Community Day of 2026 on August 10.

During designated Community Day timeslots, **parking access at the Grotto (Cyprus Lake) and Halfway Log Dump will be reserved exclusively for eligible local residents and Saugeen Ojibway Nation members** – no parking reservations will be available for other visitors at the designated locations.

Parking reservation fees will be waived, and no advance reservation will be required for those attending during the designated periods.

Visitors attending Community Day should be prepared to provide proof of residency upon arrival at the gatehouse. Accepted identification may include a driver's licence, status card, tax bill, or other valid proof of residency.

The August 10 Community Day parking times are:

- Halfway Log Dump: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Cyprus Lake (The Grotto): 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Community Day access applies to parking only. Campers staying within the park will continue to have access

to hiking routes leading to the Grotto and Halfway Log Dump from their campsites.

In addition to exploring the park, visitors attending on August 10 are invited to participate in special programming at the Cyprus Lake Campground HUB.

At noon, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) will share the latest findings from the province's black bear research study. The presentation will highlight current research and offer information on safely coexisting with black bears.

Additional activities include:

-12:30 p.m. – The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources will share tips on safely living alongside black bears.

-12 p.m. to 5 p.m. – The Nature Conservancy of Canada will provide information about its work managing invasive phragmites on the Bruce Peninsula.

-1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. – The Bruce Museum & Cultural Centre will host a pop-up activity focused on biomimicry and how nature inspires innovation.

Community Days are intended to give local residents the opportunity to reconnect with nature, explore the unique landscapes of Bruce Peninsula National Park, and celebrate the natural environment close to home.

For more information, contact Parks Canada at bruce-fathomfive@pc.gc.ca.



Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula residents and SON members enjoy the beautiful Indian Head Cove (Grotto) shoreline in Bruce Peninsula National Park at the July 11, 2026 Community Day.

Tickets Still Available for Tobermory United Summer Chicken BBQ August 1st

Submitted by Rev. Sheryl Spencer

Haven't got your ticket yet for the Summer Chicken BBQ on August 1? There are tickets still available. The Summer Chicken BBQ, always held on the Saturday of Civic Holiday weekend, is a Tobermory tradition that goes back more than 50 years. The BBQ is different now – drive-through pick-up, rather than a communal dinner – but the meal is the same: a mouth-watering barbecued half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, sour cream, roll and dessert.

Tickets can be ordered by calling 519-596-2227 or e-mailing tucbbqtickets@outlook.com. A vegetarian option is available. Lion's Head dinners will be delivered to a central location in Lion's Head. To order one of these dinners, please call 519-793-3119. Dinners in Tobermory may be picked up at the church at 5 Brock St. between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. There may be tickets available on the day.

Summer in the Spirit commenced on July 22 with a Sacred Fire offered by April Jones and Johnny Keeshig of Nawash Three Fires. This was the fifth Sacred Fire offered by Summer in the Spirit, and it feels like a community is developing where tough questions can be asked (Why is everything on fire? What is the one thing we can do to further reconciliation?) and thoughtful responses offered. Many thanks to all who came out with their generous presence.

Summer in the Spirit continues with events designed to build community, honour the sacredness of place and celebrate

Spirit on Wednesday evenings until September 2.

A meditative forest walk to little Dunk's Bay will be offered at 7:00 p.m. August 5, meeting at the Parks Canada Visitor's Centre. On August 12, all are welcome to Brews and Hymns, a hymn sing at the Tobermory Legion, at 7:00 p.m. More information on the rest of the series can be found at <https://www.tobermoryunited.ca/event-list>.

Many thanks to everyone who is contributing household items to and their time as volunteers with the Tobermory Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop, located at 7101 Highway 6, is having a banner year. The Thrift Shop is open for both donations and sales between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday.

Tobermory United Church will be celebrating its 140th anniversary with a special service on September 20. In 1886, a Methodist congregation was established here at the tip of the peninsula, and Tobermory United's roots spring from there. More details to follow!



Photo courtesy of Rev. Sheryl Spencer

Photo: April Jones (right) of Nawash Three Fires connects with Tobermory resident Jan Pugsley (left) at the Sacred Fire held as part of Summer in the Spirit.

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JOHN'S COLUMN

By John Francis

Bruce County has two serious problems at the Bradley Davis seniors apartments in Tobermory. The obvious problem is the need to restore the building to habitability after the June 23 fire. The less obvious — but much more difficult — problem is the need to accommodate both smokers and non-smokers.

The building dates to the 1980s, meeting the construction and safety codes of that time. That is to say — it has a common attic, rudimentary air circulation and no sprinkler system.

That means that if anybody smokes, anywhere in the building, the hallways and common areas... stink. And if you open your door, then your apartment stinks, too. Residents tell me that this is a constant issue — the hallways are never free of the smell of smoke and sometimes it's so thick it makes your eyes water.

Bruce County has abdicated any responsibility for solving this problem. Sitting in their office 150km away, they rationalize their inaction with a wall of obfuscatory protocols, bolstered by ever-so-convenient privacy and confidentiality concerns.

Letter: Cabot Head Road – Consensus Is Clear—No Public Vehicular Access!

I read with interest the letter from the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory (BPBO), addressing misconceptions about Cabot Head Road in your July 14th issue. The BPBO provides a concise review of efforts in the last 6 years to preserve the beauty and integrity of the shoreline area, including the results of a well-designed community survey. The survey's findings are clear: 76% of those responding support the conversion of the Cabot Head Road (damaged due to fierce Winter storms) into a multi-use trail for cyclists and hikers. Vehicular access would be limited to authorized users.

For over 26 years I've enjoyed the beautiful Georgian Bay shoreline, birding, hiking, cycling and walking. Like many others in the Dyers Bay community, I fully support the recommendations noted in the BPBO article. A Council decision is required. It is essential now to preserve this unique landscape.

They refuse to say whether the rules are being broken. Are the people chain-smoking in their rooms allowed to smoke in their rooms? Or are they in constant, flagrant violation of the terms of their tenancy?

This leaves the smokers and the non-smokers pitted against each other in a way that is deeply unfair to both groups.

It's easy to blame the smokers for the problem, but that's both unfair and unproductive. They are victims, too. It's not like smoking is a free choice — it's an addiction. But it's not just an addiction, it's an addiction that we boomers were encouraged to take up.

Everywhere we looked (or listened) during our formative years — radio, TV, billboards — we were confronted by Joel Aldred extolling "Rothmans — the greatest name in cigarettes" or Fred Davis telling us that "The trend today is to DuMaurier". Catchy theme music, adorable cartoon dogs — tobacco advertising tried to target everybody's weak points.

For a lot of us, it didn't feel like we had a choice.

I managed to quit, forty-some years ago, but it was the hardest thing I have ever done. I have a lot of sympathy for those whose circumstances were

different and who never managed to quit. They aren't bad people. They just have an unfortunate addiction. They deserve decent accommodation just as much as anybody else.

But smokers' rights should not trump everybody else's right to a healthy, pleasant living environment. It's not fair that people are forced to live with the health consequences and constant stench of second-hand tobacco and marijuana smoke.

But what is a tenant to do, other than complain to the landlord? What is a landlord to do when faced with such complaints?

Bruce County has elected to act as if the problem doesn't exist, or as if it is a trivial matter of some unknown person sneaking the occasional puff.

But concentrating on the smell ignores an even more important issue: the risk of fire. Many Bradley Davis residents are convinced that the June 23 fire was caused by careless smoking. They are concerned that this could easily happen again and that the presence of medical oxygen dramatically increases the potential severity of any fire that might start. (Statistics show that smokers are much more likely to need medical oxygen than non-smokers.)

Concerns about fire risk definitely make some residents anxious. Do they have a right to feel safe in their apartments?

Our municipality has not weighed in on this issue. The building is, after all, a

county facility, so why would they? But some residents point out that the county is funded by our taxes, and governed by representatives of all the municipalities. Our mayor sits as a County Councillor, they say, so our municipality should be advocating for its citizens whenever they get short shrift from the county.

It's a persuasive argument. As it happens, there's a municipal election coming up later this year. Perhaps council candidates (if there are any — it's four weeks before nominations close and nobody has registered yet) could be reminded of the need to advocate for our citizens when there is friction with Bruce County.

But before we get too far into the weeds, what outcome do we want here? What would success look like?

Do we want a separate county facility for smokers?

Or do we want to accommodate smokers and non-smokers in a way that is fair to both groups?

It shouldn't be difficult to install a ventilation system that prevents smoke in one unit from permeating the whole building. I'm pretty sure you could retrofit a sprinkler system in units that are occupied by smokers (or move the smokers to a building that has sprinklers).

I suspect that the hardest part will be getting Bruce County to acknowledge that there is a problem. Solving it would be easy by comparison.

“Just the Tip” Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride August 15th

Tammy Raycraft,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Motorcycle enthusiasts will once again take to the roads of the Bruce Peninsula this summer for the annual “Just the Tip” Charity Motorcycle Ride, a community fundraiser supporting Tobermory Children's Camp and the Breakfast Clubs at Bruce Peninsula District School and St. Edmunds Public School.

Organized by local business owners Neil and Linda Bain from the Hungry Hiker family, the annual fundraiser combines a scenic ride through the Bruce Peninsula with a community dinner, silent auction and live

entertainment with the popular band Rewired.

“Just the tip” had its inaugural run in 2023 and has continued to be a yearly tradition since. In 2025 the event changed its format from a traditional poker run to a “Shoot & Scoot” featuring skill-based stops, including darts, archery, target shooting, knife throwing and more.

This year's run will take place August 15, starting at Hungry Hiker 7391 Hwy 6, Tobermory. Kick stands up by 11:00 a.m.

For more information follow their facebook page “Just The Tip”.

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everyone to limit time outdoors, reschedule events, and cancel activities. Some NBP businesses were forced to close due to the poor air quality and many outdoors events cancelled. Ontario Storm Watch, an independent community-driven organization, even recommended wearing a respirator mask outdoors. They reported air quality index levels between 500 to 700 around Tobermory, Goderich and Kincardine, “levels that are extremely hazardous and rarely seen in Ontario.” Environment Canada demoted the warning to “Yellow” on July 18 and removed the warning on July 19.

When asked what he would say to the firefighters battling wildfires in Ontario communities, Fire Chief Burt said, “Be

vigilant—We all know that it’s important to recognize the hard work they’re doing and the sacrifices they’re making to protect Ontario and beyond.”

Chief Burt diligently monitors weather patterns, consults maps in Ontario and Canada, checks weather predictions, and converses with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forest Fire Division to ensure they have adequate resources to fight fires. He emphasized that the Municipality has a robust Evacuation Plan to ensure the safety of NBP residents and visitors.

The Fire Chief encouraged residents to cooperate with direction given by the Fire Department to ensure safety. As of date of the printing of this newspaper, the Fire Danger Rating remains high.

In response to a comment, “The world is becoming so unpredictable,” Fire Chief Burt replied, “just like fires.”

Voters List/Key Election Dates
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To ensure you are on the Voters’ List, please visit <https://www.registertovote.ca> Voters only have until August 12 to use this program. You can check if you are on the list and add yourself by entering your personal information and uploading acceptable identification showing both your name and home address. This method allows you to add yourself to the list from the comfort of your home. For questions related to voter registration, email info@registertovoteon.ca or call 1-866-242-3025.

On or after September 1, you must contact MNBP’s Clerk to add yourself to the Voters’ List. The deadline for adding yourself to the list is the close of voting on October 26 (Voting Day). Clerk, Alexandra Croce, confirmed that Revision Centres where you can add yourself to the list will be set up throughout the municipality in September, times and locations are to be determined. The Municipal Office (56 Lindsay Road 5) will also be a Revision Centre during business hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday until the end of Election Day on October 26 at 8pm. You must attend in person, complete an EL15 Application to Amend Voters’ List Form, and show identification. Acceptable ID includes an Ontario driver’s licence, Ontario photo card, utility bill, mortgage, lease or rental statement, or any other ID found at <https://www.registertovoteon.ca/voters-list> (Scroll to the bottom of the page, click the link for ID and documentation requirements for municipal elections.)

Restricted Acts of Council or “Lame Duck” Period and What it Means

Report 26-01 from the Clerk explains that there are situations where council may enter a Lame Duck Period limiting council’s powers to prevent an outgoing council from taking specific actions during an election period. Council may be Lame Duck between Nomination Day (August 21) and Voting Day (October 26) if less than 3 out of 5 of the current members are not running for council in the upcoming term. Council may also enter Lame Duck between

- Voting Day (October 26) and the start of the new term (November 15).
- In a Lame Duck Period, council may not appoint or remove any municipal officer; hire or fire any municipal employee; dispose of any municipal property with a value over \$50,000; or make any purchases or incur any liability over \$50,000.
- Key Election Dates**
- May 1- Nomination Period Begins
 - August 21- Nomination Day – nominations close at 2pm. Candidates can file Nomination Papers to run for office in the municipal election by scheduling an appointment with the Clerk by emailing election@northernbruce.ca
 - August 24- Clerk will declare an election or acclamation
 - September 1- Voters List made available to certified candidates
 - September 30- Last day for Voter Information Letters to be mailed to voters via Canada Post
 - October 19- Advanced voting starts at 10am
 - October 26- Election Day, officially ending at 8pm with results announced as soon as possible. The Voting System is telephone and internet voting.
 - November 15- Term of Office begins for 2026-2030 Council
 - November 23- Inaugural Council Meeting

As of the date of this newspaper printing, no candidates have filed papers to run for Council.

Any questions pertaining to the municipal election can be directed to the Clerk at 1-833-793-3537 x 236 or acroce@northernbruce.ca



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Tobermory Community Outreach Partners with Meeting Place to Offer Fire Relief Fund for Residents of Bradley Davis Apartments

Submitted by Rev. Sheryl Spencer

On June 23, a fire in the Bradley H. Davis Senior Apartments in Tobermory displaced all of the residents. Some have been able to move back in after a month; others will have to wait longer. The level of damage in the apartments is variable, from catastrophic to very little damage.

Tobermory Community Outreach has partnered with the Meeting Place to establish a fund to help residents with essential needs as they return to their homes. Funds requested are to help with the replacement of food stores, furniture, clothing, etc. Tobermory Community Outreach is looking after liaising with the residents, and in partnership with Bruce County Housing, establishing needs. The Meeting Place is looking after receiving and disbursing donations.

You can donate to the fund in two ways, by dropping by cash or cheques to the Meeting Place at 20 Centennial Drive during business hours, 9 to 5, Tuesday to Thursday, or by e-transferring to communityservices@tobermorymeetingplace.com. Cheques can be made out to the Meeting Place, with “Fire Relief Fund” in the memo. Donations will only be accepted until the end of August and are not tax receiptable.

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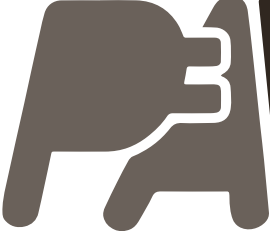
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Municipally Operated Curbside Waste Collection Approved by Council Amid Public Concerns with Bear Activity

Tessa Swanton (Townson),
Bruce Peninsula Press

Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) Council directed staff to proceed with a switch to municipally operated curbside waste collection at the July 13 Council Meeting. Report 26-18 from Troy Cameron, Public Works (PW) Manager, reads, “Managing garbage collection at the municipal level offers direct control over service quality and responsiveness, while creating additional year-round employment opportunities.” Municipal garbage collection does pose some drawbacks as explained by the PW Manager, like the significant cost of purchasing and maintaining garbage trucks and a collection schedule spanning over several days during the week.

This change in waste collection stems from the Ontario Government transitioning to a producer responsibility framework for blue box recycling services. Circular Materials Ontario has been selected to administer and oversee this system. MNBP’s recycling contract was awarded by the province to Waste Management (WM) who will be switching to a cart-based system for curbside blue box recycling collection as early as this fall. Once this happens, all WM trucks will be operating with a cart-system for recycling and garbage meaning MNBP would have to use the cart system trucks for garbage collection should they renew their current contract with WM.

The WM cart system is comprised of trucks using mechanical arms to lift bins, eliminating overexertion and repetitive movements for prolonged periods from employees physically throwing thousands of garbage bags daily.

“One of the cons would be the wildlife, they call the carts wildlife resistant, but they’re not bear proof,” said Cameron. He commented on residents investing in bear proof bins that would be redundant if the cart system was approved. “I’ve seen them go down an entire road and knock or destroy things, our situation is very unique with the wildlife and bear system, that does provide a major challenge in my opinion,” said the PW Manager.

Cameron advised Council of a lead on a new garbage truck available and a second truck in used condition that should be purchased soon to allow for a back up option. Two new staff members would need to be hired and cross trained in PW activities to facilitate municipal garbage collection.

When comparing the two options of continuing a contract with WM versus a municipally operated collection, costs are similar with the latter being slightly more affordable. Council selected the less expensive option costing households \$75.03 per year versus \$78.89 with WM.

Option	Annual Cost	Cost at 20 Years	Cost per Household per Year
Continue Contract With Waste Management ⁽¹⁾	\$416,000	\$8,320,000	\$78.89
Municipally Operated Collection Alternative	\$395,595	\$7,911,899	\$75.03

Table 1: Waste Collection Options and Costs prepared by GEI Consultants Canada from Public Works Report 26-18 dated July 13, 2026.

Council Permits Daycare in Former Eastnor Central School Building on Highway 6

Bruce County Planner, Megan Stansfield, appeared before Council on July 13 recommending approval of a zoning by-law amendment (ZBLA) to permit a daycare operation in the former Eastnor Central School building at 2617 Highway 6. The property is currently zoned General Rural which does not permit a daycare. Council ultimately approved the rezoning, allowing daycare on the property.

The property, owned by Connie Stewart, is 5 acres with the main building dating back to 1963 serving as an elementary school until the 1990s, then transitioning into a thrift store for several years. “The applicant noted in their submission that the goal of the daycare is to provide much needed affordable daycare in the area,” said Bob Stewart, Planning Coordinator, in a report.

The planner noted that the property is centrally located and could serve communities of Ferndale and Lion’s Head, improving accessibility and minimizing travel. The Ministry of Transportation supported the daycare noting an entrance and sign permit would be required.

Reports from Stewart and Stansfield indicated that agency comments were generally supportive. Municipal staff mentioned that Ontario Fire Code requirements must be met and parking spaces will be based on the number of classrooms and offices. Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Peggy Van Mierlo-West, commented that “childcare is a critical piece of rural economic development” and the development will support families participating in the workforce, use existing community assets, and “contribute not only to social well-being but also to the long-term economic health and sustainability of the municipality.”

Municipality Acquires Property in Lion’s Head for Future Development

A Media Release from July 16 announced that the MNBP acquired land for \$732,000 in Lion’s Head for future development of recreational facilities “to better serve residents and the broader community.

described as Plan D7 Pt Unit 57 RP 3R5236; Pt Part 4 (refer to Figure 1). The property provides the Municipality with an opportunity to undertake long-term planning for expanded recreational and community amenities within the Municipality, says the Media Release.

“Acquiring this property is an important step toward ensuring that Lion’s Head has the land and flexibility needed to support future recreational opportunities,” said Mayor Milt McIver. “This is a long-term investment in the health, well-being and quality of life of our residents. We look forward to working with the community as plans for the property are developed.”

Additional information will be
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Figure 1: 2025 Air Photo Map from Bruce County Mapping showing location of newly acquired municipal lands in Lion’s Head.

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Municipality Acquires Property

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provided as the project progresses including opportunities for community input.

Lion’s Head Foodbank Requests Municipal Assistance

Charlene Scharlach and Darlene Myles attended the July 13 Council Meeting on behalf of the Lion’s Head Foodbank requesting use of a municipal facility to operate the foodbank as demand for services rise throughout the community. “We are currently experiencing unprecedented growth,” said Scharlach. She stated that over 80 community members are regularly served at the foodbank with that number expected to grow.

Darlene Myles presented statistics representing the intensifying demand for food. The foodbank provides substantial monthly food hampers which Myles described would feed a family for several days. 318 hampers were distributed in 2025 representing a 160% increase in demand. She reports 180 hampers given out to date in 2026 with estimates of 360 hampers by year end, a 13.2% increase from last year and 195% increase from 2018.

The foodbank also offers seasonal hampers, like Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. All seasonal hampers have increased annually with Thanksgiving hampers showing a

182% increase since 2019. Their new March Break Munchies program hampers showed huge interest from families prompting the release of July and August Munchies hampers to supply children with healthy food during the summer break. 23 children benefited from the July Munchies hampers.

The foodbank currently operates out of the basement of the Country Church on Highway 6. They expressed their deep gratitude for use of the space; however, it is no longer viable for operations due to issues with hygienic storage of food, space challenges, and accessibility concerns. They requested use of a municipal space to continue supporting the community. Scharlach asked for a dedicated area in the renovated Lion’s Head Arena and Community Centre pending project approval.

The foodbank secured a partnership with Bruce County Outreach every month where the County will deliver vital resources to residents, like housing, legal, clinical, public health, mental health, Ontario Works, United Way, and community paramedic services/supports.

Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson suggested the foodbank reach out to owners of private facilities in the meantime until a municipal space becomes available. “This is an important service for our community, it’s a must service for our community,” expressed Mayor Milt McIver.

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Bruce Men’s Shed Pulled Pork Sandwiches Return to Wiarton Homecoming Festival

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans, Team Leader

Thanks to the power of the free press, Bruce Men’s Shed continues to get inquiries to see if we can assist in quite a few projects. Right now we have been asked to make a roadside garbage bin, some garden trellis or obelisks, to bring bird house kits for seniors to assemble, do talks for seniors and much more.

We would love to be able to say yes to all of them, however summertime is the most difficult time to find time to organize and implement due to family time. It is a good problem to have. The more people that hear about us means that more men come out and most often they join up.

The stigma of men’s mental health is real as I’ve been told more than once that men don’t want to be told about this. Numerous studies on Men’s Sheds conclude that social interaction prevents or alleviates depression and anxiety so please remember to support your local Shed!

The Wiarton Homecoming Festival runs Friday July 31 to Sunday August

2 and we will be selling pulled pork sandwiches on Saturday at Bluewater Park in Wiarton. It comes with fries and creamy coleslaw. The cost is \$25 per ticket, which are now available at Josie’s Fashions and Lloyd’s Smoke Shop. Supper service will be 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!

Drop in for coffee, Monday every week 9am-11am at Canadian Legion Branch 202, 6 Hellyer Road on Highway 6, 4 km north of Ferndale. Doors open at 8:45am. Our next monthly meeting is Saturday September 19 from 9am-11am where we talk about past and upcoming projects so please come out.

In Wiarton, Bruce Men’s Shed coffee gathering is every Wednesday at 10am at 451 Frank Street, Matthew Mutch hosting.

If you would like further information on how to get involved with the Men’s Shed movement, please contact us at brucemensshed@gmail.com or call Gerry at (519) 793-3005.

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Lion’s Head Legion Celebrates 100 Years of Royal Canadian Legion

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans, 1st VP, Public Relations

The Royal Canadian Legion celebrated its first 100 years of existence and is looking forward to the next century. Joining the Legion brings a sense of camaraderie with others who wish to support our troops in a meaningful way.

As a kid I grew up watching the World at War television series with my parents and they would talk about their lives as young teenagers growing up in occupied Holland during World War II. My mother would describe how she would watch the daytime bombers flying overhead to Germany and how it would take hours for all the planes to pass. Hours later the bomber wave would return to go back to England. At night this would repeat as the night bombers would fly. My father lived near a German fighter base and talked about the planes going up to meet the bomber formations. As I aged I learned about the trench warfare of the First World War and began to understand on a personal level what they were forced to face.

Later in life I learned that anyone can join the Legion. I joined and I find that helping, even in a small way with supporting our forces, brings a sense of being part of the Legion as a whole.

We still have tickets for the Tuesday August 11 Fish Dinner available at the Legion or by calling Karin Webb at 519-499-4924 or Sharron Colter at 519-793-3473 to reserve yours. Dessert selection

for this one promises to be great too.

Once a month we hold a Veterans Coffee that is open to Veterans and currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP and First Responders. The next one will be Wednesday August 19th from 10am to noon.

On Wednesday August 5 Let’s Talk Lunch and Learn presents “Let’s Talk Financial Planning part 2”. As well as lunch, we will provide tea, coffee and snacks. This event is provided in partnership with the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula’s Senior Active Living Centre (SALC) funding with support from the Government of Ontario. The event is free to attend but please register with Sharron Colter at 519-793-3473 or at dshcolter@eastlink.ca

Our free weekly Tai Chi classes are Fridays, 9:30 to 10:30 am. This is open to the public, so if you’re interested just come out a few minutes early, and bring a dry pair of shoes with you. The focus of the moves are to stretch, improve balance, and of course, have fun. This is not a “hot” workout so casual wear is fine.

Come out to play cornhole every Thursday at 1 pm, but bring your darts in case it rains.

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~ Lest we forget ~

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the estate of Robert John Burgess, late of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula in the County of Bruce, who died on or about the 10th day of March, 2025, must be filed with the undersigned Estate Trustee on or before the 11th day of September, 2026; thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

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Bruce County Plowing Match Comes to North Bruce August 29th

Joanne Rodgers,
Bruce Peninsula Press

The Bruce County Plowing Match comes to the Northern Bruce Peninsula on 29 August 2026, allowing the local community and visitors the opportunity to experience a long standing tradition firmly planted in Ontario's rural landscape.

The Bruce Chapter of the Ontario Plowmen's Association will hold the Bruce County Plowing Match on the property of local farmers Jerry and Debbie Mackie, located at 2238 Highway 6, near the corner of 10th Concession and Highway 6.

The event is scheduled to start about 10 a.m. and goes until the plowing competitions are completed, approximately by 3 p.m. Generally there are about 30 contestants, competing in various classes.

Many of the participants are top plowing competitors from across Canada and view the local Plowing Match as a warm-up to their competitions at the International Plowing Match (IPM) in

Walkerton in September. One of the organizers, Tom Evans is a four-time Canadian champion and a three-time World champion competitor. He says to expect Canadian, regional and local competitors, all vying for a space at next year's IPM.

While there will be exhibitors and other activities, the signature event is the plowing matches. Competitors are judged on their ability of precision steering to create straight furrows of consistent depth and clean appearance.

Competitors are all ages, from juniors as young as 12 years old, to farmers with years of experience in the field.

There will be horse driven and mechanical driven plows; antique plows, conventional plows, and modern reversible plows.

Another main attraction is Queen of the Furrow, where ladies between the ages of 17 to 30 years compete. The winner will go to the IPM next year.

Organizers invite everyone to come out and enjoy the family-friendly festivities. Organizers say that each

time the Plowing Match was held in the area there has been amazing community support, and they look forward to another successful event.

Admission is free and there will be free on-site parking. Please follow the signage for event entrance and parking.

While there will be some picnic tables, it is advisable to bring a lawn chair. The event is held outdoors in an open field so dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

There will be concession stands including a local organization operating a BBQ stall. The organizers encourage the patrons to support the vendors however everyone is reminded to bring adequate

supplies of water and refreshments that they may need for the day's outing.

Currently, the event is still in the planning stages. The organizers welcome all exhibitors, small or large, including farm equipment, antique vehicles, food, artisans, craft vendors, livestock and other agricultural exhibits. The aim is to showcase the unique heritage and culture of the area.

Any contestant wishing to participate in the plowing matches are also invited to register.

The Plowing Match is volunteer-run and relies on sponsorships to cover the cost of the event. Interested persons can contact Tom Evans 519-901-1076.

Songs of the Canadian Spirit July 29 at Tobermory Legion

Submitted by Kathryn Hauck, Poppy Chair

Bye bye July. I cannot believe we are on the downhill of summer, but there is still lots of warm weather and good times ahead.

Thank you to everyone that planned, carried out and joined in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Legion. It was fantastic to see so many people come out and remember those that have fought and served in the Canadian Military. Post-It notes were signed and will be sent to Dominion. Thank you to the Tobermory Press for donating the beautiful poster to help decorate the note table. It was greatly appreciated! (see page 11 for the full story)

Here are some events happening that you do not want to miss!

Wednesday July 29 is Summer in the Spirit – Songs of the Canadian Spirit. Sing along to familiar favourites starting at 7:00pm at the legion. This is a joint initiative of St. Edmund's Anglican Church and Tobermory United Church.

Euchre is on Friday July 31, starting at 7:00pm. Every Wednesday is the Ladies' Auxiliary Summer Bingo. Held at the Tobermory Community Centre, doors open at 6:30pm. Every Thursday starting at 7:00pm is Darts. Everyone is welcome. Every Saturday is the Meat Draw, starting time is 4:30pm.

BBQs will take place on 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.

Saturday nights with DJ Maxx from 9:30pm to 1:00am (last call is 12:30am) – August 1, 8 and 22 and ending on September 5th. ANNUAL SUMMERWEEN will be held on August 22 – come in your costumes. Come on out and dance like no one is watching! There is a \$10.00 cover charge.

The Legion is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 3:00pm. Stop in and say hi to our bartender Raelene. The drinks are cold and the welcome is warm!

Remembering John (J.P.) Philemon Johnstone

From the Legion Ontario Command Military Service Recognition Book – John (J.P.) Philemon Johnstone was born in Walkerton, Ontario on July 20, 1920. He enlisted in the Army on September 13, 1941.

John "J.P." trained at various bases across Canada before going overseas. While in England as part of the 19th Field Regiment "800 Technical Wing", he was wounded. In March of 1945, he was taken off strength of the Canadian Armoured Reinforcement Unit and taken on strength of the RCAF 666 Air Operations Squadron.

After discharge on March 20, 1946, with the rank of Battery Sergeant Major, he farmed in Walkerton, Ontario before moving to Tobermory in 1952, where he and his family operated Hidden Valley Lodge, as well as a farm and timber

operation. J.P. was Reeve of St. Edmunds Township for ten years and Warden of Bruce County in 1974.

John was a member of the Tobermory Legion Branch 290. His medals include the France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and the 1939-45 War Medal. He passed away suddenly on April 19, 1978.

~ We Will Remember Them ~



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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Minutes June 22, 2026

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

Staff Present: Peggy Van Mierlo-West, Chief Administrative Officer, Alexandra Croce, Clerk, Teresa Shearer, Treasurer, Mark Coleman, Parks and Facilities Manager, Emily McDougall, Chief Building Official, Deputy Clerk, Cally Mann, Bob Stewart, Committee and Planning Coordinator

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

Mayor McIver called the meeting to order at 1:02 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

#15-01-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That the content of the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Minutes

a. Re: Council Meeting No. 26-14, June 8, 2026

#15-02-2026

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting No. 26-14 June 8, 2026 be approved.

Carried

4. Public Meeting

a. Fees and Charges By-law

Council requested clarification on the changes made to the building fees.

Alexandra Croce, Clerk, noted that the changes represent the addition of credit card service fees.

#15-03-2026

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

That following any amendments and/or additions from today's review of the Fees and Charges By-law, Council will consider passage of the enacting by-law at its regular meeting on Monday, July 13, 2026.

Carried

5. Delegations

a. Tobermory Children's Camp - Amanda Hofstrand and Katie Oblak

Re: Funding

Katie Oblak provided an overview of the \$5,000 request for the first year of the program, noting that the funding will be going towards the operations of running the Tobermory Children's Camp, including the cost of materials, program enhancements, and competitive wages. The program is starting on June 28, 2026 for an 8 week duration until August 24, 2026. Ms. Oblak noted that the program was currently at 50% capacity.

Council inquired about staffing.

Ms. Oblak confirmed that currently an Educational Assistant (EA), a student and volunteers are on staff, noting that a full roster would include three full time staff and one student.

Council inquired about other sources of funding.

Ms. Oblak noted they had funding support from other local organizations in the area.

6. Consideration of Agenda Items

Bruce County Planning

a. Site Plan Control By-law

Jenn Burnett, Bruce County Planner, joined the meeting at 1:00pm.

Ms. Burnett provided an update on the importance of site plan control and the changes made at the provincial level.

Council requested clarification on conditions the Municipality can require site plan control, including drainage and landscaping.

Ms. Burnett mentioned that the Chief Building Official has the authority to request a drainage plan at the building permit stage, and that the applicant must provide staff with details of their proposal and impacts on surrounding properties

Council asked about the involvement of Bruce County with site plan applications.

#15-04-2026

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

That Council receives Report Site Plan Control By-law for information; and

That Council directs staff to bring forth the necessary by-law to be placed on an upcoming Council agenda for approval.

Carried

Ms. Burnett left the meeting at 1:32pm

Office of the CAO

a. CAO26-06 Tobermory Children's Camp Funding Request

#15-05-2026

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

That Council receives report CAO26-06 Tobermory Children's Camp Funding Request for information; and

That Council approve a contribution of \$5,000 to support the Tobermory Children's Camp for the 2026 season;

Carried

Clerk's Department

a. C26-19 Bed and Breakfast Program Update

#15-06-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives Report C26-19, Bed and Breakfast Licensing Program Update for information; and

That Council directs staff to extend the application deadline for Bed and Breakfast licences to December 31, 2026; and

That Council approves a one-time waiver of the \$500.00 Bed and Breakfast licensing fee for all applications received in 2026, with the fee to be reinstated effective January 1, 2027.

Carried

Treasury

a. TR26-12 2026 Investment Policy

Council asked about the Municipality's investments.

#15-07-2026

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

That Council receives Treasurer's Report TR26-12 regarding an updated Investment Policy;

That Council approves the 2026 Investment Policy as presented; and

That By-law 2008-63 is hereby rescinded.

Carried

Parks and Facilities

a. PF26-10 RFQ Results – Replacement of Rotary Hall Roofing

Council requested information on receiving quotes from local contractors. Mark Coleman, Parks and Facilities Manager, confirmed that local contractors had been contacted as part of this process.

#15-08-2026

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

That Council receives report PF26-10 RFQ Results for Replacement of Rotary Hall Roofing for information; and

That Council accepts the quotation from Nedlaw Roofing in the amount of \$66,046.00 + HST for the work to remove existing steel and install new steel roofing per the specifications quoted therein for Rotary Hall, 59 Main Street.

Carried

b. PF26-11 RFQ Results for Replacement of Rotary Hall Siding

#15-09-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives report PF26-11 RFQ Results for Replacement of Rotary Hall Siding for information; and

That Council accepts the quotation from Beitz Siding and Eavestrough in the amount of \$43,546.98 + HST for the work to remove existing siding and install new siding per the specifications quoted therein for Rotary Hall, 59 Main Street, Lion's Head.

Carried

7. Correspondence - for Information

a. National Dental Care Day Foundation, Proclamation of National Dental Care Day, 2026

#15-10-2026

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

That Council supports the proclamation

of National Dental Care Day on October 10, 2026.

Carried

b. Debbie Myles, Cabot Head Road Letter, 2026

Council referred the correspondence to staff.

8. Other Business

9. Committee Minutes

a. Museum Committee

Council inquired about the procedure for committee recommendations.

10. Reading of By-laws

a. BY-LAW 2026-51 - 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 22, 2026.

#15-11-2026

Moved by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden, 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

#15-12-2026

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

That the meeting adjourns at 1:52 p.m.

Carried

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

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Successful Celebration of Royal Canadian Legion’s Centenary at Branch 290 Tobermory

Submitted by Daryl Cowell

Over 110 people celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) on July 17 (the actual anniversary date) at the Tobermory Legion. RCL’s mission is “To serve Veterans, including serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance and to serve our Communities and our Country.” (<https://www.legion.ca/who-we-are>)

Veterans Affairs Canada provided significant funding for us to undertake the celebration. Thanks to Rick Lane who oversaw the organization of the party including obtaining the funding. Dan and Colleen Mackey along with Rob Davis supervised the food, kitchen and bar-b-que, which included Dan’s famous smoked brisket. We also served a variety of salads jumbo hot dogs and, of course, a birthday cake.

Marylou Bassford, Linda Bain and Kim McIvor helped in the kitchen and serving the food. Thanks also to our beloved bartender Raelene, assisted by Angie Russell, who made a busy night go smoothly.

Great music over the course of the night was provided by country singer Kurtis Oblak and our local band “Hwy 6 Revisited”. Hwy 6 Revisited, headed by Brad Gibbs, was in excellent tune and introduced new member Madyo Pradhan who did an excellent cover of Simon and Garfunkel’s “The Boxer”.

All-in-all, it was a great celebration and Branch 290 continues to be very active and a centerpiece of the Tobermory Community.

~ We Will Remember Them ~



Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press Photo
Photo: Bartender Raelene, assisted by Angie, kept the cold drinks flowing.



Photo credit: Tobermory Legion
Photo: Mike Haythorne and Rick Lane (bottom right) are among the over 110 people who came out to enjoy the festive atmosphere at the Tobermory Legion 100th anniversary Royal Canadian Legion celebration on July 17.



Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press Photo
Photo: Local band “Hwy 6 Revisited” was in excellent tune at the Legion 100th anniversary celebration.

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Submitted by Keep the Bruce Clean & Green

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Rotary Club, Bruce Trail Club Team Up for Second ‘Butt Blitz’ Event at Lion’s Head Beach

Submitted by Rob Hiscott Café project – more details will be posted on our Rotary facebook page and website.

On the morning of Monday, July 20th, Rotarians Catherine Henderson and Sue Kolundzic along with several community volunteers met at Lion’s Head Beach for the second ‘Butt Blitz’ event of the 2026 season, collecting about 800 cigarette butts from the Beach and the areas around Rotary Pavilion and Lion’s Head Marina.

The kickoff of the 2026 ‘Butt Blitz’ campaign back on May 12th collected over 1,200 cigarette butts from Lion’s Head Beach and Bruce Trail areas. The third ‘Butt Blitz’ event will likely be scheduled for sometime in August and we’ll advise on the actual date and time once known, looking for more community volunteers to participate.

Thanks to those who participated in this second ‘Butt Blitz’ event, working hard to help Keep the Bruce Beautiful! To help reduce the risk of spontaneous wildfires on the Bruce, please dispose of your cigarette butts in a safe manner, and follow the ‘Butt Blitz’ campaign motto of ‘Hike it! Love it! Keep it Clean!’

On Tuesday, July 21st at Rotary Hall, our Club expressed thanks and appreciation to Rotarian Catherine Henderson, presenting her with three Paul Harris Fellow awards (PHF+2) for her outstanding contributions to our Club and the community of Northern Bruce Peninsula! Cat joined Rotary in July 2019, and has served on our Club executive six of the past seven years, with multiple terms as Club President and Club Treasurer.

Incoming Club President Sue Kolundzic and Past-President Cathryn Buckley presented the awards to Cat. As noted by President Kolundzic, ‘Cat demonstrated the Rotary motto ‘Service Above Self’ with her passionate dedication to community’, concluding that ‘... a good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader but a great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves. And you’ve certainly done that for us!’

Thank you Cat for your many contributions to our Club and Northern Bruce Peninsula!

Our third community Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Rotary Hall on Sunday, August 2nd, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. Please 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.

Another Friday Pub Night will be held at Rotary Hall this coming Friday (July 31st, from 7:00 PM until late in the evening), along with two scheduled Friday Pub Nights for next month to be held August 14th and 28th.

Also at Rotary Hall, we invite you to come check out our new ‘Community Café’ at the Hall with bistro tables and chairs on our now-open front patio, initially starting mid-week mornings (Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00 AM to noon), with other service groups participating in the Community



Photo credit: Rotary Club
Photo L-R: Rotarians Catherine Henderson and Sue Kolundzic at Lion’s Head Beach on July 20th for the second ‘Butt Blitz’ event of 2026.



Photo credit: Rotary Club
Photo L-R: Volunteers Angela Elliott, Luke Elliott-Batista, Ella Martens, and Allison Elliott-Batista participated in the second ‘Butt Blitz’ event July 20th, collecting cigarette butts in the Beach area, around Rotary Pavilion and Lion’s Head Marina.

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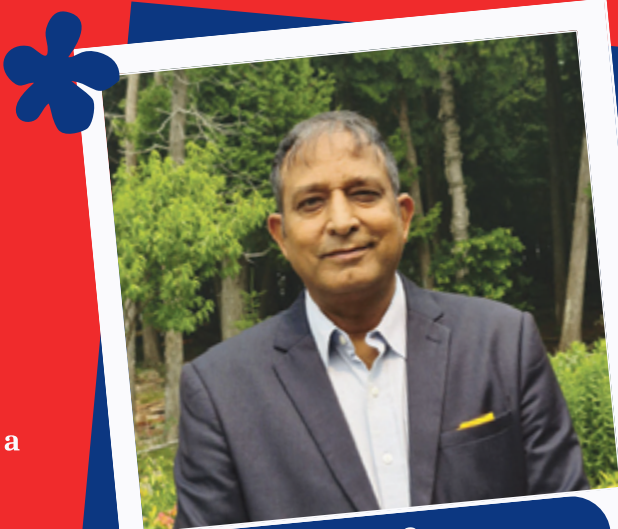
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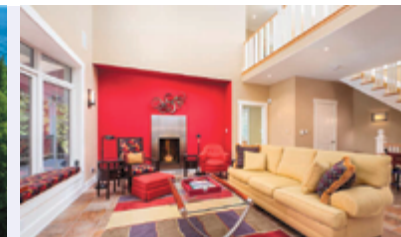
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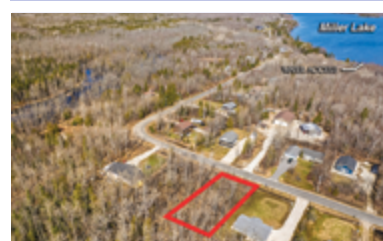
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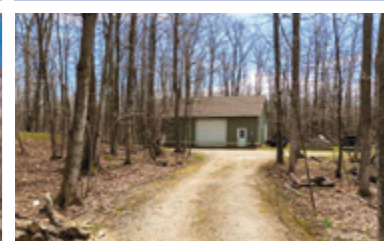
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- 7 - 9pm 56th Annual Bruce Peninsula Art Show Begins**
Bruce Peninsula District School, free admission, over 50 artists, commissions provide bursaries for students continuing in the arts.
- 7 - 9pm Tea Time Quilters Annual Quilt Show Begins**
Bruce Peninsula District School, free admission but donations accepted, beautiful quilts made by local artists on display and for purchase.
- At Dusk Bayside Astronomy**
At the Peninsula Observation Deck, Lion's Head Marina.

Saturday August 1st

- 8am - 4pm Grey Bruce Animal Shelter Fundraising Yard Sale** 323 Isthmus Bay Rd.
- 9am - 1pm Lion's Head Farmers' Market** At the Pavilion by the beach.
- 10am - 1pm Hospital Auxiliary Bookstore** Lower level of Christ Anglican Church.
- 10am - 4pm 5th Annual Rug Hooking Show & Tea** Free admission. Friendship Club beside arena. Large display of locally hooked pieces, interactive demos, tea/coffee and goodies.
- 11am - 5pm 56th Annual Bruce Peninsula Art Show Continues**
- 11am - 4pm Tea Time Quilters Annual Quilt Show Continues**
- 8pm - 1am Homecoming Street Dance** Opening Act: Adam Hellyer, Main Act: Midnight Blue. Licensed, Food Available. Sponsored by the Bruce Peninsula Family Centre, Admission \$15.00 *under 12 Free.
- At Dusk Bayside Astronomy at Dusk** At the Peninsula Observation Deck, Lion's Head Marina.

Sunday August 2nd

- 9 - 11:30am Rotary Pancake Breakfast** At the Rotary Hall. Air-conditioned inside seating or outdoor seating.
- 10am - 1pm Grey Bruce Animal Shelter Fundraising Yard Sale** 323 Isthmus Bay Rd.
- 11am - 5pm 56th Annual Bruce Peninsula Art Show Continues**
- 11am - 4pm Tea Time Quilters Annual Quilt Show**
- Noon Co-ed Horseshoe Tournament** Register at Beach Shelter at 11 am. Sponsored by Ferndale-Lion's Head Lions Club.
- Noon Hamburgers & Hot Dogs** At the beach shelter, sponsored by The Lions Club.
- 11am - 2pm Sandcastle Competition** Judging at 2 pm, Sponsored by the Community Bottle Fund & The Shops at 84 Main.

Monday August 3rd

- 11am - 5pm 56th Annual Bruce Peninsula Art Show Continues**
- 11am - 4pm Tea Time Quilters Annual Quilt Show Continues**



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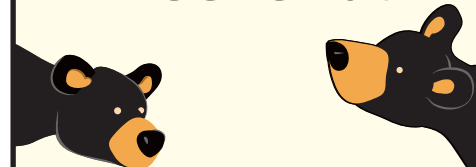
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Stokes Bay Summerfest Brings Community Together

Marianne Wood,
Bruce Peninsula Press

The annual Stokes Bay Summerfest was a tremendous success, drawing families, friends, and visitors together for a full day of community spirit, friendly competition, and local talent.

Organized by the dedicated Stokes Bay Community Centre Committee, the free event offered something for everyone. Attendees enjoyed a variety of outdoor competitions, including axe throwing, cornhole, and tug-of-war. Children were treated to free hotdogs, while additional lunch options were available for purchase throughout the day.

Inside the community centre, the Vendor Market welcomed visitors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Twelve local vendors showcased an impressive selection of products, including homemade baking, photography, Christmas decorations, and a variety of other unique items.

One of the day's highlights was a karate demonstration led by Jim, as students impressed the crowd with their skill, discipline, and confidence.

Families also enjoyed the popular nickel dig and children's crafts, ensuring there were activities for all ages throughout the day.

The evening fish dinner, hosted by the Stokes Bay General Store, sold nearly 100 dinners, with proceeds generously donated back to the community.

Organizers are already looking ahead to next year's event. Volunteers are essential to making the festival possible, and anyone interested in helping is encouraged to stop by the Stokes Bay General Store to learn more about volunteer opportunities.



Photo credit: Rachel Moore

Photo L-R: Led by Instructor Jim (James) Greenaway, Liam Campbell shows off his impressive karate skills at the Stokes Bay Summerfest Karate demonstration.



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Photo: Children search for hidden coins at the Nickel Dig station during Stokes Bay Summerfest.



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Photo L-R: New residents to Stokes Bay, Gibbran and Tamsynn-Lee perform at the Stokes Bay Summerfest.

3rd Annual Lion's Head Pickleball Tournament Raises \$6,000 for Community Organizations

Submitted by Lion's Head Pickleball Club

The 3rd Annual Lion's Head Pickleball Tournament was a success—both on and off the courts. This community-driven event raised a total of \$6,000, with \$3,000 donated to the Bruce Peninsula Family Centre and \$3,000 to the Lion's Head and District Food Bank.

Funds raised will support new craft items, playground toys and equipment for the children at the Bruce Peninsula Family Centre and vital food items for the Lion's Head and District Food Bank—two organizations making a meaningful difference in the lives of local residents.

The Lion's Head Pickleball Club has donated just over \$15,000 to local non-profit organizations over the last three years. Giving back to our community is important to us!

Hosted in the picturesque setting of Lion's Head, the tournament brought together passionate pickleball players from across the region, all competing for fun and knowing the proceeds were going to two great local non-profit organizations. The tournament featured multiple divisions, lively matches, and great camaraderie, creating an inclusive and energetic atmosphere for athletes and spectators alike. The event saw increased participation, reflecting the growing enthusiasm for pickleball and strong community spirit.



Photo courtesy of Lion's Head Pickleball Club

Photo: The Bruce Peninsula Family Centre in Lion's Head accepts a \$3,000.00 donation from members of the Lion's Head Pickleball Club. (L-R): Brad MacMillan, Roberta Mielhausen, Katherine Crivea, Carolyn Prieur, Mark Prieur and Bill Floyd.



Photo courtesy of Lion's Head Pickleball Club

Photo: Members of the Lion's Head Pickleball Club present a \$3,000.00 donation to the Lion's Head and District Food Bank. (L-R): Brad MacMillan, Charlene Scharlach (Foodbank Co-ordinator) with volunteers (behind) Chris, Cathy, Theresa and Kelly, and Mark Prieur.

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Summer Comes to Life at St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum

Submitted by Laura Kelly,
MNBP Museum Attendant

Summer may have been slow to arrive this year, but that hasn't slowed things down at St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum. July brought a full slate of exciting events and programs celebrating local history, traditional crafts and the stories that make our community unique.



Photo credit: St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum
Photo: The St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum is open daily from 11AM-4PM in July and August.

Our summer events began with the return of the Top of the Bruce Woodcarvers Club, who once again amazed visitors with live demonstrations of their creativity and craftsmanship. On July 15 and 25, visitors had the opportunity to witness firsthand the incredible level of detail that goes into each piece while learning why preserving hands-on traditional skills remains so important to communities like ours.

The fun isn't over yet. The Woodcarvers will return to the museum on August 12 and 22, giving visitors two more opportunities to see these talented craftspeople in action. For those interested in learning more about the history of carving in the area, the museum also features an exhibit on Lloyd Smith, a local guide, carver and fascinating character, which includes several pieces of his work.

At St. Edmunds

Bruce Peninsula Museum, we believe history is best experienced firsthand. That's why we're excited to once again offer our free summer drop-in programs, giving visitors of all ages the chance to learn, create and connect with the past through fun, hands-on activities.

Programs run every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday throughout July and August from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Try your hand at making butter on Sunday, August 2, create your own tin-can lantern on Wednesday, August 5, or discover the art of beeswax candle rolling on August 29. With something different happening each week, there are plenty of opportunities to experience history in a new and engaging way.

Even outside of our scheduled programs and special events, there's always something to explore at the museum. Open seven days a week from July 1 to August 31, we invite visitors to stop in, take their time and discover the people, places and stories that have shaped our community.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of our incredible volunteers. From welcoming guests and caring for the museum grounds to assisting with programs, special events and behind-the-scenes work, their contributions are essential to everything we do. We're incredibly grateful for the time, energy and enthusiasm they bring to the museum. Anyone interested in helping preserve and share the history of our community can submit a volunteer application through our website or stop in to chat with staff.

There's still plenty of summer ahead at St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum, and we hope you'll stop by and see what's happening. Follow us on social media or visit www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/museum to stay up to date on upcoming programs and special events.

To everyone who has already visited us this summer, thank you for being part of it. We hope to welcome you back again soon!

Some Residents Return to Bradley Davis Apartments Continued from page 1

before the fire department arrived. Fire damage was confined to that single unit, although two adjacent units suffered water damage. Unfortunately, smoke damage rendered the building temporarily uninhabitable and the residents all had to relocate.

The county quickly initiated repairs. They estimated damage at \$100,000.

The building sat empty for a month, with yellow police tape ringing the property and NO TRESPASSING signs at the driveway. On July 24th, about half of the residents were permitted to move back in to their units. The rest of the residents have not yet received a firm move-in date although the county hopes some units will be fixed by early August.

The official cause of the fire is listed as "Accidental". Neither the county nor the fire department will offer any detail beyond that but most of the building's residents are convinced that the fire was caused by careless smoking.

Residents and caregivers have been complaining about tobacco smoke in the Bradley Davis apartments for at least 20 years. Everyone who was contacted for this story complained about the constant smell of smoke. "The smoke in the hallway would make your eyes water," one resident said.

All of the residents said they had made complaints to the county on the subject but all were told that nothing could be done.

Some residents are nervous about moving back into their units. They believe the county will not do anything to address the smoking problem and worry that if there are no heroic bystanders around, the next fire could take the whole building.

Bruce Peninsula Press contacted Bruce County for clarification. They responded by email.

We asked if people are allowed to smoke in their units? The answer:

"Bruce County Housing Corporation (BCHC) owns and operates approximately 700 housing units. All were designated non-smoking in 2011 with the introduction of the Smoke-Free Ontario Act. However, tenants living in a BCHC building prior to this legislation may continue to smoke in their unit under the terms of their current lease. Units become non-smoking when a tenant voluntarily chooses to sign a new lease or moves out. All new leases issued after 2011 are non-smoking."

We asked if the 2011 legislation allowed any of the residents of the Bradley Davis building to smoke in their units, to which the county replied:

"We cannot speak to specific lease terms for any of the residents due to tenant privacy and confidentiality."

We asked if the county had received complaints about tobacco smoke in the building. They replied:

"Service requests and complaints are also confidential information."

The county explains their complaints process:

"If a tenant breaches their lease, our Housing Services staff follow the processes and requirements of the Residential Tenancies Act. A breach will include smoking if their lease indicates non-smoking. We work with the tenant to seek voluntary compliance and to resolve issues. If we cannot come to a resolution, the County may apply to the Landlord and Tenant Board for support in finding a solution. This may include mediation, orders for compliance, or eviction depending on the severity and persistence of the issue."

Each of the residents we spoke to had a list of lame excuses the county had given for not enforcing the smoking policy. Some of them were pretty comical.

But, as one resident pointed out, worrying about a fire every night when you're trying to fall asleep is not funny at all.



Photo credit: St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum
Photo: Top of the Bruce Woodcarvers visit the museum to demonstrate the art of woodcarving. They will be returning to the museum on August 12th & 22nd.



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Paswewe De: Echoes of the Heartbeat Celebration Marks National Indigenous Peoples Day

Tammy Raycraft,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Public tours to Flowerpot Island paused June 21 as members of Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation gathered for ceremonies marking National Indigenous Peoples Day during the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) Environment Office's Paswewe De: Echoes of the Heartbeat celebration.

The Indigenous-led gathering brought SON members together on culturally significant islands surrounding Tobermory for ceremony, drumming, a community feast and guided tours, highlighting the Nation's enduring connection to its traditional territory.

Prior to the event, SON Environment Office Senior Manager Janet Galant said Flowerpot Island "holds significant meaning to our People" and described it as "deeply sacred," adding that organizers were looking forward to holding ceremonies there on National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Parks Canada staff, media and members of the public were invited to witness portions of the ceremonies from Mermaid's Cove, where SON leadership provided remarks before a big drum ceremony carried across the waters toward the surrounding islands.

The event also highlighted collaboration between the SON Environment Office and Parks Canada in recognizing the cultural significance of the lands and waters within Fathom Five National Marine Park.

Founded in 2004 by the Joint Chiefs and Councils of Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, the SON Environment Office works with organizations operating within SON Territory and supports efforts to protect lands, waters and natural resources throughout more than two million acres of traditional territory.

As ceremonies concluded, families, Elders and youth departed the islands after a day of drumming, teachings and shared meals, marking National Indigenous Peoples Day while strengthening connections to lands and waters that remain central to SON Anishinaabek culture, history and stewardship.



Photo credit: SON Environment Office

Photo: Participants enjoy a cruise courtesy of Blue Heron Cruises during Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) Environment Office Indigenous Peoples Day celebration.



Photo credit: SON Environment Office

Photo: Drummers gather at Mermaid's Cove for Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) Environment Office Indigenous Peoples Celebration.



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Photo: Kids enjoying Flowerpot Island during the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) Environment Office Indigenous Peoples Celebration.

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FENN, Christena "Chris"- July 12, 2026 - Christena Elizabeth Fenn (nee Lougheed), died peacefully at Golden Dawn Senior Citizen Home, Lion's Head at the age of 95. Predeceased by her husband, James "Jim" Fenn (2019). Dear mother of Barb (Paul Lavigne), and Brenda (Gord Walden), both of Oliphant, and Sandy Fenn (Dan Caron), of Blyth. Cherished grandmother of Nicole (Paul), Jacki (Curt), and Andrew (JaeWon) and Brittany (deceased 2012) and great-grandmother of Sydney, Jackson, and Alice. Survived by her sister-in-law, Helene Fenn, of Ilderton. During her 73 year marriage, Chris was employed by both Bell Canada and TD Canada Trust. Chris enjoyed family time at the cottage in Oliphant and in retirement, winters in Florida. Family wish to extend their gratitude to the staff of Golden Dawn, and to Dr. Matheson for the wonderful care given to Chris and her family. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was held at the Thomas C. Whitcroft Peninsula Chapel, Wiarton on Sunday July 26, 2026 from 1-3 PM, with a Time of Sharing at 2 o'clock. Interment in Balsam Grove cemetery followed. Donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Canada, or to Parkinson Canada would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Condolences may be expressed online at www.whitcroffuneralhome.com

MCIVER, (Clark) Emmet - It is with great sadness that the family of Emmet McIver shares his passing on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 with both Lynda and Michelle at his bedside. Emmet McIver of Lion's Head in his 81st year. Beloved husband of Lynda McIver (nee Bray) for over 58 years. Cherished father of Michelle McIver of Kincardine. Dear brother of Milt McIver (Bonnie) of Lindsay Twp and Brian McIver (Karen) of Lion's Head and brother-in-law of Warren Bray (Holly) and Stephen Holmes (Janice pre). Beloved uncle of many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Fondly remembered by close cousin Brent Greig, Aunt Veryl, Uncle Garf, Debbie Bray, Peter and Jackie Tenute. Predeceased by parents Vera (nee Bridge) and Donald McIver, sons Tracy and Darcy, nephew Nathan Bray and brother-in-law Jeff Bray (Bonnie). Emmet spent his youth on the family farm in Lindsay Township where he developed his passion for family life, his love of the outdoors and a strong work ethic. An athlete and an outdoorsman, Emmet's love for sport and nature was interwoven in his family life. Making maple syrup, brush cutting, berry and leek picking, hunting, camping and family picnics will be cherished memories. Emmet was involved with Minor Hockey and Baseball for many years. Emmet's career with Ontario Hydro began as an apprentice in 1967. He and Lynda moved between cities and towns until Emmet had the opportunity to return to his beloved Lion's Head. On the Peninsula, Emmet was a dedicated family man, friend, coach and neighbour. Many a phone call came in after hours where Emmet was at the ready to lend a hand for work, his children or friends. If there was a need, he was there. Upon his retirement in 2000, Emmet had the opportunity to pursue many passions. He found great joy in time spent working alongside his brother Brian, in the bush with Brent, visiting with Milt at the feedlot and many DIY projects with Michelle. Above all Emmet cherished family time. A dedicated husband and father, Emmet's greatest joy came when surrounded by his family sharing stories, pranks and laughter. A sincere heartfelt thank you is extended to Dr. Shannon Vanderstelt, Nurse Practitioner Tara Harpur, and the Care Partners team for their support and compassionate care. As per Emmet's wishes a private family graveside service was held at Eastnor Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the GEORGE FUNERAL HOME, Wiarton. Expressions of remembrance to Lion's Head Hospital c/o Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through www.georgefuneralhome.com

BAILLARGEON, Gloria Joyce McNair (nee Cook), our most cherished mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother has passed away at Golden Dawn Nursing Home, Ontario Thursday, July 24, 2026 in her 103rd year, peacefully ending a rich and active life filled with loving family, great friends, much laughter, music, dancing and travel. Gloria leaves behind her three children, Carol Henning, Bill McNair (Barb) and JoAnne Bates (Lenn), ten grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, and 7 great great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her seven siblings, and her parents Pearl (nee Dool) and Arthur Cook. Her first husband, Harvey McNair, passed away in 1983, her son, James Allan, in 1988, and her second husband Roy Baillargeon, in 2015. At seventeen, Gloria moved from her home in Sudbury to Miller Lake, as a new wife and mother, beginning a life on the farm where she and Harvey raised their four children. Her family was afraid for her to be so far away, in a home without electricity or indoor plumbing, but she saw it as a great adventure, and loved her life on the Bruce. Gloria was an active member of her community for many years. She served on Lindsay Council and on the Canada Parks Commission, working tirelessly to ensure local residents and their livelihoods were protected from the demands of the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Following her marriage to Roy, Gloria enjoyed many winters in Florida and summers in Tobermory. They traveled extensively and enjoyed cruises throughout the Caribbean as well as travels through Europe. She became very involved with the Royal Canadian Legion when they later moved to Cambridge, as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, as well as the branch. Gloria, in her eighties, volunteered with Meals on Wheels, delivering weekly meals to the 'elderly'. She also prepared meals for one of the local senior centers and served on the board of her condo. After Roy's death, she made the decision to return to the Bruce, and has always been a staunch (fierce!) advocate for her fellow residents at Golden Dawn. Gloria served as president of the Residents' Council for several years, and always felt strongly that she, who had her voice, should use it to help those who no longer had theirs. And she did. Gloria will be forever missed and loved by her family, her friends, and her community; her love for her family, her inner strength, her zest for life, and her lifelong interest and concern for both local and global issues are an inspiration to the large family she leaves behind. She will live in our hearts forever. Family and friends are invited to remember and honour Gloria's life at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 202, Lion's Head, on Thursday, July 30, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Memories will be shared at 2:00 p.m. Gloria would love it if you celebrated her in sparkles, sequins or cheerful colours. Arrangements entrusted to the GEORGE FUNERAL HOME, Wiarton. Interment Eastnor Cemetery. Expressions of remembrance to the Lion's Head Hospital c/o Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through www.georgefuneralhome.ca

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HELP WANTED

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REGULAR MEETINGS, FUN & GAMES

Clubs, Organizations, Groups, etc., call us before Aug. 5, 2026 to be included in the next Press.

MONDAY

Community Café. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Coffee, tea, snacks. **8am–12pm**

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**

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 **Last day Oct. 5, 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

Community Café. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Coffee, tea, snacks. **8am–12pm**

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

Mindful Movement with Joann. Tobermory United Church. See tobermoryunited.ca. **10am**

Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 9am–1pm & 3–5pm**

Line Dancing. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. May not be suitable for beginners. lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. **Not July/Aug. 10–11am**

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. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. More info at facebook.com/RotaryNBP or 519-793-4040. **1st and 3rd Tues. 7–8:30pm**

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**

Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 9am–5pm**

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**

Top of the Bruce Woodcarvers Meeting. Tobermory Community Centre. **Not July/Aug. 11am–2:30pm**

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**

Darts. Wiarton Legion Br. 208. All are welcome. **7pm**

Euchre. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. **7pm**

Ferndale, 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://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**

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

Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 9am–3pm**

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**

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THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

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. Not July, Aug, or Dec. 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

Roll & Release. Via Zoom. Contact barbara@lovingyoga.ca. **9–10:30am**
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**
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**
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**
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. **See ad pg. 8. 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.**

Through the Week

Yoga. Yoga Hive North. facebook.com/yogahivenorth

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Ongoing

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

Until Sunday August 2

42nd Annual Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby. Weight stations open 10am–1pm, 8–10pm at Lion's Head Harbour and Great Ape Empire Outfitters, Wiarton. \$30,000 in prizes and cash to be won. **Scales close 1pm, Aug. 2**

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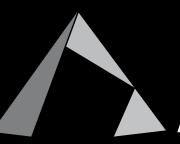
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Wednesday July 29
Septic Workshop. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. Hosted by Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association. Pump-out demonstration and Q&A. For info contact info@bpba.ca. **9am**
Summer in the Spirit – Songs of the Canadian Spirit. Tobermory Legion, Br. 290. Local musicians play familiar favourites. **7pm**
Friday July 31
Rotary Hall Pub Night. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Bar and Trivia. **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 brucepeninsulaart.ca/art-show. **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. See ad pg. 3. **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. **8pm–1am**
Sunday August 2
Pancake Breakfast. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula. \$15/person, \$7/child 12 and under. See ad pg. 6. **9–11:30pm**
Lions Annual Horseshoe Tournament. Lion's Head Beach. Food bar. **Registration starts 11am**

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. **11:45am–2:30pm**
Summer in the Spirit – Spirit of the Forest. Starts at Parks Visitor Centre (parking fees waived). A gentle walk along a forest path. **7–8:30pm**

Saturday August 8
Used Book Sale. Lion's Head Arena. Hosted by Friends of the Lion's Head Library. Donations accepted until Fri. Aug. 2. Leave books in the boxes inside the arena doors. No textbooks, damaged books, or magazines. **9am–3pm**

Saturday August 8 – Sunday August 9
Sandfest. Saugeen Beach and town square. Events, sand sculpture competitions, live music, kid's activities. **8am–9pm**
Monday August 10
Parks Canada Community Day. Cyprus Lake (Grotto) & Halfway Log Dump. Parking and reservation fees waived for residents of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. ID required. Special presentation at the Cyprus Lake HUB on the province's black bear research study. For more info contact bruce-Fathomfive@pc.gc.ca. **Halfway Log Dump 7am–1pm; Cyprus Lake 12–5pm**

Tuesday August 11
Fish Fry. Lion's Head Legion. Tickets \$30 each. Call 519-793-3473 or 519-477-4924 for tickets. **5–7pm**

Wednesday August 12
Golden Dawn Senior Citizens Home Fish Fry Fundraiser. Golden Dawn?. \$25/person. Contact 519-793-3433. **5pm**

Summer in the Spirit – Brews & Hymns. Tobermory Legion, Br. 290. Hymns and a cup of tea or beer. **7pm**

Friday August 14
Rotary Hall Pub Night. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Bar and Trivia. **7pm**
Friday August 14 – Sunday August 16
Traditional Pow Wow. Cape Croker Park, Neyaashiinigiing. Admission \$5/person ages 5–55, others free. Parking by donation. Ceremonies, musical performances, meals, information sessions. See nawash.ca/powwow for full schedule.

Saturday August 15
Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Tobermory. St. Edmunds Landfill Site. No commercial, industrial, agricultural waste, PCB materials, ammunition, or flares. Full list at brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste. **8am–12pm**

Artisan Fair & Bake Sale. Pike Bay Community Centre. Hosted by Pike Bay Community Association. To book a 10'x10' space to show your crafts, email pikebay.ontario@gmail.com. Donations of baked goods, preserves, etc, can be dropped off at the centre Aug. 14, 6–8pm. Proceeds support our community centre and initiatives. **10am–2pm**

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SPECIAL EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Wednesday August 19

Summer in the Spirit – Fireside Conversation about Things that Matter. St. Edmund's Anglican Church, Tobermory. A safe space to speak & listen. Bring a chair. **7pm**

Saturday August 22

Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Sauble Beach. St. Edmunds Landfill Site. No commercial, industrial, agricultural waste, PCB materials, ammunition, or flares. Full list at brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste. **8am–12pm**

Lion's Head Friendship Club Games Day.

More info to come. Tickets \$5/person, includes BBQ and corn roast before games. **4pm**

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Wiarton. The Salvation Army.
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CHURCH SERVICES

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

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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 stmarysandthemissions.ca
519-376-0778.

- **St. Mark's** 54 Main St, Lion's Head. **Saturday, 9:30am**
- **St. Thomas Aquinas** 552 Gould St, Wiarton. **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.**

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THU	10am–2pm	10am–6pm	10am–7pm
FRI	9:30am–5pm	10am–2pm	10am–6pm
SAT	9:30am–2pm	10am–3pm	10am–4pm
SUN	<i>Closed</i>	1–4pm	2–6pm

Bruce Peninsula OPP Report: Boater Charged With Impaired Operation

Media Release

(SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON)

- On July 11, 2026, members of the Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Marine Unit were conducting proactive marine patrols on Lake Huron in the Municipality of South Bruce Peninsula.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., officers conducted a vessel inspection and observed open alcoholic beverage containers on board. As a result of the investigation, officers initiated an impaired operation investigation.

The operator of the vessel was subsequently arrested.

A 64-year-old, from South Bruce Peninsula, has been charged under the Criminal Code of Canada with:

• Operation While Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration (80 Plus)

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound on August 20, 2026.

In addition, the accused's driver's licence was administratively suspended for 90 days, as required by statute.

Boater Safety Reminder

The OPP reminds all boaters that impaired operation laws apply on the water just as they do on roadways. Alcohol and drugs can impair judgment, reaction time, balance, and decision-making, significantly increasing the risk of collisions, falls overboard, and drowning.

Before heading out on the water:

-Designate a sober operator.

-Never consume alcohol or drugs before or while operating a vessel.

-Ensure all required safety equipment

is on board and readily accessible.

-Wear a properly fitted lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD).

-Plan your trip and monitor weather and water conditions before departing.

The Grey Bruce OPP remains committed to promoting safe waterways and reducing preventable injuries and deaths through enforcement and public education. Members of the public are urged to report Impaired boating by calling 911 in emergency situations.

Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Fentanyl Seized During Traffic Stop in Georgian Bluffs

(GEORGIAN BLUFFS, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged one individual following a traffic stop that resulted in the seizure of suspected illicit drugs with an estimated street value exceeding \$42,000.

On July 11, 2026, at approximately 11:00 a.m., a Grey Bruce OPP officer was conducting proactive patrol on Grey Road 3 near Sideroad 3 in the Township of Georgian Bluffs. While on patrol, the officer's Automated Licence Plate Reader (ALPR) alerted to a vehicle associated with a Highway Traffic Act violation.

The officer conducted a traffic stop and spoke with the driver. During the interaction, the officer observed cannabis products within the vehicle, which led to a further investigation and search of the vehicle.

As a result of the search, police located and seized the following with approximate quantities:

-176 grams of suspected cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$17,600

-199.1 grams of suspected methamphetamine, with an estimated street value of \$19,900

-19.4 grams of suspected fentanyl, with an estimated street value of \$4,750

The total estimated street value of the drugs seized is approximately \$42,250.

Based on common street-level quantities, the drugs seized represent approximately:

-176 individual sales of cocaine (sold by the gram)

-1,991 individual sales of methamphetamine (sold by the gram)

-194 individual sales of fentanyl (sold by the point)

The driver was arrested without incident.

A 26-year-old, of Brampton, has been charged with the following offences:

Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA)

• Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Cocaine

• Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Methamphetamine

• Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Fentanyl

Criminal Code (CC)

• Operation While Prohibited

Highway Traffic Act (HTA)

• Drive While Suspended

• Drive Motor Vehicle - No Currently Validated Permit

Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act (CAIA)

• Fail to Surrender Insurance Card

Cannabis Control Act (CCA)

• Drive Vehicle with Cannabis Readily Available

The accused was held for a bail hearing before the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound and was remanded into custody.

Anyone with information regarding the possession, manufacturing, or trafficking of illicit drugs is encouraged to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a secure web-tip at www.cstip.ca, where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Theft of Topsoil Screener

(GEORGIAN BLUFFS, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating the theft of a Topsoil Screener from a residence in the Township of Georgian Bluffs.

On July 10, 2026, Grey Bruce OPP received a report of a stolen Topsoil Screener from a property located on Concession Road 21, near Thompsons Sideroad. The Topsoil Screener is believed to have been stolen sometime between July 1 and July 9, 2026.

The stolen Topsoil Screener is described as: 8 ft, Electric, North 42 Topsoil Screener.

If you or anyone you know has information that would assist in this investigation, please call the Grey Bruce OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a secure web-tip at www.cstip.ca, where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.



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IS YOUR NAME ON THE VOTERS LIST?

The 2026 Municipal Election is just around the corner!

Whether you're a long-time resident, recently moved to the Municipality, or own property here - now is the perfect time to make sure your voter information is up to date.

Visit RegisterToVoteON.ca before August 12, 2026 to confirm you're on the Voters List.

Miss the deadline? No problem!

After August 12, eligible voters can visit the Municipal Office with identification and proof of ownership or tenancy to be added to or update their information on the Voters List.



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Three (3) Councillors

Nomination packages are available at the Municipal Office during regular business hours. Completed nomination papers must be filed in person with the Municipal Clerk no later than **2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026**. Please contact the Municipal Clerk to make an appointment at clerk@northernbruce.ca

Visit www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/election for election information, important dates, and resources.

If you have any questions, the Clerk's department is here to help - feel free to contact us or stop by the Municipal Office.

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 OFFICE CLOSURE

The Municipal Office will be closed for the Civic Holiday on Monday August 3rd, 2026 and will re-open on Tuesday August 4th, 2026.

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 McArthur Rd

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

MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX

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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.



PROPERTY TAXES

The final tax billing were processed in July with due dates of July 31, 2026 and September 30, 2026.

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

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

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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 northbrucepeninsula.ca/bylaw
2. Phone: 1-833-793-3537 Ext. 235
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Scan the QR Code to access the events calendar:

Interested in seeing what events and activities are happening in Northern Bruce Peninsula or wish to add your event to the calendar? Scan the QR Code below to access the events calendar.



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Diving for Conservation: The Biosphere's Inaugural PADI Women Dive Day Fundraiser

Submitted by Mia Toose

TOBERMORY — On July 17–19, the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association (BPBA) in partnership with Dive Life Tobermory hosted an inaugural fundraising event, *Women Beneath the Surface: Diving for Conservation in Fathom Five National Marine Park*.

While scuba divers flock to Tobermory for world-class shipwreck diving, many leave believing there is little wildlife to see beneath the waves. The weekend-long event focused on citizen science of the nearshore waters, while celebrating women in diving, and raising funds for the Biosphere's conservation projects. The freshwater ecosystems of the Great Lakes are rich, vibrant, and waiting to be understood. The weekend brought together seven divers and 14 snorkelers—ranging from local residents to participants traveling from as far as Florida and Honduras.

The fundraiser allowed women of all ages to dive into conservation by learning how to be active participants in preserving and protecting the unique environment.

The event kicked off Friday evening with the Waves of Change Reception & Citizen Science Seminar by local ecologist, educator, and artist Jenna McGuire on Lake Huron's often under-researched underwater biodiversity. On Saturday afternoon, participants gathered at the Tobermory Community Centre for a catered Lunch & Learn, where McGuire taught underwater sketching to deepen observation skills. Participants also learned how their photographs can be used to help local conservation efforts by using the iNaturalist app—a handy tool for both above and underwater photo ID that is shared with the scientific community.

Saturday's thunderstorms and northern wildfire air quality concerns put a slight delay on diving, prompting BPBA Board Chair Victoria Lant to joke, "Doesn't Mother Nature know we are trying to raise money for her?!" Sunday



Photo credit: Kristin Paterakis

Photo: Divers Kristin Paterakis, Carly Brenner-Hunter, Janet McKeown, Kim Gow, Emily Caulfield, and Karen Brown participate.

delivered fair weather and participants explored four of the top shallow-water wrecks in the area, including, Sweepstakes/City of Grand Rapids, W.L. Wetmore, James C. King and Charles P. Minch. Equipped with slates and cameras, participants logged aquatic life to upload to iNaturalist, contributing real data to local biodiversity tracking.

Avid scuba diver Kristin Paterakis based in Delray Beach, Florida, was stunned by the beauty of the freshwater lakes. "I have a new appreciation for the history, culture and wildlife of Canada that is so unique compared to other diving I've done throughout the world," says Paterakis. "To be able to witness historic shipwrecks and contribute to conservation projects alongside empowering women was so inspiring. I hope to come back to explore more—maybe with a few extra layers to keep warm."

According to PADI, "When the initiative began 11 years ago, women made up 35 percent of recreational divers and fewer than 18 percent of PADI dive professionals. Today, those metrics have jumped to 40 percent and 20 percent, respectively." That is the power of publicly celebrating underrepresented groups. When women see themselves reflected in roles from which they were historically excluded, it reshapes cultural norms and drives systemic change.

While this event celebrates women underwater, the Biosphere's ultimate goal is to inspire all divers and snorkelers to become citizen scientists. All event profits made through bookings at Dive Life Tobermory and then donated back to the Biosphere directly support the Biosphere's ongoing environmental conservation initiatives, from water quality monitoring to wetland restoration and dark sky preservation.

A huge thank you to Dive Life Tobermory, Parks Canada, Jenna McGuire, Biosphere volunteers and our incredible participants. To learn more or get involved, visit bpba.ca.

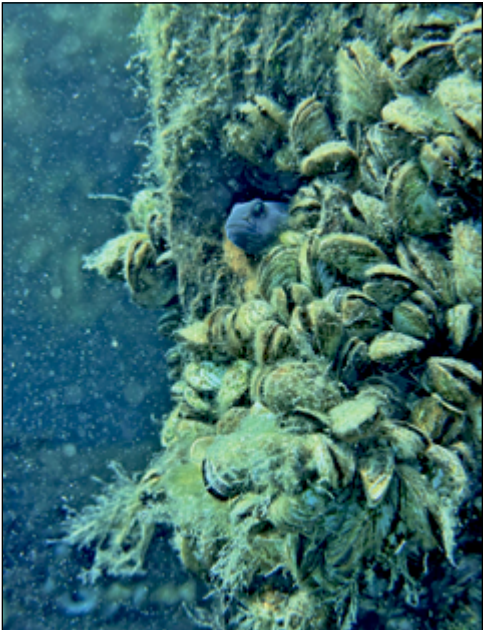


Photo credit: Kristin Paterakis

Photo: A Gobi hides among the Zebra mussels on the Sweepstakes Shipwreck.



Photo credit: Victoria Lant

Photo: Dive Life Tobermory owner Szilvia with the Snorkel Boat at the PADI Women Dive Day Fundraiser.



Photo credit: Mia Toose

Photo: Participants Georgia Bermingham and Isabel Fleisher analyze specimens during Lunch & Learn with local ecologist, educator, and artist Jenna McGuire.

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Defending Parks from Invasive Species

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it is dominated by invasives: Zebra and Quagga Mussels, Round Gobies, alewives, lampreys, salmon and so many more? What does preservation even mean?

The forest environments have changed just as dramatically, although most of the dominant species are still native — fir, cedar and aspen now dominate where hemlock, maple and beech used to rule.

On land, invasive species are most destructive in wetlands, open habitats and forest edges. Parks Canada’s Spencer Bennett gave a presentation about this at the Sources of Knowledge Forum in Tobermory this spring.

Bennett began by defining the difference between alien species and invasives. Any species which has been introduced to our area is alien — think dandelions — whereas invasives are species that can take over habitats and choke out the native species the parks are trying to protect.

Bennett has accepted a promotion to Wood Buffalo National Park in Alberta; Anna Fletcher now manages the invasive species at Bruce Peninsula National Park/Fathom Five National Marine Park.

She told me that our parks are monitoring 496 known infestations at 86 different sites, involving 28 different invasive species.

The threats are serious, but the manpower required to eliminate any given infestation — once firmly established — tends to be prohibitive. So the objective is management and control

rather than elimination. “It’s a long game we’re playing,” Fletcher explains — trying to maintain an environment where native species can still thrive.

The most visible of the invasives is, of course, phragmites — the five-metre-tall reed that has taken over so many of our wetlands and wetland edges. It chokes out the native plant species that everything evolved to live around — creating an alien environment that our frogs, turtles, birds and fish can’t survive in.

Trying to control “phrag” is a time-consuming nightmare. The best chemical-free control technique is to drown it — cut the stems below the water level so that the roots can’t use the leaves and stems to breathe. But phrag also produces huge seed heads, which must be gathered carefully and disposed of. The cut/haul/drown technique is not 100% effective and must be done repeatedly to eliminate any one infestation. Parks is watching/managing 255 patches of phrag distributed over dozens of sites.

The second-worst invasive is Wild Parsnip, a member of the carrot family. Parsnip requires a totally different management approach because it is a biennial, not a perennial, which means its seeds are much more viable than those of phrag. A parsnip plant can produce 975 seeds, which remain viable for about 9 years.

Parsnip is not just an environmental problem — its sap can also make skin so light-sensitive that severe sunburn can develop in a few minutes of direct sun. Parsnip is highly visible along Highway 6 and other roadsides in the Lindsay Flats area. It’s a tall plant with greenish-yellow flowers; it blooms in July. Ontario Department of Transport and Bruce County have both been spraying roadsides for years in an attempt to control Wild Parsnip.

Parks personnel have used chemical and mechanical techniques to dramatically reduce the extent of the 36 Wild Parsnip infestations in our parks.

Filling out the top five threats at our parks are Garlic Mustard (46 know infestations), Wild Chervil (only 11 known infestations in our parks now but it’s spreading fast south of Owen Sound) and Purple Loosestrife (34 known infestations).

Each of these species (and 23 others) requires its own, targeted management strategy. Fletcher’s team must share effort with bear management, ecological integrity, species at risk (think rattlesnakes and turtles), ecological impact assessments and research. Oh, and support the fire team.

It is, as Anna Fletcher says, a long game.



Parks Canada photo

Photo: Spencer Bennett preparing to cut down a Wild Parsnip plant before it gets a chance to go to seed.



Parks Canada photo

Photo: Controlling invasive phragmites: cut off the stems below the waterline to drown the roots, then remove the seed heads so it can’t spread.

SWANS Support Summer Activities at Bruce Peninsula Family Centre

Submitted by Bonnie Warder

Summer is always a busy time of year and it is hard to believe that it is half over! The Peninsula SWANS’ regular meetings are not held in July and August, but the Club stays active with some catering events and our Treasurer continues to make donations that have been passed by the members in our annual budget.

In a timely fashion, our Treasurer Bev Miller delivered our donation of \$600.00 to Katherine Crivea at the Bruce Peninsula Family Centre to help with the costs of summer activities for the children. It is so important that the summer be a fun time!

So, without meetings, there is very little to report, but the SWANS do hope your summer is going well. The weather remains interesting every day but we are so fortunate compared to many other parts of Ontario, so count our blessings and enjoy!



Photo L-R: Katherine Crivea from the Bruce Peninsula Family Centre accepts a \$600.00 donation from SWANS Treasurer Bev Miller.

Lion’s Head Friendship Club Hosts Successful Seniors Day

Submitted by Geraldine Loker

The Lion’s Head Friendship Club recently hosted a Seniors Day that proved to be a tremendous success, with 44 seniors enjoying a fun-filled day of activities, fellowship, and great food.

Participants took part in a variety of games, including cornhole, bocce ball, golf, a fish pond, and several other activities. Everyone enjoyed some friendly competition, and prizes were awarded to those who achieved the highest scores.

The day concluded with a delicious steak supper, followed by strawberry shortcake for dessert. A special thank you goes to Larry, who did an outstanding job cooking the steaks for everyone to enjoy.

The Friendship Club extends its sincere appreciation to all of the organizers and volunteers whose hard work and dedication made the event possible. Their time, effort, and commitment are truly appreciated, and the day would not have been such a success without them. Thank you as well to everyone who attended and



Photo credit: Lion’s Head Friendship Club
Photo L-R: Ruth Bauer and Helen Greig wait for the games to begin at the Seniors Day event.

helped create such a warm, enjoyable atmosphere.

The next Games Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Friendship Club and from several members of the Board of Directors. Tickets are \$5.00 each, which includes a BBQ and corn roast before the games begin. Tickets are selling quickly, so anyone planning to attend is encouraged to purchase theirs as soon as possible.

The Friendship Club would also like to remind members that, with the exception of lunches, sign-up sheets are no longer being used for events. Instead, tickets will be sold for all events at a cost of \$5.00 per person. As many events sell out quickly, purchasing tickets early is recommended.

Games Days are always a highlight at the Friendship Club, offering plenty of fun, laughter, and an opportunity to enjoy time with friends old and new.



Photo credit: Lion’s Head Friendship Club
Photo: Participants enjoy fishing in the popular “fish pond” at the successful Seniors Day.

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Red Schoolhouse Gallery Artist Spotlight:
Diana Licskai and Aria Thomas

Lion’s Head Resident Wins Keeping Care Close
to Home 50/50 Lottery Early Bird Prize

Submitted by Janet Whittington

Diana Licskai, one of 12 permanent member artists, has lived in the Northern Bruce Peninsula for over 10 years. Her work in acrylic draws inspiration from tranquil walks along The Bruce Trail, the serene views of Georgian Bay, and the ever-changing beauty of trees and her flower garden. Roadside landscapes and quiet moments in the forest spark her creativity, allowing her to capture the peaceful feelings that nature evokes. Her art reflects these soothing, natural vistas and the sense of calm that they inspire.

Aria Thomas, currently an arts specialist major at Saugeen District Secondary School in Port Elgin, grew up in Lion’s Head and is completing an arts co-op at the Red Schoolhouse Gallery. She has been creating art since she was old enough to hold a



Photo credit: Diana Licskai
Photo: Acrylic painting by Diana Licskai.

crayon. There has never been a time in her life when art wasn’t a passion. This year, Aria has been exploring a variety of different mediums, including water colour and pastels and is currently finessing her pen and ink and realism skills. Aria hopes to continue her arts education at the post-secondary level when she graduates next spring.

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



Photo credit: Aria Thomas
Photo: A Diva in the Making by Aria Thomas.

Submitted by April Patry, Executive Director, BPHF

Warton, ON – The Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation (BPHF) is pleased to announce that Doug Luxton of Lion’s Head is the winner of the \$2,500 Early Bird Prize in the Keeping Care Close to Home Lottery. The winning draw took place on June 26, 2026.

While Doug is celebrating his win, there’s still plenty of excitement ahead for lottery participants. **The grand prize jackpot has already climbed above \$26,000 and continues to grow with every ticket sold.**

“We’re thrilled to congratulate Doug on his Early Bird win,” said April Patry, Executive Director of the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation. “Every ticket purchased helps support local healthcare while giving participants the chance to win a life-changing jackpot.”

Last year’s grand prize winner, Kris Dawson of Hepworth, took home an impressive \$30,910, demonstrating just how much the jackpot can grow through strong community support.

Readers are encouraged to purchase their tickets now to secure their chance at the growing jackpot while helping fund essential equipment and healthcare initiatives for Brightshores Warton and Lion’s Head Hospitals.

For ticket information and lottery details, visit www.bphfoundation.com or call (519)534-5856.



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Photo (L-R): Doug Luxton and Crystal Brown, Registration Clerk at Brightshores Lion’s Head Hospital, with the \$2,500.00 Early Bird winning cheque.



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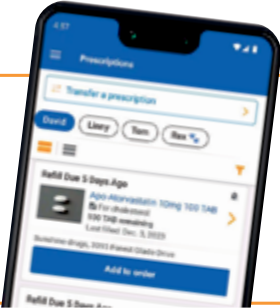
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