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"Finishing It" Like Terry Did! Lion's Head Run Raises Over \$22,000

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Photo: Top fundraisers at the Lion's Head Terry Fox Run (L-R) – Betty Hastings (who raised \$4,110) Marg & Owen Glendon (who raised \$1,800) and Sheri McHardy and Bill Floyd (Bill and Sheri Terrific Team raised \$2,465) pose with a lifesize Terry Fox. Approximately 86 people attended the annual event which raised over \$22,000 for cancer research. Turn to page 12 for the full story.

MNBP Reveals New Waste Collection Schedule

Different Collection Days for Zones A, B, C, D

Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press

A new curbside waste collection schedule was approved at the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) September 28 Council Meeting. The new schedule spans across four weekdays split geographically between the former village of Lion's Head and three municipal townships: St. Edmunds on Mondays (Zone A), East Eastnor on Tuesdays (Zone B), Lindsay on Wednesdays (Zone C), and West Eastnor on Thursdays (Zone D (see map on page 20). "We're hoping this is the best route to get everything completed in four days, which is going to be good," said Troy Cameron, Public Works Manager.

Cameron plans to transition to in-house municipal waste collection under the new schedule on November 23, 2026, which will be the first in-house garbage collection day under the new schedule. Currently, the entire Municipality receives garbage collection on Mondays by Waste Management.

Blue box curbside recycling will continue to be collected by Waste Management (WM). The company is switching their trucks to a "cart system" for recycling where the truck uses mechanical arms to lift and empty carts. In 2026, the recycling program shifted to being managed by the provincial government. Municipalities and taxpayers no longer pay for curbside blue box recycling – the cost is borne by the producers of packaging and paper products.

Cameron said in a telephone interview that WM has been minimal in communications regarding future curbside recycling plans.

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Truth & Reconciliation Walk Draws Support From North Bruce Community

Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press
Northern Bruce Peninsula community members and those of the neighbouring communities of Wiarton and Owen Sound accepted the invitation extended

by the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation to join them at Cape Croker Park "for an evening of remembering, learning, sharing and connection."

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Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo L-R: Deirdre Miller shows participants Darci Lombard, Sara Hsaio and Brian Taylor how to prepare quills for crafting. Miller, who teaches kids at the local school on how to craft using quills, explains the process and selection of quills for various types of crafts, including information about the porcupine hairs that are plucked for use in ceremonial headdress.

Hospitals Foundation Announces New Anne and Howard James & Family Endowment Fund

Submitted by April Patry,
Executive Director, BPHF

New Legacy Fund Will Provide Perpetual Support for Lion's Head Hospital

The Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation (BPHF) is pleased to announce the establishment of the Anne & Howard James and Family Endowment Fund, a lasting legacy that will provide ongoing financial support for healthcare services at Brightshores Lion's Head Hospital for generations to come.

Created through a gift of publicly traded securities valued at more than \$50,000, the new endowment fund reflects the James family's deep connection to the Bruce Peninsula and their commitment to ensuring local healthcare remains available close to home.

Unlike annual donations that are spent immediately, endowed gifts are invested and preserved in perpetuity. Income generated from the fund is distributed each year to support the

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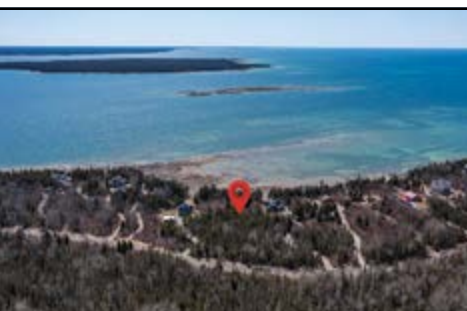
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Packed House at Rotary Hall/BPEG Hosted All Candidates Meeting



Tessa Swanton (Townson) Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: 2026 Municipal Election Candidates on stage at Lion’s Head Rotary Hall at the All Candidates meeting. L-R: Deputy Mayor candidate James Mielhausen, Councillor candidate Todd Dowd, Councillor candidate Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Councillor candidate Paul Davidson, Mayoral candidate Milt McIver, Councillor candidate Ryan Matheson, Deputy Mayor candidate Rod Anderson, English Public School Board Trustee candidate Robert John William Galbraith and Moderator John Rodgers.

Submitted by Tessa Swanton (Townson),
Bruce Peninsula Press

The September 29 All Candidates Meeting at the Lion’s Head Rotary Hall was crowded with attendees waiting to hear from the 2026 Municipal Election candidates. Chairs were occupied, standing room was slim, some even peeked their heads around the entryway corner watching the speeches unfold. The night was co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula (NBP) and Bruce Peninsula Environment Group (BPEG).

The evening commenced with opening statements from all candidates moderated by John Rodgers. English Public School Board Trustee candidate Robert John William Galbraith joined the Council candidates on stage. Gailbraith’s campaign focused on helping all students and parents, especially students that experience difficulty with school. He noted the importance of reducing school bus ride lengths which is a growing concern on the peninsula.

Councillor candidate, Ryan Matheson, is a third generation NBP resident and was a graduate of the former Eastnor Central and Bruce

Peninsula District Schools. He holds a master’s degree in Rural Planning and is co-owner of Camp Celtic in Stokes Bay. He said he wants to enhance year-round livability; improve the local economy; ensure vulnerable citizens are supported; attract and retain young families; focus on the environment, farming, tourism and active transportation. “A vote for me is a vote to preserve and prosper,” he announced. He wants to “ensure that we continue to preserve this very special place on the planet.”

Paul Davidson, councillor candidate, mentioned his background working in computer science and starting a software company. He voiced his disagreement with in-house municipal garbage collection calling it one of the most dangerous occupations. He said, he “has no agenda except yours.”

Incumbent councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden, running for another term, explained the importance of female councillors. She stated, “I have considered community values in every decision I have made.” Golden spoke to her significant councillor experience, including serving on the

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7th Annual Lion’s Head Pumpkin Parade Returns November 1st

Joanne Rodgers,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Mark your calendars, the 7th annual Lion’s Head Pumpkin Parade will take place on 1 November 2026 at the beach pavilion in Lion’s Head. It is an opportunity to highlight your creative talents and view those of your fellow community members.

Everyone is invited to bring your jack-o’-lanterns of any size and shape to the Pumpkin Parade. Drop your jack-o’-lanterns off prior to 5:30 p.m. or bring them along with you. Volunteers will light the jack-o’-lanterns and line them along the path from the pavilion towards the Memorial Garden.

Every year, it is an illuminating sight as community members stroll down the pathway to admire the expansive creative talents showcased.

Organizer Dominic Wong started the event in 2020 and it has remained

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Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Organizer Dominic Wong invites everyone to the 7th Annual Pumpkin Parade.

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Lace Up Your Skates, The Ice is In



A photograph of three young girls standing on an ice hockey rink. They are all wearing helmets and smiling at the camera. The girl on the left is wearing a purple Under Armour sweatshirt. The girl in the middle is wearing a light pink sweatshirt. The girl on the right is wearing a white sweatshirt with 'GOAL' printed on it. In the background, other players and the rink's boards are visible.

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A photograph of two men in orange safety vests and blue pants standing on a road. The road has large red and white diagonal stripes painted on it. A white pickup truck is parked in the background, and a single orange traffic cone is on the right. The men are wearing hard hats and safety glasses.



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John Francis,
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Everybody's a fan of Monarch butterflies. We all want to do our part to help them survive. We're all careful to help their host plant — milkweed — proliferate so that Monarchs will have lots of places to lay eggs and the hatchling caterpillars will have lots of leaves to eat.

But Monarchs aren't the only ones to benefit from abundant milkweed. The Milkweed Tussock Moth would also like to thank us for our hospitality.

Milkweed Tussock Moths (aka Milkweed Tiger Moths) are taking advantage of all that milkweed and are becoming quite abundant. So is this a problem for the Monarchs?

Apparently not. Monarch caterpillars mostly eat young, growing leaves. Milkweed Tussock Moth caterpillars mostly eat the larger, older leaves, which they absolutely demolish. So it appears that the two species coexist in harmony.

Monarchs lay single eggs on the underside of young, growing milkweed leaves. As a result, Monarch caterpillars are mostly solitary. Female Tussock Moths lay masses of eggs on the undersides of older milkweed leaves,

Milkweed Tussock Moths – Living in the Monarch's Shadow

which results in large numbers of caterpillars which frequently strip the older leaves down to the central vein.

Both species incorporate the unpleasant/toxic chemistry of the milkweed into their bodies for self-defense. As a result, both the Monarch and the Milkweed Tussock Moth have little to fear from predators.

Jenna McGuire has an excellent piece about the venomous hairs of the closely related Hickory Tussock Moth. (See the Sept 26 entry on McGuire's Illustrated Guide on Facebook.)

This suggests that it's probably not a good idea to handle Milkweed Tussock Moth caterpillars or pupae. Enjoy watching them but keep your hands to yourself.



Photo credit: Wanda Thompson
Photo: Tussock (Tiger) moths pupate on the underside of leaves (or sometimes, lawn furniture). The pupa looks like a hairy, grey jellybean. They overwinter in this form and metamorphose into moths in spring. Don't touch them.



Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Milkweed Tussock Moth caterpillars eat older milkweed leaves. They are so efficient that there's often nothing left of the leaves but the centre vein.

Letter: Lack of Response, Transparency, Accountability, Honesty and Integrity With MNBP Council and Senior Staff

Hello everyone. My name is Debbie Myles and I was your Deputy Mayor for the 2018 to 2022 term.

I wanted to share a couple of experiences from that 2018 to 2022 term that are still having financial consequences for taxpayers, plus a few issues I have had with the present council. I believe voters need facts in order to make informed decisions before they cast their vote.

During the 2018-2022 term, the majority of council voted to create a new position over the facilities supervisor position. It was to be a temporary two-year position. Both Smokey and I voted against this new position. Six months later, the old facilities supervisor, who was a licensed plumber and did all the municipality's plumbing, was no longer working for the municipality.

Present day, we are now paying over \$246,000.00 a year for these two positions (they are on the sunshine list <https://www.ontario.ca/public-sector-salary-disclosure/2025/all-sectors-and-seconded-employees/>). The old employee

was not on the sunshine list, so made less than \$100,000.00, plus we are now paying for our plumbing needs on top of the wages. I don't know what the cost of that would be per year, but it will be substantial.

Would someone please tell me how this was a smart move financially for the taxpayers? And if you don't remember who your council members were for this term, please look it up before you vote, because some of these people are again asking for your vote, in this election!

Some concerns from the present council:

December 16, 2024 I questioned council on them voting in favour of spending \$348,000.00 on a new dock for Lion's Head harbour, and it did not go out for tender. No response from any one of them.

January 2, 2025 I wrote to the clerk at the time, at the suggestion of the Ombudsman's office, and I asked if the municipality had a response policy or a bylaw stating a certain length of time that council and staff had to respond to

taxpayers questions. I also asked 3 other questions about the Lion's Head harbour docks. I did receive a response, but not one of my 4 questions were answered by the clerk and most of the response was written in red. I went back to the Ombudsman's office and they suggested that I file a formal complaint, which I did. I spoke to the CAO about the complaint, she assured me that council was aware of my suggestion of a response bylaw. I don't believe to date anything has changed nor has a response bylaw been put in place.

May 11, 2026 I wrote to the CAO and Clerk of this municipality, as I had attempted to watch the November 12, 2024 council meeting on video, only to find a message that the YouTube account associated with this video has been terminated, along with quite a few more council meetings. I asked how I could obtain these council meetings. No response from either staff member.

June 15, 2026 I sent correspondence to the council and staff requesting it be included on the next agenda. I had questions regarding Cabot Head road,

and had requested the answers be included so the taxpayers would also have the answers. My correspondence did show up on the June 22, 2026 agenda, but no answers were ever received from council or staff.

July 21, 2026 I sent correspondence and asked that it be placed on the agenda, and I was asking where my answers were from the June 22, 2026 correspondence. No response from council or staff, nor did my correspondence show up on the agenda.

There seems to be a problem with no responses, no transparency, accountability, honesty, or integrity with both council and senior staff.

It was a pleasure and an honour to have been your Deputy Mayor for the 2018-2022 term, but it was crystal clear to me that there was no interest by my fellow council members and senior staff in making the municipality more open and transparent.

Please vote.
Debbie Myles

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Shining a Light on Local Lighthouse History: SOK Talk October 15th

Submitted by Scarlett Janusas, Sources of Knowledge

Sources of Knowledge (SOK) is hosting local historian and oral history collector Holly Dunham for a SOK talk titled *Local Lighthouses and the People Who Manned Them* on Thursday, October 15th. This talk will explore the history of lighthouses in the Tobermory and northern Georgian Bay region.

Beginning at 2pm at the Princess Hotel, Holly will explain why lighthouses were built, the purpose they served, how lighthouse technology changed over time, and why lighthouse keepers were so important.

With strong family connections to Tobermory, for seven generations, Holly's ancestors raised their families and made their living on the local waters. She grew up hearing the stories passed down through her family and now takes great delight in sharing them with others.

A self described "hobby" historian and gatherer of oral history, Holly will explore the stories behind some of the area's early lighthouses, along with the people who lived and worked at them. Her presentation will include photographs and stories of early freighter and passenger ships, as well as stories from lightkeepers, their wives and their children.

The SOK Talk will be held at the Princess Hotel in Tobermory on Thursday, October 15th at 2pm. Admission is by donation.

The Princess Café will also be available during the event, offering hot and cold beverages, as well as sweet and savoury snacks.

We hope to see you at this afternoon of local history, family stories and a closer look at the lighthouses that helped guide ships through the waters of Georgian Bay.

New Project Seeks to Preserve the Voices and Stories of the Saugeen Peninsula

Media Release

SAUGEEN PENINSULA, ONTARIO | October 2, 2026 — What do people call the evening meal: supper or dinner? Is it walleye or pickerel? What local expressions, traditions, stories, and memories make the Saugeen Peninsula unlike anywhere else in Ontario?

These are just some of the questions behind *Stories from the Saugeen*, a new oral history and community heritage initiative led by Sali A. Tagliamonte, Professor of Linguistics at the University of Toronto and founder of the Ontario Dialects Project. The initiative will invite residents who were born and raised in the Saugeen Peninsula to share their life stories, memories, and local knowledge through recorded interviews beginning in Winter 2027.

"The stories people carry with them are often the richest source of local history," says Tagliamonte. "They tell us how people lived, worked, celebrated, fished, farmed, raised families, and built communities. Much of this history exists nowhere else. If we don't record it, it can be lost."

For more than two decades, the Ontario Dialects Project has documented communities across Ontario, collecting oral histories and recording the unique ways people speak and remember their past. The Saugeen Peninsula remains one of the few regions not yet documented within the project.

Researchers are especially interested in stories about:

- Growing up on the Saugeen Peninsula
- Local traditions, events, and customs
- Fishing, farming, tourism, and outdoor life
- Family histories and community memories
- Distinctive local words, expressions, and place names
- How life in the region has changed over time

"What makes a community unique is often found in everyday conversation," says Tagliamonte. "The words people use, the names they give places, the stories they tell, and the memories they share are part of our cultural heritage. Together, we can preserve that heritage for future generations."

For more information email sali.tagliamonte@utoronto.ca or visit <https://ontariodialects.artsci.utoronto.ca/>

Sailboat Tryst Wins Ken Hodge Cup

Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

Sailboat Tryst, captained by Jordan Steward, won the Ken Hodge Cup, an annual two-day race held on 19 and 20 September 2026 on Isthmus Bay.

Tim Matheson, captain of Elusive, describes the sailing conditions:

"Saturday races were both sailed under excellent wind conditions. NE breezes made for fast sailing.

Sunday's longer race was shortened due to quiet conditions at the start line, but the predicted winds showed up soon thereafter, and all boats had an exciting ride around the Jackson Shoal North buoy, across to White Bluff, and down Isthmus Bay to the Lion's Head lighthouse."

Traditionally the race is held on the weekend of the Terry Fox Run and the sailors donate to the local Terry Fox event. This year, they donated \$1,700.00.

Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: Sailboat Tryst, winner of the Ken Hodge Cup, sailing out of the Lion's Head harbour on Sunday, September 20th.

Tobermory Legion Early Bird Membership Available Until November 30th

Submitted by Kathryn Hauck, Tobermory Legion Poppy Chair

Bye bye September. Here come the beautiful colors of October!

There is still lots to do at your legion. Make sure you take advantage of the Early bird Membership. The early bird fee is \$55.00 until November 30th, and then it goes up to \$65.00. You can etransfer the funds to donate@tobermorylegion.org. As a bonus, all renewals are eligible for the Ford F-150 draw! Who would love a new truck?

Calling for volunteers: we are looking for regular volunteers for our weekly meat draw. If you are interested, please contact the legion.

Euchre is the last Friday of the month (October 30). Games start at 7:00pm. Every Thursday starting at 7:00pm is Darts. Every Saturday is the Meat Draw starting at 4:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

The Poppy Campaign will be starting on Saturday October 24. I am looking for volunteers that would do, one or two 2 hr shifts at Peacocks. If you are interested, please email Kathryn at kathryn.forbes@hotmail.com. I will also be emailing or dropping off wreath requests for Poppy Day. If you would like a form, please email kathryn.forbes@hotmail.com.

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



Photo courtesy of Tobermory Legion
Photo: George Bismark "Cy" Simpson

Remembering George Bismark "Cy" Simpson

From the Military Service Recognition Book: George Bismark "Cy" Simpson was born in Tobermory, Ontario on October 17, 1896. He enlisted in the Army on September 3, 1918 and served with the 259 Battalion, Canadian Rifles CEF. He served during both World Wars and in Siberia during WW1.

He was one of five brothers who served their country. After he was discharged on February 12, 1946, Cy returned to Tobermory where he operated a charter boat service. He was a member of the Tobermory Legion Branch 290.

Cy passed away on October 6, 1989.

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All Candidates Meeting

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first term after amalgamation in 1999, then taking a long break to raise her family. She emphasized support for local schools and daycares in Lion's Head and Tobermory including keeping children out of long bus rides in stormy weather and sustaining local education. She referred to the balancing act of supporting seasonal residents, tourism, and the permanent community which she called "the building block of the other two."

Incumbent councillor Todd Dowd took the stage seeking reelection. Dowd moved to the peninsula in 1993 after a military career and works as a contractor and bison farmer. He referred to his "common sense approach to everything," working as a team, ensuring efficient use of financial resources, perfect meeting attendance, need for better internet and cell service, and assisting with the new Golden Dawn.

Incumbent Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson is seeking reelection with an extensive political past as St. Edmunds

Township Reeve and NBP Deputy Mayor in 2000. He commended the municipal staff and current council for their teamwork and listed the several committees he's served on. Rotary Hall renovations, streetscapes, sidewalks, pickleball courts, and goose management were listed as past municipal successes.

James Mielhausen, NBP born and raised, works as a farmer and cemetery and drainage committee member. He served as councillor during the 2018-2022 term while navigating the Municipality through Covid-19. He referred to his "no nonsense approach," extensive local knowledge, and strong ability to work under pressure and make hard decisions. If elected as Deputy Mayor, Mielhausen plans to focus on road projects, improving parking and recreation areas, seniors' facilities, tourism and business ventures, supporting farmers, and being transparent and accountable.

Former NBP councillor Rob Rouse read a speech for mayoral candidate Brad Gesinghaus who was unable to attend. He said Gesinghaus grew up on a farm in Waterloo with a career in food

inspection and moved to the peninsula seven years ago. He is the Wiarton Curling Club president and has volunteered with Kitchener minor hockey. He hopes to listen to all community members, work hard, and address issues.

Longstanding Mayor Milt McIver is seeking reelection. McIver has deep peninsula routes dating back to the 1800s when his farm was settled by his ancestors. His long-term commitment provides a good solid understanding of the area, he said. He mentioned rising road and public works prices making infrastructure updates challenging. He talked about the tourism increase in 2020 to 2022 where paid parking and a shuttle were introduced. He said he likes to see development while protecting the environment at the same time. McIver said NBP has the lowest tax rate in the county.



Tessa Swanton (Townson) Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Crowd at the Lion's Head Rotary Hall at the 2026 Municipal Election All Candidates Meeting.

Many ratepayer questions revolved around plans for water and wastewater treatment in Tobermory and Lion's Head. The consensus from most candidates was that infrastructure improvements are possible if the Municipality receives multimillions in funding. Conflicts of interest, mandatory septic reinspection, supporting trades, student housing, unsafe intersections, attracting young people to NBP, and seniors housing, were topics discussed during the question and answer period.

Pumpkin Parade

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a popular event, not only attracting a faithful following by locals but also visitors to the area.

The November 1st activity allows the artists an opportunity to extend the life of their Halloween-themed creations and to showcase their talents to a wider audience. Community members get to

view an array of imaginative carvings all in one place.

Daylight saving ends in the morning, so be sure to sync your clocks so as not to miss out.

Come out on Sunday November 1, 2026 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The family and pet friendly event will take place in rain, shine, or snow. Kindly dress appropriately for the weather.

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/LHpumpkin> for more information.

Community Fall Fair October 16th

Activities, Animals, Music and Food

Submitted by Tammy Raycraft

Families attending Light and Life Chapel's Community Fall Fair next month can expect more than games and vendors, with organizers planning an old-fashioned day of activities, animals, music and food.

The fair is set for October 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Light and Life Chapel and will feature a variety of free activities for children and families.

Organizers have lined up games including three-legged and sack races, egg races, pumpkin bowling, tug of war, a teddy toss and a "needle in a haystack" challenge. Children can also try their hand at "snag a snack", a fishing-style game, and "peg it up", a clothespin game.

The event will have a farmyard feel with bunnies, goats and ducks provided by the Ramsey family. Try to guess the weight of Marigold the goat. Horses brought by Susan Edmonstone will give

children an opportunity for photos.

A friendly scarecrow will roam the fair throughout the day, helping announce activities and events.

Organizers are looking for entries for chili and bread cook-offs and have asked council members to serve as judges.

Music from local youth and puppetry for children are also planned, while a campfire will offer hot drinks including apple cider, hot chocolate and coffee.

Vendor space upstairs at the chapel is being offered free of charge. Admission to the fair is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring a donation for the local food bank.

Anyone who wants to participate as a vendor or volunteer can reach out to lightandlifechapel@gmail.com

The Community Fall Fair is intended to become an annual event, bringing local groups, businesses and families together for a day of traditional fall activities and community fun.

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11th Annual Pig Roast at the Park Raises \$7,600 for Community

Tammy Raycraft,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Tobermory’s Pig Roast at the Park brought together several hundred community members for an evening of food, live music and fall festivities, while raising \$7,600 for The Meeting Place, Tobermory.

Funds raised after expenses will go toward programs and services offered by The Meeting Place during the 2026-27 year.

Organized jointly by And-Rod Construction and The Meeting Place, the annual event has grown from a staff celebration hosted by And-Rod into a community-wide fall gathering.

This year marked the 11th annual Pig Roast, with the third year that And-Rod and The Meeting Place have partnered to host the event at Tobermory Community Park.

Noreen Steinacher of The Meeting Place said attendance was estimated at between 300 and 400 people. “It’s starting to become a Tobermory event for the fall,” Steinacher said.

The event was held by donation rather than through a set ticket price, allowing community members to contribute what they can. The family-oriented event also offered plenty of space for children to enjoy the park.

The evening featured an all-local music lineup, beginning with DJ Maxx Lough and continuing with performances by John Lacroix, John Newitt, Kurtis Oblak with Nolan Davis and Nick Ferrence, Highway 6 Revisited with Brad Gibbs, Danielle Vaccari, Nolan Davis, Madyo and Nick Ferrence, and Tub Ratz with Liam Adams.

Lough also provided lighting for the event, including a laser-light display.

Food was another major part of the evening, with the pig roast taking place throughout the day in preparation for the event.

This year also featured a friendly cook-off between And-Rod’s Jose Andino-Rodriguez and the Pipes Crew. The two prepared roasted pigs, which were later judged as part of the evening’s festivities. Congratulations to the Pipes Crew, who took home the win in this year’s Pig Roast competition!

38 door prizes were donated by local businesses and organizations. Everyone attending received a numbered ticket for a chance to win.

Steinacher credited Cheri Janknegt of By the Bay Landscaping for helping gather the door prizes and decorating the event space with pumpkins, mums, cornstalks and hay bales, creating a fall atmosphere throughout the park and pavilion.

Local businesses also contributed food and other donations, while volunteers helped organize the music, sound, parking, setup and cleanup.

Although the event takes place on Saturday, preparations began Friday with volunteers setting up the site. The pig roasting and final preparations continued throughout Saturday, followed by cleanup on Sunday. “It’s actually a three-day event,” Steinacher said.

The partnership between And-Rod and The Meeting Place has its roots in the original Pig Roast, which began as an end-of-year celebration for And-Rod

staff at the company’s property.

As word spread, friends and community members began attending. And-Rod eventually approached The Meeting Place about moving the event to the community park and working together to accommodate a larger crowd.

And-Rod had donated proceeds from the earlier events to The Meeting Place, and the partnership has continued that tradition.

For The Meeting Place, the \$7,600 raised provides flexible funding that can be directed toward areas of greatest need throughout the year.

The Meeting Place operates year-round as a community hub, offering programs and services in areas including social support, food security, children and youth programs, recreation and music, and community development. The organization is also involved in community issues, including ongoing work surrounding affordable housing.

Steinacher said the organization does not receive core funding from the provincial or federal governments and relies on community donations, fundraising and grants to support its operations. The unrestricted funds from events such as the Pig Roast allow The Meeting Place to decide where and when the money is needed.

“We appreciate having funds where we

have the flexibility to put money where it’s needed,” Steinacher said.

But Steinacher said the value of the Pig Roast goes beyond the money raised.

The event provides an opportunity for people from different parts of the community to come together in a setting with few barriers to participation.

“There are very few barriers,” she said. “The atmosphere and feedback was really positive. Friends were there; new people were there. Really good cross section of community.”

For And-Rod and The Meeting Place, that community aspect has become an important part of what the Pig Roast represents.

And with the event now in its 11th year, Steinacher said the Pig Roast appears to have established itself as part of Tobermory’s fall calendar.



Photo courtesy of And-Rod Construction

Photo L-R: The And-Rod Pig Roast Crew – Jose Andino Rodriguez, Sam Toonders, Sean Hurst, Nick Shickler and John Stukel.



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Photo L-R: Local musicians Madyo, Brad Gibbs, Nolan Davis and Kurtis Oblak perform at the annual Pig Roast at the Park.

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Photo: A large cross section of the community was out to support the annual Pig Roast in the Park. Attendance was estimated at between 300 and 400 people.

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Tobermory Ratepayers Distribute Election Survey to Gain Insight Into Candidate Priorities

Tessa Swanton (Townson),
Bruce Peninsula Press

Four concerned ratepayers of Big Tub Road and China Cove in Tobermory united to prepare a detailed questionnaire for candidates seeking election in the upcoming 2026 Municipal Election in Northern Bruce Peninsula (NBP). The draft survey was emailed to over 100 ratepayers who object to the Municipality using 213 Big Tub Road (purchased by the Municipality in 2024) to construct a parking lot and parkette for tourists to access Big Tub Lighthouse. The land is currently undergoing a zoning by-law amendment to become classified as Open Space. Decisions regarding the land's future are currently on hold until the new 2026-2030 Council is elected at the end of the month.

An interview with Big Tub resident Dr Mike Sehl gave insight into the survey's purpose as well as concerns from Tobermory residents.

The residents first became aware of the land purchase in December 2024 while reading Council meeting minutes. Sehl expressed concern with the Municipality's handling of the Big Tub Road situation, which he believes has not received proper public consultation.

The road has been described as narrow, congested with people and vehicles, and overvisited due to no proper plan being in place to manage the overtourism. These issues contribute to disgruntled tourists who can become irate with residents posing a major safety concern for everyone, especially ratepayers in the vicinity.

Sehl compared the scenario to Cabot Head Road, a popular tourism destination at the end of a municipal road. Cabot Head Road has been given significant staff and Council attention including public meetings, surveys, and hiring of external consultants (Clerks on Call) to collect and share data to find a favourable solution to access the historic lighthouse without disrupting the Dyers Bay community.

"The main focus of the survey is that we think that all neighbourhoods should be treated the same and fairly, and it's our opinion that Big Tub Road isn't," said Dr Sehl. "We want tourists to come here and have a joyful rewarding experience that makes them want to come back to Tobermory."

He mentioned that neighbours have countless stories of conflict and abuse from unhappy tourists. "The answer is not to stop tourism, it's to have a plan that makes it a positive experience." He referred to the Active Transportation Plan developed by former councillor Megan Myles. The group thinks the solution to the problem may be constructing a paid parking lot outside of Tobermory village with a shuttle service that buses tourists to popular locations.

The survey is broken down into eight sections:

- Section 1 focuses on candidate visions and priorities, questioning how they will balance tourism, environmental protection, community character, permanent and seasonal residents, and local businesses.
- Section 2 asks how candidates will improve visitor experiences. The survey asks how candidates will ensure STAs do not undermine the Municipality's ability to remain a viable year-round community.
- The next section focuses on candidates explaining their approach to reducing congestion in Tobermory including their opinions on shuttle services, reservations, cycling infrastructure, waterfront attraction congestion, and an active transportation or visitor management strategy.
- Section 4 questions development on environmentally, culturally or archeologically significant lands and how MNPB should consult with Saugeen Ojibway Nation.
- Plans for 213 Big Tub Road had its own heading.
- Candidates were then asked to share their criteria to determine which future capital projects should proceed and why. The survey asked candidates for their opinion on property tax increases.
- Candidates were also asked if they believe that all neighbourhoods deserve the same standard of public notice, consultation, and enforcement.

To read the survey results, visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Gx1d9CQXotZU-y4rKvv5l5yWAMrmXNYo/view> or scan the QR code.



Candidates Weigh In On Single Use Plastic Water Bottles in MNPB

The following letter was sent by Bruce Peninsula Environment Group member Judi McLeod to all registered candidates running in the upcoming Municipal election.

Dear Candidate

We have a serious problem with our continued use and disposal of single use plastic water bottles in the Municipality of the Northern Bruce Peninsula.

We are no better than most places throughout the world where these bottles have not been banned. Although single use plastic water bottles can be

recycled, less than 50% or more are not.

In 2015 the Bruce Peninsula Environment Group [BPEG] mounted a campaign to raise awareness of the problem of just too much plastic ending up in our landfills as well as our waters and simply tossed at random. We addressed all plastics in common use but chose to focus on the single use plastic water bottle as a place to encourage change.

In that year, a well prepared BPEG delegation presented to Council the

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ANNOUNCEMENT



The families of Justin Myles and April (Fawcett) Myles are very proud to announce that Justin and April have acquired George Funeral Home (Warton) and Downs and Son Funeral Home (Hepworth). The Fawcett family have been serving the Canadian funeral industry since 1914 and bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience. They will continue to follow the traditions of care, compassion and respect created by both the George & Downs families. Justin and April are honored to be serving the families of the Bruce Peninsula where Justin was raised.

We wish them all the best!

SEPO Concerned Over Inconsistencies with Voters List

Tessa Swanton (Townson),
Bruce Peninsula Press

A telephone interview with the St. Edmunds Property Owners (SEPO) President, David Almack, exposed a troublesome reality with the 2026 Municipal Voters List.

Almack is the owner of three cottage properties in MNPB, one for over 65 summers. He recounted visiting the Elections Ontario website in the summer (www.registertovoteon.ca) which confirmed he and his wife were on the list, but his daughter, who is a co-owner, was not.

Register To Vote closed on August 12.

Fast forward to now, Almack contacted the Municipal Office to ensure he was on the list. He was told that he was not, but his daughter was listed. Strangely, a complete stranger was also on the list under his property address. It has since been removed.

Almack described the Municipal Office staff as very helpful in correcting his electoral information. Initially, he was asked to come in person to the office to make the correction, which he said was "absurd" as he had already used Elections Ontario to verify he was on the list. He said that staff are now being flexible in assisting electors over the phone or by email.

Elections Ontario now manages the municipal Voters List. The list was previously managed by the Municipal Assessment Property Corporation (MPAC). This change was made on January 1, 2024.

Voters List inconsistencies have been

identified for several municipal elections across the province. The recent change in list management has potentially made the list even more inaccurate than before.

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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Meeting Minutes September 14, 2026

Members Present: Milt McIver, Mayor, Rod Anderson, Deputy Mayor, Todd Dowd, Councillor, Aman Sohrab, Councillor

Members Absent: Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Councillor

Staff Present: Peggy Van Mierlo-West, Chief Administrative Officer, Alexandra Croce, Clerk, Troy Cameron, Public Works Manager, Mark Coleman, Parks and Facilities Manager, Kara Smith, GIS/IT Manager, Emily McDougall, Chief Building Official, Carol Hopkins, Chief By-law Enforcement Officer, Cally Mann, Deputy Clerk

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

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

a. Approval of the Agenda
19-01-26

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson
That the content of the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Minutes

a. Re: Council Meeting No. 26-18, August 10, 2026
19-02-26

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson
That the minutes of Council Meeting No. 26-18, August 10, 2026 be approved.

Carried

4. Public Meeting

a. Megan Stansfield, Planner, Bruce County Planning
RE: Zoning By-Law Amendment – Z-2026-043 (Copp & EBC c/o Davidson)

Mayor McIver welcomed Megan Stansfield, Bruce County Planner, to the Meeting.

Ms. Stansfield provided an overview of Application Z-2026-043 (Copp & EBC c/o Davidson).

Mayor McIver opened the Public Meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Ron Davidson spoke on behalf of the applicant.

Steven Booth spoke in objection to the application and proposed easement. Mr. Booth outlined the distances between the property and his residence and noted concerns regarding parking and off road vehicles.

Mr. Davidson noted Mr. Booth is the tenant of the property and permission has been granted from the property owner.

Ms. Stansfield noted that the easement is within the existing road allowance.

Mayor McIver closed the Public Meeting at 1:20 p.m.

19-03-26

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives Bruce County Planning Report for Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2026-043 (Copp and the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy c/o Ron Davidson) for information; and

That Council approves Zoning By-Law Amendment Z-2026-043 and directs staff to bring forward the by-law for adoption at a subsequent meeting.

Carried

5. Delegations

a. Cliff Everatt, Petition for The Bury Road and Budvet Road

Mr. Everatt provided an overview on the petition to request the paving of The Bury Road and Budvet Road. Mr. Everatt noted that the request would include culverts, drainage, widening the road and tree removal.

Council requested that staff review the Municipalities Roads Needs Study.

b. Cal Churchill, The Churchill Development Corporation, Laura Swanson, DMR Consulting, Don Scott, Cuesta Planning, Bruce County Official

Plan Policy re: lot creation on partial services

Ms. Swanson provided an overview of the application that was provided to Bruce County, and noted the feedback received from County Planners regarding partial servicing. Ms. Swanson noted that the Tobermory Master Servicing Plan includes the parcel of land within the application and confirmed the intention to connect to the current sanitary system and future water system.

Mr. Churchill provided comments on the planning process with Bruce County Council requested an anticipated timeline for the project.

Council discussed partial servicing requirements as outlined in the new County Official Plan.

6. Consideration of Agenda Items Bruce County Planning

a. Zoning By-Law Amendment – Z-2026-037 (Marcella)

Megan Stansfield, Bruce County Planner, provided updated comments from the Ecologist.

Ms. Stansfield left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

19-04-26

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives Bruce County Planning report ZBA – Z-2026-037 (Marcella) for information.

Carried

Clerk’s Department

a. C26-25 Solar Project Policy

Council inquired about the size requirements under the policy, the application process, the letter of opposition for large scale projects and the associated fees.

19-05-26

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

That Council receives report C26-25 Solar Project Policy for information; and

That Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to adopt a Solar Project Policy for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

Carried

b. C26-26 Integrity Commissioner Appointment

19-06-26

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

That Council receives report C26-26 Integrity Commissioner Appointment for information; and

That Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to appoint Aird & Berlis LLP as the Municipality’s Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator; and

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Aird & Berlis LLP for Accountability Officer Services for a term beginning on January 1, 2027 and concluding December 31, 2032.

Carried

c. C26-27 AMPS By-law Update

Council asked about the appointed Hearing Officer and non-parking offences under AMPS.

19-07-26

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

That Council receives report C26-27 AMPS By-law Update for information; and

That Council directs staff to bring forward a By-law to amend By-law 2026-34 to establish an Administrative Monetary Penalties System (AMPS) (Non-Parking) for the Municipality.

Carried

Public Works Department

a. PW26-22 Purchase of Secondary Waste Truck

Council asked about the costs and alternative collection measures.

19-08-26

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

That Council receives report PW26-22 Purchase of Secondary Waste Truck for information; and

That Council approves the purchase of a new 8 Cubic Yard New Way Diamondback rear loading refuse unit mounted on a 2026 Ford F-600 for \$245,033 + HST as presented.

Carried

b. PW26-23 Tammy’s Cove Road Reconstruction

Council requested clarification on the options, costs to the residents, comments received by the residents and grant opportunities.

19-09-26

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

That Council receives Report PW 26-23 Tammy’s Cove Road Reconstruction for information; and,

That Council approves Option 1 - Road Realignment and Direct Access as the preferred reconstruction option for Tammy’s Cove Road; and,

That Council directs staff to proceed with the detailed design and required survey work for Option 1; and;

That the estimated capital cost of \$1,466,903 plus HST be considered through a future capital budget process, with the final funding source to be determined at that time.

Carried

c. PW26-24 Stokes Bay Road Bridge Hydraulic Capacity Improvements - Contract Award

Council asked about costs and inquired about the width of the bridge.

19-10-26

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council receive Report PW26-24, Stokes Bay Road Bridge Hydraulic Capacity Improvements – Contract Award, for information; and

That Council award the contract for the Stokes Bay Road Bridge Hydraulic Capacity Improvements to 1580681 ONT LTD., in the amount of \$191,000,

excluding HST; and

That Council authorize the allocation of funds from the Roads Capital Reserve to fund the project costs in excess of the \$80,000 approved in the 2026 Capital Budget.

Carried

Parks and Facilities

a. PF26-17 Quotation for Lion’s Head Doctors Clinic Flooring Replacement

Council inquired about costs for Phase 4.

19-11-26

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives report PF 26-17 Quotation for Lion’s Head Doctors Clinic Flooring Replacement for information; and

That Council waives Purchasing Policy section 5.4.2.4 Single Source supply of goods and/or services for the purchase order of flooring installation services; and

That Council accepts at this time the quotations from McNabb Flooring for the supply and installation of flooring for Phases 1,2,3 in the total amount of \$48,861.98 + HST per the specifications of the quotation dated September 8, 2026; and;

That Phase 4 be incorporated within the 2027 Operational Budget.

Carried

Building Department

a. BD26-13 No Demand for Services Site Plan Control Agreement - 22 Paul Drive

19-12-26

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

That Council receives report BD26-13 No Demand for Services Site Plan Control Agreement – 22 Paul Drive for information; and

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a No Demand for Services Agreement for the property legally described as Plan 488 Lot 21 at 22 Paul Drive with Tyler James Garrard and Cassandra Susan Wiesner.

Carried

b. BD26-14 Amend Holding Zone Provision - 22 Paul Dr

19-13-26

That Council receives report BD26-14 Amend Holding Zone Provision - 22 Paul Dr for information; and

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Submitted by Pastor Janaki Bandara

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Left open year-round, available for those who may benefit from a quiet place of beauty and history: to sit, to meditate, to pray. A place where all feelings are welcome: thanksgiving and wonder, sorrow and confusion, discernment and hope.

Our Thanksgiving Sunday service at 7pm is always especially delightful – a wonderful way to round out Thanksgiving weekend, whether you are pre- or post-Turkey dinner!

Why is it so especially delightful you might ask? Good question!

Because the trees have started to change colour, we enter just before sunset and leave as dusk is gathering up the skirts of night.

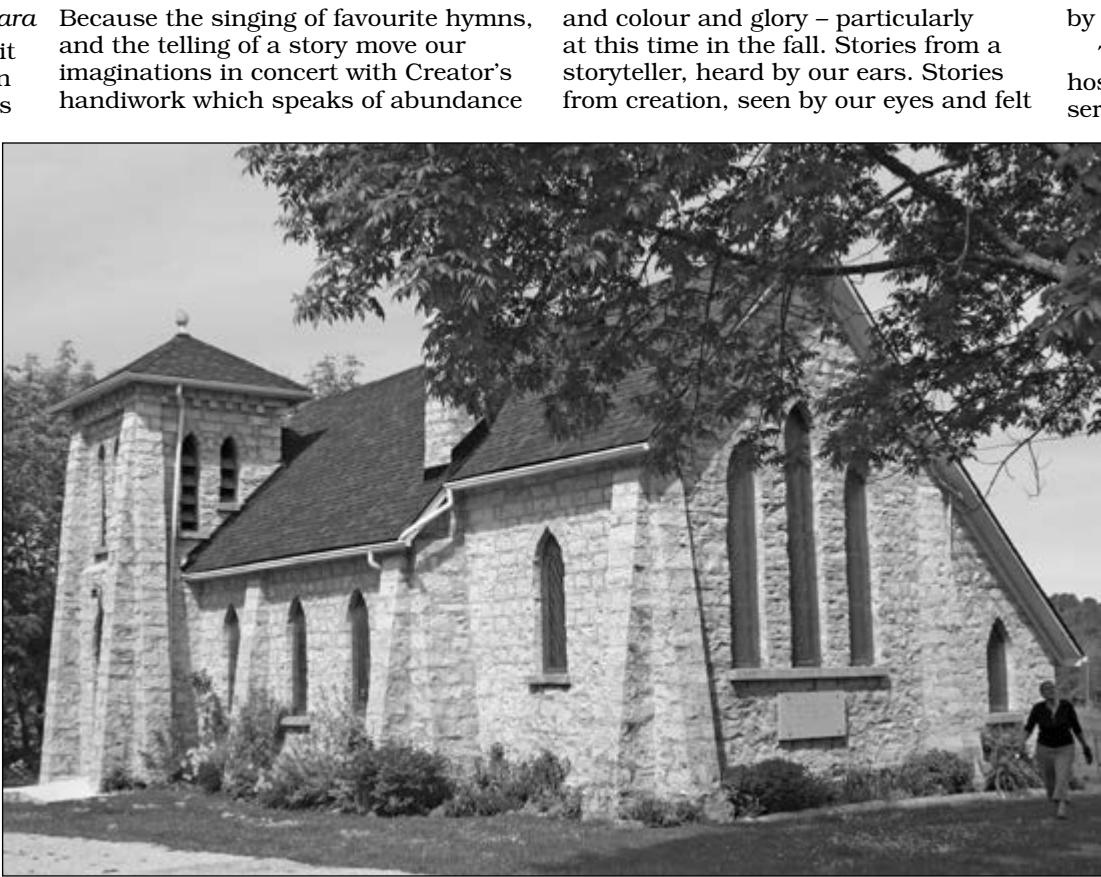


Photo courtesy of Pastor Janaki Bandara
Photo: St Margaret's Chapel in Cape Chin celebrates 100 years in 2027.

by our bodies in our surroundings.

This year, St Margaret’s Chapel will host her final double digits Communion service at 7 pm on Sunday October 11th. The story will be about a Dentist’s Thanksgiving at the gnashing of teeth, often foretold in the Bible. For who, but a dentist, could give thanks for such a dilemma?

This is our last service of our double digits or 99th year, because in 2027, St Margaret’s celebrates 100 years. We move into the triple digits territory! We should all age so beautifully, I say!

100 years of welcome, worship, history, storytelling, community participation and truly – church that has succeeded in being a place of thanksgiving and wonder, a place of song and praise.

We would love to have you join us for worship this Sunday, as we prepare to launch our 100th anniversary celebrations. Bring a blanket if it is cool, and plan to stay and share some refreshments with us after worship. Come share our final double digits celebration with us – all are welcome.

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That Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to lift the Holding “H” zone requested by Mr. Tyler James Garrard & Ms. Cassandra Susan Wiesner of the properties legally described as Plan 488 Lot 21.

Carried

7. Committee Minutes

- a. Drainage Committee
- b. Museum Committee

8. Correspondence - Requiring Council Direction

a. Jennifer Fowler, Accessible Washrooms in Tobermory, 2026 Council inquired about the specifications of universal accessible washrooms.

19-14-26

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

That Council directs staff to review and respond to the correspondence received regarding accessible washrooms in Tobermory.

Carried

b. Neda Sarbakhsh and Nick Ferrence, Bed and Breakfast Licencing Implementation Request, 2026 Council requested information on the 2021 Short Term Accommodation fee schedule.

Peggy Van Mierlo-West, CAO, noted that the first four months were free for the licence, but the inspection fees were not waived.

c. Charlene Jordan, Transportation Funding Request, 2026 Council asked about what shuttle would be used.

19-15-26

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council direct staff to provide options for Shuttle transportation for the Lion’s Head Farmers Markets’ Christmas Market event on November 29th, 2026.

Carried

9. Correspondence - for Information

Government News and Releases

a. Bruce County, Smart Commute Month 2026 Champion Guide, 2026

b. Lisa Thompson and Paul Vickers, Ontario Connecting More People to Faster Emergency Care, 2026

c. Ministry of Transportation, Notice of Study Commencement for Highway 6 Improvements, 2026

Council suggested requesting the Ministry of Transportation to include the intersection to the Bruce Peninsula Visitor Centre in support of future development projects.

d. Paul Vickers, Ontario Supporting Professional Arts Organizations in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, 2026

e. Paul Vickers, Ontario Investing \$171,926 to Support Indigenous Energy Projects in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, 2026

f. Paul Vickers, Ontario Launches Student & Family Support Offices in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, 2026

g. Paul Vickers, \$141,300 OTF Grant from the Province provides the Historic Roxy Theatre with a Modernized Elevator, 2026

h. Solicitor General, OPP Municipal Policing Costs for 2027, 2026

Other

i. Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, Local Blue Economy Growth Fund: Funding Innovative Solutions for your water challenges, 2026

10. Other Business

a. Councillor Dowd requested consideration on promoting the “Be Bear Wise” program on the new waste management trucks.

11. Reading of By-laws

a. BY-LAW 2026-60 to Adopt the Engineer’s Report (Weigel Farm Crossing, Judge’s Creek Branch E)

b. BY-LAW 2026-65 ZBA Z-2026-037 Marcella

c. BY-LAW 2026-66 to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committee Meetings of The Corporation of the MNBP

d. BY-LAW 2026-67 Being A By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on September 14, 2026.

e. Reading of By-laws

19-16-26

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

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

Carried

12. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn

19-17-26

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

That the meeting adjourns at 2:43 p.m.

Carried

Milt McIver, Mayor Alexandra Croce, Clerk



Vote

Paul Davidson

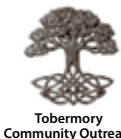
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Tobermory Community Outreach and The Meeting Place would like to thank our community for their generous donations to the Fire Relief Fund established to assist residents affected by the fire in June at the Bradley Davis Senior Apartments. Access to these funds has meant a great deal to those affected. Your support has demonstrated caring in action.

Lion’s Head Terry Fox Run Raises Over \$22,000

Joanne Rodgers,
Bruce Peninsula Press

The Lion’s Head Terry Fox Run was held on 20 September 2026. Starting at the Lion’s Head beach pavilion, walkers, runners, cyclists and rollerbladers, kids in strollers and wagons, along with volunteers and supporters turned out for the local event.

A spectator estimated that approximately 86 participants made their way down Isthmus Bay Road.

The event was hosted at the Lion’s Head Beach Pavilion again this year, and the Martens say “we are really happy with the setup and access to washroom, water and cool off spots.”

Online donations and the money received at the event totalled \$22,652.00. The final count is usually available by 5 October when all the online donations are tallied. “We are so pleased with this year’s donations”, stated the Martens.

The top fundraiser this year is Betty Hastings who raised \$4,110.00. Betty’s mother died of cancer and five years ago Betty started the challenge to go 10 km every day in September. Other top fundraisers were Bill and Sheri Terrific Team raising \$2,465.00, followed by Marg Glendon who raised \$1,800.00. The annual Lion’s Head Sailboat Race donated \$1,700.00.

The local event received two recognition awards in 2025: The Terry Fox Run Legacy Award commemorating 35 years, and the The Terry Fox Run Milestone Award for raising \$300,000 over the years. It is an admirable achievement for past and present organizers Vicki and Roger Stevens and the Marten family, and for all of the volunteers and donors.

Additionally, in 2025 the Lion’s Head Terry Fox event was one of the Top 20 Run Sites per Capita

The organizers wish to say “a huge thank you to Hastings Tree Services for the new banner. And a huge thank you to Camp Celtic for their donation of our post-event refreshments and event gear. We wouldn’t have the success we do without the local support.”

The Martens thanked everyone for being at the event, “Whether you are walking, running, rolling, cycling, volunteering, donating or cheering from the sidelines, you are part of something truly special. Your support helps continue Terry’s dream of a world without cancer.”



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: A huge turnout for the annual Lion’s Head Terry Fox run with an estimated 86 participants.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: The Hellyer family from Australia was in Loion’s Head visiting with Grandma Debbie Hellyer. Back row (L-R): Lily, Kate, Evan and Debbie Hellyer. Front row (L-R): Koby and Heath.



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Photo L-R: Organizers the Martens family – Anna, Adam, Lincoln and Ella (not shown) host another successful event.



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\$450,000

WATERVIEW COTTAGE IN DYERS BAY

This 2 bedroom + loft bedroom cottage is a hidden gem. Conveniently located just minutes from both Tobermory and Lions Head. The amazing waterview sight lines are breathtaking from your newly constructed spacious deck. Floor to ceiling windows in the living area showcase the outdoor views and enhance your feeling of space. This very Eco Friendly cozy cottage also boasts an outdoor shower, and separate outdoor out house. Well loved and well priced this piece of Dyers Bay, Bruce Peninsula lifestyle won't last long.

\$345,000

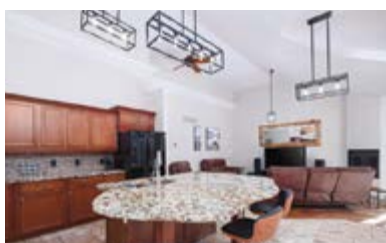
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\$1,095,000



WATERFRONT HOME/COTTAGE IN PIKE BAY

Fall in love with this nostalgic cottage feel, 4 season home and waterfront location in charming Pike Bay. Inside there is a large wall to wall western exposure windows, fireplace, 3 bdrms, bright sunroom leading to the newly constructed upper deck. Turn Key. Detached garage.

\$594,000



WATERFRONT LIVING ON LAKE HURON

Home or cottage waterfront living on 1+ acre with 100 feet of Lake Huron shoreline along a deep protected bay with the ability to dock a boat. Enjoy the covered waterside balcony while watching the sunset over the water! Newer build 2.5-storey home offers 2+1 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, high-end finishes throughout, and an oversized attached garage with workshop potential. A truly grand living space featuring cathedral ceilings, chef's kitchen & a custom walnut live edge island await you. A large lower level flex room currently serves as a home gym and guest accommodation. An impressive year-round home or getaway!

\$990,000



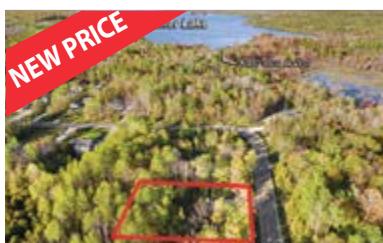
COUNTRY LIVING ON 20 ACRES

Set on 20 scenic acres just 10 minutes north of Wiarton, fully furnished, four-season home or cottage. Inside, 4 generously sized bedrooms, spacious eat-in kitchen and inviting living room with woodstove. Transferable GBTEL agreement. Several updates add peace of mind. **\$650,000**



BIG TUB AREA HOME/COTTAGE

Own a large property in Tobermory's much sought after Big Tub Harbour area. In addition to this custom built home is incredible on its own but there is acreage and a charming Bunkie. The Chi-Cheemaun dock, restaurants, sites, stores and harbour are a short walk. **\$799,500**



MILLER LAKE BUILDING LOT

This 1/3 acre building lot is on a paved, year-round road. The driveway is installed and the building envelope is partially cleared. The property backs onto 40 acres of privately owned acreage. Walking distance to public access to Miller Lake. Great mid-point on the Peninsula! **\$79,999**



WELCOME TO THE BEAUTIFUL BRUCE PENINSULA

This custom built 4 season waterfront home sits on just under 2 acres. Thoughtfully curated open concept home with an expansive deck facing West for fabulous Lake Huron sunsets. A must see! Short drive to downtown Tobermory. **\$775,000**



WELCOME HOME TO STOKES BAY

Approx. 2000sq.ft. 3-bdrm home near the end of a quiet street. Open concept main level living space with access to the front and back deck, 2 bdrms and a bath. The lower level offers a family rm w/ walkout, 3rd bdrm, storage & laundry rm. Short drive to Lion's Head. **\$450,000**

James Endowment Fund
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hospital, creating a permanent source of revenue that will benefit patients and families well into the future.

“Endowment gifts are among the most powerful ways donors can support local healthcare,” said April Patry, Executive Director of the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation. “They create a lasting legacy by providing reliable annual funding year after year, while ensuring the original gift continues to have an impact forever. We are deeply grateful to Anne and Howard for their vision and generosity.”

For Anne and Howard James, their relationship with Lion’s Head stretches back more than six decades. The couple’s first visit to Lion’s Head together was during their honeymoon in 1963, when they stayed at the James family cottage, the first cottage built in the Bruin subdivision in 1946 on what is now Moore Street East.

The family’s roots in the community run even deeper. Howard’s maternal grandfather, George Hummel, was a partner in the business now known as Foodland, then operating as Greig & Hummel. His paternal grandfather, Fredrick James, was the Bruce County Engineer who oversaw the construction of Centre Road, now Highway 6, and was the architect of the beloved St. Margaret’s Church in Cape Chin. Howard’s father, Reverend Canon Jack James, served as Rector of Christ Church Lion’s Head during the 1930s.

After building their permanent home on Moore Street in 1996, Anne spent many years working at Golden Dawn Long Term Care Home, where she witnessed firsthand the importance of having emergency healthcare services available locally.

“Anne became acutely aware of the need for a nearby hospital emergency department,” said Howard James. “An unwell resident could be seriously challenged to survive a trip to Owen Sound.”



Photo courtesy of Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation
Photo L-R: Anne and Howard James.

Although neither Anne nor Howard has required extensive hospital care themselves, both have relied on emergency services at Lion’s Head Hospital when needed.

“We have repeatedly said how blessed we are that help was just ‘down the street,’” said Howard. “It is for that reason, and many others, that we decided to support the Lion’s Head site through the Foundation.”

The James family’s gift was made through the Foundation’s Share Your Shares Program, which allows donors to make charitable gifts using publicly traded securities. Donating securities directly to a registered charity offers significant tax advantages, including the elimination of capital gains tax that would otherwise apply if the securities were sold first. Donors also receive a charitable tax receipt for the fair market value of the donated securities.

“Our donation resulted in two significant tax benefits,” said Howard. “We became exempt from paying capital gains tax on the securities and also benefited from charitable donation tax credits. Combined, this can amount to anywhere from one-third to nearly one-

half of the value of a donation. It is one of those rare win-win situations.”

Patry notes that gifts of publicly

traded securities are often one of the most tax-efficient ways to make a charitable contribution while creating meaningful community impact.

“Many donors are surprised to learn how advantageous gifts of securities can be,” said Patry. “When combined with an endowment, donors have the opportunity to maximize both their charitable impact and the tax benefits available to them, while creating a permanent legacy for local healthcare.”

The Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation extends its sincere gratitude to Anne and Howard James and their family for their generosity, leadership, and enduring commitment to healthcare on the Bruce Peninsula.

For more information about endowment giving or donating publicly traded securities through the Foundation’s Share Your Shares Program, please contact the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation.

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NOMINEES FOR MAYOR

Brad Gesinghaus for Mayor

I grew up on my family's century farm in rural Waterloo County, where I developed a strong appreciation for agriculture, hard work, community, and the importance of looking after the place you call home.

I worked 35 years for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) formerly know as Agriculture Canada, where I worked in the enforcement of federal acts and regulations. My career gave me extensive experience working with legislation, regulations, compliance, and enforcement, while also understanding the importance of finding practical solutions that work for the people they affect.

Community involvement has always been an important part of my life. I spent 20 years volunteering with Kitchener Minor Hockey and Baseball and served on the board of directors of the WRG. Since moving to the area, I have continued that commitment to community. I currently serve as Vice-President of the Wiarton Curling Club, volunteer with the Bruce Trail maintenance committee, and am the land steward for the biosphere property on West Road.

I am a proud family man. I value the time I spend with my family and friends. Moving to Northern Bruce Peninsula was a choice we made seven years ago because we love this community and the quality of life it offers. My spouse and I are proud to call Northern Bruce Peninsula our forever home.

As Mayor, one of my priorities would be finding a healthy balance between the needs of the people who live here and the importance of tourism to our local economy. Visitors are an important part of Northern Bruce Peninsula, and I believe we can welcome them while also ensuring that our communities remain affordable, safe, clean, and enjoyable for the people who live here year-round.

Affordability for local residents is an important concern for me, as is ensuring that short-term accommodations



and bed and breakfast operations are appropriately regulated. I believe regulations should be practical, fair, and effective, while recognizing the needs of both property owners and the surrounding community.

I also believe we need to continue planning for the future when it comes to infrastructure. Water and sewage capacity, housing, health care, and the ability of our infrastructure to support our communities are issues that require thoughtful, long-term planning.

My goal is to bring my experience, community involvement, and practical approach to the role of Mayor. I believe in listening to residents, providing timely responses, understanding the issues that affect them and working toward practical solutions that protect what makes Northern Bruce Peninsula such a special place to live.

I would be honoured to earn your support and your vote for Mayor. I am asking for the opportunity to earn your trust, and to serve with the heart of Northern Bruce Peninsula at every decision.

Milt McIver for Mayor

Our family still lives on the farm settled by my ancestors in the mid-1800s. My wife, Bonnie Warder, and I have deep roots on the Peninsula and that has always been my inspiration to be involved in municipal government.

It has been a great honour to serve as Mayor of Northern Bruce Peninsula since Amalgamation in 1999. The experience gained from this long-term commitment and working with various committees gives me a solid understanding of our area.

Thank you to the citizens, volunteers and the Municipal team that work tirelessly to keep our community strong.

The upcoming term of Council will face many challenges amid global uncertainty. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue being an experienced and knowledgeable advocate for Northern Bruce Peninsula.

- Affordability is foremost on the minds of most! Fiscal responsibility will continue to be a challenging priority with increased costs.

The Municipality has maintained the lowest tax rate in Bruce County by managed spending. If re-elected, I would continue to ensure the Municipality is in a sound financial position.

- Tourism remains the main economic driver. Managing the popularity of our beautiful area will continue to require upgrades to existing infrastructure.

Paid Parking and MAT have been implemented to help with the costs. Future improvements will be necessary.

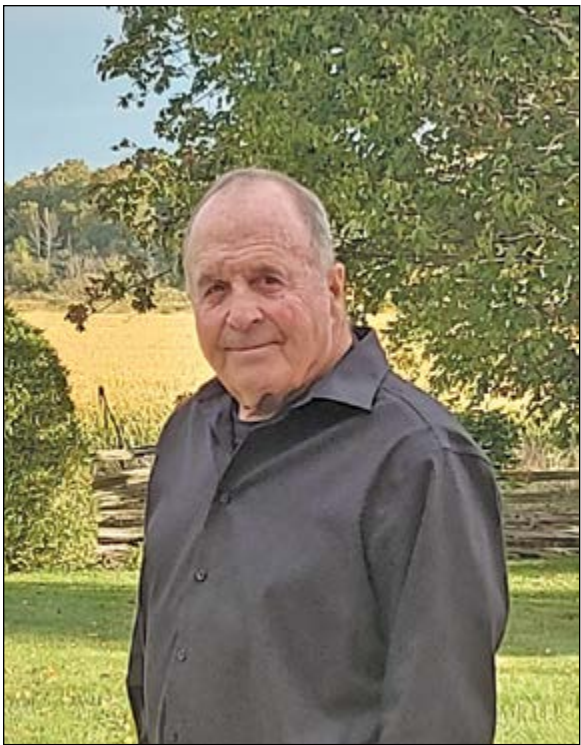
- Balancing the growth of tourism with quality of life for permanent and seasonal residents has sparked several new initiatives and further adjustments will be needed.

- Traffic and road safety remain a top priority.

- Water and Waste Water Management Plan is nearing completion and grant funding will be required for implementation.

- The Recreation Master Plan indicated shortcomings. I would continue to move ahead with improvements for all ages.

- Some advancements have occurred



with cell service and broadband capability but I would advocate for more – they are vital for economic development and public safety.

- Continue to proceed with recommendations of the Asset Management Plan with consideration of the Climate Action Plan.

- Work in partnership with other organizations to control Invasive Species.

- Recycling will be a provincial responsibility and garbage pickup will be by Municipal staff for improved service.

- Our Municipality must continue to support our local schools and healthcare to keep them close to home. Although these services are not the direct responsibility of the Municipality, they are critical for retaining families and attracting new residents.

If re-elected, I will continue to practice a reasonable and responsible approach to issues and work toward a fair resolution by listening to all sides.

I will continue to work with the upper levels of government to keep a high profile for the Municipality.

I have no self-interest or agenda, other than to continue to work hard for a strong, safe and sustainable community.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES:

- **All Candidates Meetings:**
 - **Wednesday, October 7, 2026** – 7:00 PM at Tobermory Community Center, Sponsored by SEPO (St Edmunds Property Owners)
 - **Thursday, October 8, 2026** – 12:30 PM at Lion's Head Friendship Club, Sponsored by Lion's Head Friendship Club. Registration required (sign up sheet available at Friendship Club hall).
- **Information for Voting:**
 - **Voter Information Letters** (VIL) will be mailed before October 15, 2026, and will contain all the information you need to vote in the 2026 Municipal Election.
 - **Voting Period October 19 at 10am to October 26 (Voting Day) at 8pm.**
 - **Term of Office Begins November 25, 2026**
 - **Council Inauguration – November 23, 2026**

**NOMINEES
FOR DEPUTY
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NOMINEES FOR DEPUTY MAYOR

Rod Anderson for Deputy Mayor

I have had the privilege of serving as your Deputy Mayor for the last 4 years.

I not only bring to the table that experience but an additional 18 years, 14 previous years as Deputy Reeve and Reeve of St. Edmunds Township and 4 years as Deputy Mayor for the then new Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. I have served on many committees during those terms including finance, roads, social services, airport, recreation and museum. I have also been honoured to have been appointed this year as a director to the new board of Bruce Grey Public Health. That appointment was based on a broad skills-based matrix which included experience in governance, finance and public health.

I am proud of what our municipality has accomplished over our term. Working with good colleagues around the council table who are supported by a dedicated, knowledgeable and professional staff has made the difference.

We have seen results in community centre and Rotary Hall updates, street scapes, pickleball/tennis courts and even goose-free public beaches. Our roads and maintenance services improve yearly and our office and support staff keep up to date on developing trends, laws and technology.

I hope we can carry on with the work we have started and planned. Upgrading our facilities, lobbying for a Tobermory water system and a Lion's Head Sewage system. We are working on the development of a new central community site in Lion's Head which could ultimately be the recreational and cultural hub of the town. Keeping our roads and infrastructure current and maintained are also equally important. I would like to keep that momentum going.

To that end, I would appreciate your support and vote this election.

Sincerely,

Rod Anderson M.B. Bsc.



James Mielhausen for Deputy Mayor

I am pleased to announce my candidacy to serve the community of the Northern Bruce Peninsula as your Deputy Mayor. As you may know, I was born and raised on the Bruce Peninsula and have lived here all my life. I am a farmer, small business owner, and volunteer to Municipal efforts including the Cemetery Board and Drainage Committee. I am proud to represent this area and am hoping to be involved in a larger capacity to advance existing projects and initiatives most important to the constituents of the Northern Bruce Peninsula.

It was my honour to serve as Councillor of Northern Bruce Peninsula from 2018 to 2022. During this time, our small but strong local government navigated challenges associated with COVID-19, and continued to work towards improving several sectors that are central to our community. We approved a Climate Action Plan, contributed to the Sustainable Tourism Management Plan and Advisory Group, and requested funding from the Provincial Government for updated water and wastewater infrastructure in Tobermory and Lion's Head. We prioritized bylaw amendments for affordable housing and obtained federal and provincial financial support to upgrade the Lion's Head Arena and Community Center.

As part of the team who set the foundation for many of these initiatives, I am hoping for the opportunity to see them through as your Deputy Mayor. With a no nonsense approach, I am confident in our ability to make decisions to address roadblocks, advance on-the-ground work, and see our community enjoy the benefits of these projects in a timely manner.

As your Deputy Mayor, I will focus on the following:

- Advance road improvement projects
 - Review existing bylaw policies and make adjustments if needed
 - Improve Municipal facilities including parking and recreational areas
 - Promote local tourism and small business ventures that offer employment for residents
 - Support local farmers through Municipal drain maintenance, building, and zoning
 - Maintaining transparency and accountability to the constituents of the Municipality
- On election day, I ask you to vote James Mielhausen (X) when selecting your Deputy Mayor.



NOMINEES FOR COUNCILLOR

Paul Davidson for Councillor

Business experience, Peninsula values.

Nearly ten years ago, my wife Jill and I built our first cottage on the Northern Bruce Peninsula, and it wasn't long before we made it home. Moving here was the best decision we ever made. The people, the landscape and the way of life here are worth protecting.

I bring forty-two years of experience as a business owner, IT developer and business systems analyst, on projects across North America. That career taught me to read the reports, ask hard questions and make rational decisions involving large numbers.

Our municipality is facing exactly those kinds of decisions:

- A municipality which is naively about to enter the garbage collection business.
 - Water and wastewater master plans for Tobermory and Lion's Head estimated to be in the tens of millions of dollars.
 - A Lion's Head arena project that has grown from a \$4.9 million grant to price tags as high as \$31 million.
 - \$180,000 spent on land for a Big Tub Road parking lot without consulting the residents who live there and with disregard for a letter signed by over 100 local taxpayers.
- Residents deserve a council that spends carefully, explains its decisions plainly and listens before it acts. My priorities:
- Fiscal responsibility – transparent budgeting, stronger oversight of major purchases, and outside funding pursued before turning to taxpayers.
 - Roads, water and wastewater – a clear long-term plan, with growth tied to real servicing capacity and investment shared fairly across the whole municipality.
 - Short-term accommodations – clear, consistently enforced rules that are fair to responsible operators and protect neighbourhoods.
 - Visitor management – handling traffic, parking and crowding so residents aren't overwhelmed.
 - Highway 6 safety – pressing the Ministry of Transportation for the enforcement our seasonal traffic volumes demand.
 - Cell and internet reliability – dead zones are a public safety risk when a 911 call can't get through.
 - Environment and farmland – protecting our shoreline, wetlands and prime agricultural land.

If elected, I'll spend my first 90 days getting fully briefed on the major files ahead of the 2027 budget, and I'll ask Council to publish a regular, plain-language update so year-round and seasonal residents know what's coming before decisions are final.

In my family we believe that when you give your word, people should be able to count on it being the truth. That is the standard I will bring to Council. I believe Council and municipal staff should work for you, openly, not behind closed doors. I would be honoured to represent you.

Vote online or by telephone, October 19–26. www.PaulDavidsonNorthernBruce.ca | PaulDavidsonNorthernBruce@gmail.com | (226) 401-1616



Todd Dowd for Councillor

My name is Todd Dowd and I am happy to be running again for councillor in the Northern Bruce Peninsula. I moved to the Bruce Peninsula in 1993 after serving as an officer in the Canadian Forces for 7 years. Prior to serving in the military I grew up in Perth County and I received a BA from the University of Waterloo.

My Grandparents cottaged at Red Bay, and latter relatives moved up the Peninsula to the Little Pike Bay area. After the military I thought the Peninsula would be a great place to farm bison and raise a family. I operate a farm at Cape Chin with my wife, Charlene and daughter Lillie.

Most Farmers need an off-the-farm income, and I spent 14 years working at Stenneck and EPH tools. After the economic slowdown in 2008, I worked the summer of 2009 on the Chi Cheemaun Ferry dock. In the fall I went back to college to get my red seal in Carpentry. I have worked as a carpenter since and I started my own business "Bison Builders" in 2015.

Since 1993 I have served 19 years on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Bison Association and 15 years as a director for the Canadian Bison Association. I spent 2 years on a committee that developed the Code of Practice for Bison.

I have volunteered as assistant coach, manager and on-ice helper throughout the many years my daughter has played minor hockey.

I am running another low key campaign for council. I have no agenda. If re-elected I will continue to be open minded and sensible regarding decisions about making our community a better place to live. I will work as a team with the rest of council and staff. I will help ensure the municipality's financial and administrative resources are being used as efficiently as possible.

I have never missed a council meeting during my first term. If re-elected I will work hard to represent the people of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

Thank you for your support.



Laurie (Smokey) Golden for Councillor

Obviously, I'm not a "NEW" face. But I am aware that even our beautiful Peninsula is changing. A representative council supports economic opportunity while sustaining our cultural and community values.

I look at our municipality as a "trifecta" of sorts: Our seasonal residents who often become our permanent residents and add so much to our community, the tourism industry which is so important economically, and our permanent community, without which the other two would cease to exist. A productive local council tries to balance these viewpoints.

Every year at council I have been against raising taxes. Owning a home or a piece of property doesn't necessarily mean a household has a high income, and that is the reality for many people in our municipality. However, we are quickly depleting the reserves that were built up – road work, mandated bridge work, wages... it's not just meat and gas costs that have gone crazy.

We have spent a considerable amount on our fire department. The province has mandated recycling collection, but it doesn't consider the issues in rural areas such as ours. In order to deal with the bear problems, we have decided to take on our own garbage collection, which will allow use of the bear-proof bins. The upfront cost should pay off as more of that spending stays in our municipality. That is how I believe we should look at a lot of things. How much of our tax dollars are staying within our municipality? It's not always possible, but it is prudent.

We try to make strides in increasing revenues, but there are hurdles.

In the past term, I have criticized the fact that approximately half of our collected taxes go to Bruce County. Even their own reports show that we get less "bang for our buck" than any other municipalities in Bruce County. This needs to change at a higher level, but I'm still pushing for it.

Those of you who know me can skip this next part.

I was raised on small beef farm in Miller Lake. My husband Lance fished commercially and I ran a small tourist business early in our marriage. I worked in a restaurant when our two kids were little. The flexible shifts helped with the non-existent daycare situation at the time. I've been a strong advocate for local childcare ever since. After 35 years working at a local building centre, I'm now retired. I have faced some serious health issues and have always been grateful for the healthcare we receive.

Finally, I would really like to see some younger women run for office. I know it's hard to find time. I think it's important that various segments get an opportunity to affect the direction our community takes. I'm always available for questions.

Ryan Matheson for Councillor

Ryan is a third generation, lifelong resident of the Northern Bruce Peninsula, and is eager to lean on his experience and education to help build a resilient and prosperous future for our community. He holds a Master's degree in Rural Planning and Development from the University of Guelph where he specialized in conservation planning, reconciliation planning, and rural economic development. He is co-owner and Director of Operations at Camp Celtic, a family-run summer camp established in 1984 near Stokes Bay. In this role, he oversees a workforce of over 100 employees, carefully administers budgets, and successfully manages the complexities associated with providing an outdoors experience to thousands of children annually. In his free time, Ryan enjoys playing guitar, being on the water, hiking, camping, and playing hockey.

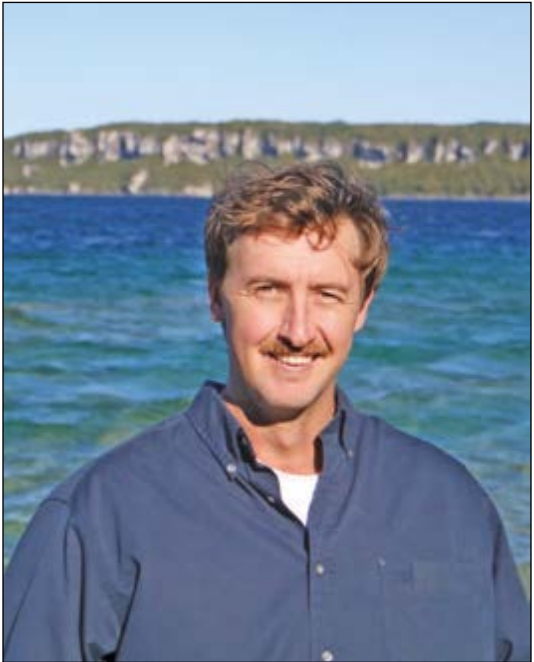
As councillor, Ryan wants to focus on making our local economy resilient to turbulent outside economic pressures. He believes this can be addressed by, a) Supporting ventures that enhance the year-round livability of NBP, b) Reinforcing our community's robust network of non-profits, seniors organizations, and volunteer groups, c) Exploring methods to develop circular economies within our municipality, county, and province, and d) Ensuring that the municipality's most vulnerable citizens are supported.

Ryan knows that the environment is the backbone of our area's economic success. If elected he will prioritize initiatives that aim to preserve our natural capital, and will support development that can demonstrate a commitment to efficiency and low-impact practices. Ryan hopes to work constructively with local partners like farmers, the Biosphere Association, the Bruce Peninsula Environment Group, the Bruce Trail Conservancy, and Saugeen Ojibway Nation to accomplish the important conservation goals of our community. Also, he was a co-author of the municipality's Climate Action Plan, and will look to prepare our community for the environmental and economic effects of Climate Change.

There are several existing issues and initiatives that will benefit from Ryan's background as well as his logical and ethical style of problem solving. His close community ties, and willingness to consider multiple angles will ensure that important decisions are made transparently and fairly. Ryan sees the proposed construction of the Lion's Head community center, pending utility works in Tobermory and Lion's Head, the proposed Active Transportation Strategy, and a re-visiting of the Short Term Accommodation and housing policies as major opportunities for our community.

Ryan also understands the importance of providing access to arts and culture in a liveable year-round community. He will support local artists and aim to attract new cultural experiences.

A vote for Ryan Matheson is a vote to preserve and prosper. He is a candidate who will work towards ambitious visions for the future, with pragmatic policy decisions and partnerships.



NOMINEES FOR BWDSB TRUSTEE

Robert Galbraith for School Board Trustee



I am running for school board trustee because I want to help students get a leg up in life, especially during these trying and uncertain times. I believe our schools have an important responsibility, not only to educate our students, but to help them prepare to step into the world with confidence in their skills, their abilities, and their potential.

I was born and raised in Grey-Bruce, and I am proud to call this area home. I am a single father of two daughters who attend the Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB). Having two children in the BWDSB gives me a personal and concerned investment in the quality of public education our communities provide. My family has roots in the Mar/Tara area, making the communities we serve especially meaningful to me.

My connection to the BWDSB goes back much further than being a parent.

I was once a student in the system myself. As someone who grew up with a stutter and neurodivergence, I experienced firsthand the difference that the right support can make. The BWDSB and the educators who worked with me helped provide me with the tools I needed to succeed. But just as importantly I was held to a standard.

That standard mattered.

I wasn't simply given an excuse for my challenges. I was supported, while encouraged to meet expectations and develop my abilities. That combination of support, accountability, and high expectations helped me become a successful member of my community. It shaped my belief that we shouldn't lower expectations for students because they face challenges, instead we should make sure they have the tools and support necessary to reach those expectations.

As a trustee I want to advocate for stronger academic achievement, appropriate special education and accessibility supports, and schools where students feel safe, respected, and included. Mental health and well being matter, but they should work alongside strong academic expectations, not replace them.

I also believe we need to prepare students for the world they are actually entering. That means strong literacy and numeracy, critical thinking, practical skills and pathways that prepare students for university, college, skilled trades, and an ever changing career market.

Being responsible with public money is also important to me. Taxpayers deserve a school board that makes thoughtful decisions, ask whether programs are delivering results and keeps students at the centre of spending decisions. I also want to ensure the unique needs of our rural communities and schools are heard.

Ultimately, my motivation is simple: I want to see students leave BWDSB confident in their skills, confident in their abilities, and confident in their future.

I believe strong communities are built on strong and confident students. As a trustee, I want to contribute to building that future.

Editor's Note: Attempts to contact Bluewater District School Board English Public School Trustee candidate Jason Yip were unsuccessful.



Community Clothing Drive Supports Local Healthcare

Photo: Lion’s Head Hospital Auxiliary volunteers at the annual Clothing Drive. Thanks to the generous donations from the community, two trucks were stuffed with 13,110 lbs of donations that will end up supporting local healthcare.

Photo courtesy of Cathy Viscount

Tobermory Youths Launch Petition to Stop Parking Lot at Former Daycare Lot

Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press

Two Tobermory youth are asking the municipality to consider something other than a parking lot for the site of the former daycare after launching a petition to preserve the property as a place for people to gather.

Skylar Wipp and Emory Harpur, both longtime attendees of Tobermory Primary Place Childcare Centre, started a petition after discussing what they had heard about the future of the vacant property at 3 Centennial Drive.

Skylar, who has attended the daycare since about age one, said the idea came up after she and Emory talked about the possibility of the site becoming a parking lot.

“They want something that’s more like what it used to be,” said Skylar’s mother, Kayci Wipp.

Wipp said the property was once known as Centennial Park, where people could find green space, picnic tables and a place to gather away from the busy tourist areas of Tobermory. She said the girls believe the property could once again provide that kind of space for residents and visitors.

Skylar’s petition has about 27 signatures, while Emory’s has about 25.

Emory, who is nearly 11, has attended the daycare from about a year and a half old. She agrees that having a gathering space near the school would give residents and visitors somewhere to spend time.

“There’s nowhere close you can go walk to,” she said. “It doesn’t make sense to be a parking lot.”

The girls’ concerns come as the municipality considers the future of the former daycare property.

The building at 3 Centennial Drive was formerly home to Tobermory Primary Place and previously served as the St. Edmunds Township office. Primary Place moved its childcare operation to St. Edmunds Public School in 2023, leaving the building vacant.

The property’s future has been discussed by council for several years.

In 2024, council authorized engineering studies related to a potential multi-use facility. That concept included possible space for The Meeting Place, a Welcome Centre, parking and a seasonal shuttle system.

However, more recent municipal tender documents identify demolition of the existing building and a future use involving public parking and visitor services.

For Wipp, the concern is not simply where tourists will park, but what the site could become for the community.

“I just think it wouldn’t feel quite as the daycare up here has always felt,” she said. “More like a home than a centre.” She believes adding tourist activity and parking around the area could change the character of the site and affect the sense of comfort the daycare provides.

“It kind of loses that comfort level, that it just becomes another piece of Tobermory as opposed to being, you know, comfortable and cozy and safe,” Wipp said.

The girls also believe retaining green space could benefit the area around the school and daycare.

Skylar said she hopes the petition will give residents an opportunity to have their voices heard before the property’s future is decided.

The petition campaign is still in its early stages, with the girls continuing to collect signatures and working toward an online petition.

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In this issue we are highlighting another veteran whose banner will soon be on display in town. Rob Tyndall and family sponsored a banner for Bert Tyndall and provided this background:

My dad Bert Tyndall volunteered in 1942 and served until the war was over. He did his training in Dundurn Saskatchewan. He was with the Royal Canadian Dragoons. He operated staghounds, scout cars and most of his time he was infantry. He served in Italy, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany but didn’t talk much about all the battles. Bert was at Ortona, and the liberation of Holland. Just to name a few. He was offered many trips to go back to the places that he helped liberate but never went, said it would be too hard with all the memories and the cemeteries that a lot of his friends were in.

He lived a full life. He passed away at the age of 92. In his obituary, I mentioned his service and had people tell me they didn’t even know dad had served. That’s the kind of person he was. Deeds not words!

Please keep in mind that the third Friday of each month we host a free matinee movie on a large screen. Doors open at 1:00pm, movie starts at 1:30pm.

Our address is 6 Hellyer Road. Contact me at branch202pro@gmail.com for more information about our Branch.

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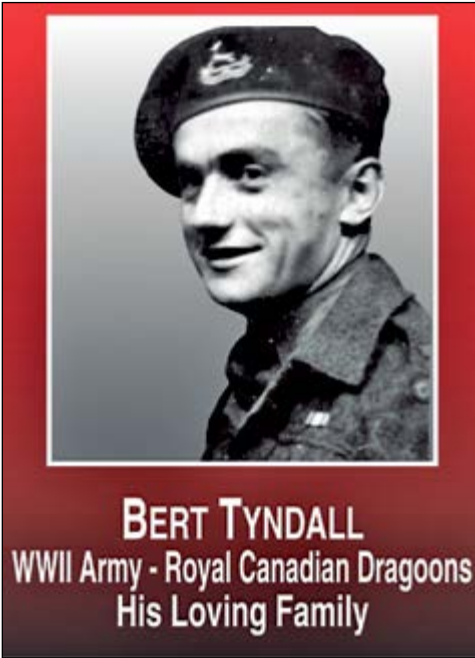


Photo courtesy of Legion Branch 202 Photo: Bert Tyndall.

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MNBP New Waste Collection
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Conversations suggest that recycling will remain on Mondays, however it may occur biweekly – half of the Municipality receiving pickup each week, then switching.

Recycling carts have not been distributed to households yet. Transition to the cart system was originally planned for the end of November but has not been confirmed.

Bruce Peninsula Press reached out to WM for comment, but did not receive a response by the time of this newspaper’s printing.

Since the MNBP’s decision on July 13 to transition to in-house waste collection, primary and secondary garbage trucks have been purchased, and two Waste Management Operator positions have been created and staffed to carry out collection. The new hires are anticipated to start work at the beginning of November where they will focus on training and practice the routes before the first collection day to optimize efficiency.

Report PW 26-25 from Cameron explains that collection must occur over four days due to the Municipality’s large size and increasing number of households. He estimates that the St. Edmunds and West Eastnor locations will be the longest collection days. The report says that an interactive map will soon be available to residents where they can enter their address and confirm their new collection day.

During the meeting, Cameron stated that 1664 collections are estimated for the St. Edmunds area. Combined with traveling the speed limit and 20 seconds allotted per stop, the waste collection employees will be working a 12-hour day plus a trip to the landfill for drop off. He described the Lindsay route as one of the smallest with 1100 stops and about 10 hours long and a landfill trip. Eastnor West has 1481 stops totalling 11.5 hours and Eastnor East has 1218 stops including highway pickups. He confirmed that his estimations account for “every possible stop” which may not always be the circumstance, but he is

preparing for “worst case scenario” to ensure successful collection.

His thorough report, based on logistics, lists variables that were considered when determining route assignment and collection days, such

as “number of pickups per route, estimated hours of collection based on speed limits, distance travelled to landfill, total distance of route, number of permanent vs. part time residences in each catchment area, travelling

logistics, landfill hours of operation, number of STAs in each catchment area, and historical collection routes within the Municipality.”

Cameron said that the St. Edmunds area was chosen for Monday pickups to accommodate the substantial number of cottagers/visitors leaving their garbage curbside after traveling back home to the city after the weekend. Tuesday was selected for Eastnor East because of Lion’s Head residents.

The new Waste Collection By-law states that garbage must be placed curbside on the morning of collection by 7:30am, half an hour earlier than the previous by-law.

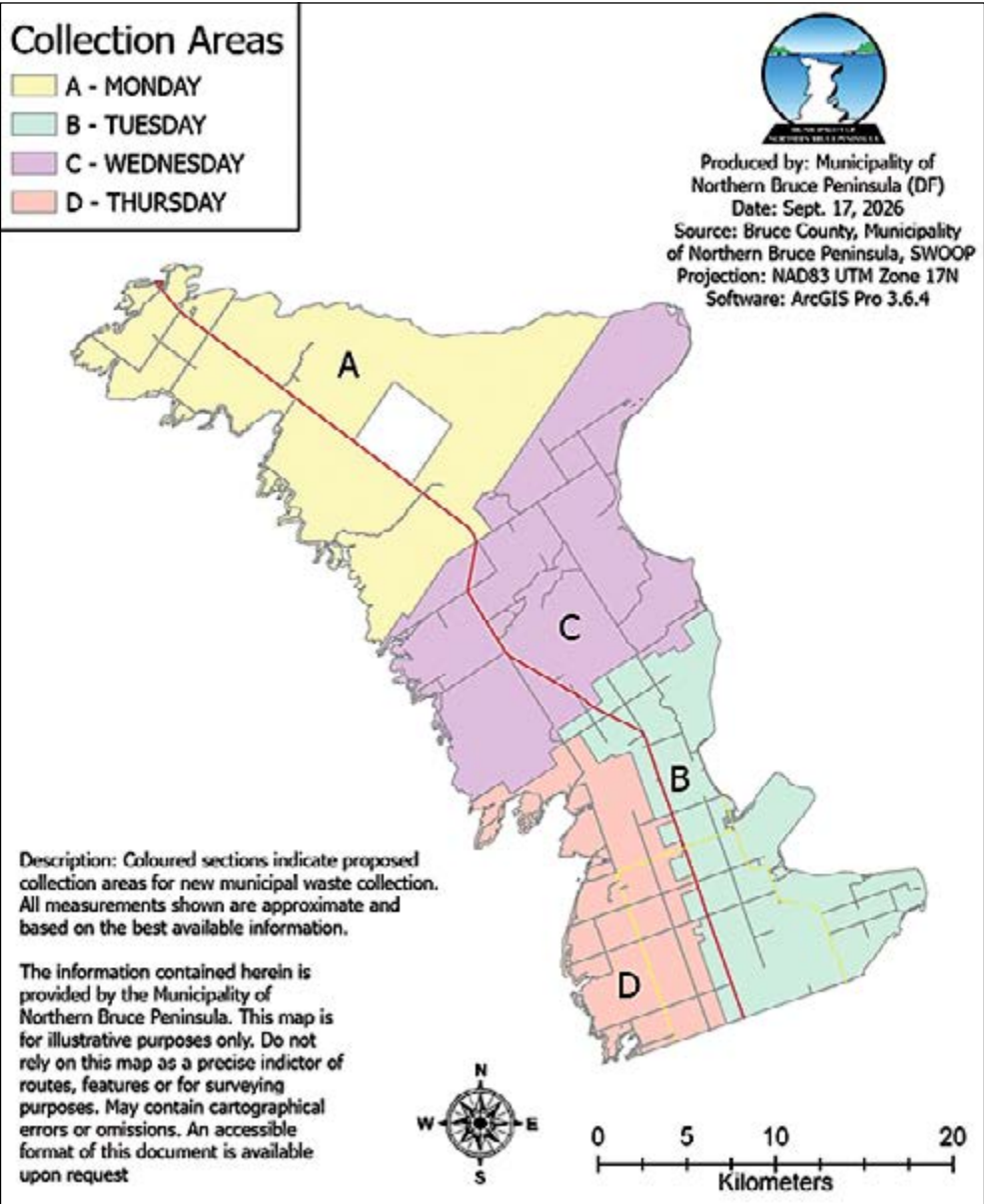
He mentioned that Council approving the purchase of a second garbage truck gives staff the flexibility to task other PW staff with assisting in collection during the busy summer months, if needed.

Councillor Todd Dowd shared his concerns with tourists/cottagers leaving their garbage curbside for days after going home following a weekend trip. He suggested the community use bear proof bins to avoid attracting bears and other animals because an “old wooden box won’t cut it.”

Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden emphasized the importance of public education, including targeting short term accommodations, their managers, and seasonal residents.

The Municipality plans to educate the public about the new collection schedule by distributing flyers, posting on social media, publishing newspapers ads, contacting radio stations, and posting on the municipal website. Visit www.northbrucepeninsula.ca, click “Government,” “Garbage and Recycling,” then “Curbside Waste and Recycling Collection” for updates and watch for municipal communications to learn more.

Cameron’s report concludes, “Staff are confident that a comprehensive operational and implementation plan is in place to support a smooth transition to in-house garbage collection beginning November 23, 2026.” It further notes that staff will monitor the program to ensure service levels are maintained.



Source: MNBP Council Agenda Package September 28, 2026, Report PW 26-25
Map of the new Waste Collection Areas in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. The new schedule will take effect November 23, 2026. Garbage must be placed curbside on the morning of collection by 7:30am

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Saturday November 7th: 6-9:00 p.m. Sponsored by Bear Tracks Restaurant

Saturday November 14th: 6-9:00 p.m. Sponsored by Hofstrand Contracting

Friday November 20th: 12-2:00 p.m. P.A. Day. Sponsored by Verna's of Tobermory

Saturday November 21st: 6-9:00 p.m. Sponsored by Hungry Hiker

Saturday November 28th: 6-9:00 p.m. Sponsored by Wilson Home Building Center

DECEMBER:

Saturday December 5th: 6-9:00 p.m. Sponsored by ACN Electric

Saturday December 12th: 6-9:00 p.m. Sponsored by Peacock's Foodland

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Mike and Bobbi Hopkins Complete 6,000 Mile “America’s Great Loop” Journey

Media Release, America’s Great Loop Cruisers’ Association

GRAND ISLAND, NY—July 12, 2026—Mike & Bobbi Hopkins, of Grand Island, New York, received their BaccaLOOPerate degree from America’s Great Loop Cruisers’ Association (AGLCA). The degree is given in recognition of completing one of the world’s most unique adventures, America’s Great Loop.

Boaters doing the Great Loop are on a 6,000-mile journey that circumnavigates the eastern part of the U.S. and Canada, cruising up the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, through the New York State Canals, into the Great Lakes, down the inland river system, across the Gulf of Mexico, and around the southern tip of Florida.

Mike & Bobbi completed the Great Loop aboard their Grand Banks 36CL power boat, Tortue de Mer. In addition to facing the challenges inherent to long-distance cruising, the couple enjoyed unparalleled views of the U.S. and Canada from the distinct vantage point of the water’s edge. They had this to say about their adventure:

“The Great Loop was so much more than a boating trip. It challenged us, inspired us, introduced us to amazing people, and took us to places we never imagined we’d see and then to experience them from the water made it all even more memorable.”

Approximately 200 boats complete the Great Loop each year, making it a feat more unique than swimming the English Channel or climbing Mount Everest. Throughout this trip of a lifetime, they relied on America’s Great Loop Cruisers’ Association to provide them with information and assistance vital to the successful completion of their journey.

For more information on America’s Great Loop, contact America’s Great Loop Cruisers’ Association LLC, 1235 Boone Hill Rd., #3, Summerville, SC 29483, 1- 877-GR8- LOOP (478-5667), www.GreatLoop.org, email: info@greatloop.org



Photo courtesy of America’s Great Loop Cruisers’ Association
Photo: Mike and Bobbi Hopkins aboard the Tortue de Mer after completing the 6,000 mile journey known as America’s Great Loop.

In June 1996, Mike’s parents (and well-known local family) Barney and Madeline Hopkins of Tobermory competed the same trip aboard their thirty-six foot Albin Trawler, Pilot House.

Lion’s Head Friendship Club Keeps Community Active and Connected

Submitted by Geraldine Loker

The Lion’s Head Friendship Club continues to be a wonderful place for seniors in our community to meet, enjoy games, share good food, and spend time with amazing friends.

September was another busy and enjoyable month for the club. On September 1, 35 members attended a games day, followed by a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings.

On September 10, the club held its Annual General Meeting (AGM), which was well attended.

September 15 was a special day as 49 members and friends enjoyed a River Cruise on the Grand River. The cruise was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, with fabulous food and entertainment making it a memorable outing.

On September 26, 64 people attended a roast beef dinner. Entertainment was provided by Brian Osborne and a friend, and their performance was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

The Craft Day on September 30, hosted by Forty Hills Farm and Flowers, was sold out—another indication of the enthusiasm and support for the club’s activities.

October is shaping up to be another busy month. An All-Candidates Meeting will be held on October 8 and will include a light lunch. This is an opportunity to come out, meet the candidates in the upcoming municipal election, and ask questions about the issues that matter to you. The meeting is open to the public; there is a sign up sheet at the club.

The October calendar is full of activities:

- October 8 at 12:30 p.m. – Club lunch and All-Candidates Meeting
- October 14 at 12:30 p.m. – Craft Day and light lunch
- October 17 at 1:00 p.m. – Games Day and light lunch
- October 24 at 5:00 p.m. – Club dinner

The Friendship Club continues to provide enjoyable trips, games days, social gatherings, and good food for its members. We sincerely thank everyone who helps make these activities possible and for their continued efforts to provide friendship, fellowship, and fun for the seniors in our community.



Photo courtesy of Maxine Catteau
Photo: Participants at the Craft Day on September 30, hosted by Forty Hills Farm and Flowers

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Tobermory United Taking Pre-orders for Pies until October 25

Submitted by Rev. Sheryl Spencer
The Tobermory United Church annual pie sale is underway, and this year, it's even bigger and better! Not only will there be cherry, apple and blueberry pies for pre-order, but also tourtiere and chicken pot pies!

Prices are as follows: Tourtiere: 6" - \$10.00; 8" - \$20.00. Chicken pot pies: 6.5" deep-dish - \$16.00 or 2 for \$30.00. Apple, cherry and blueberry pies: 6" - \$10.00 or 2 for \$18.00.

You can pre-order pies until October 25 by contacting the church at 519-596-2394. If leaving a message, please leave your name and phone number. Pre-ordered pies can be picked up at the church at 5 Brock St. on October 30 between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

On September 19, as part of the 140th anniversary celebrations of our community of faith, Tobermory United held an exhibition of altar decorations that have been made for the church over the last couple of years by Jo Lane. These creations were able to be commissioned because of a bequest made to the church by Jan MacDonald, who passed away in early 2023.

Many of the sets of altar decorations feature local scenery or images. The set for 'ordinary time' (summer and fall) features Flowerpot Island on the pulpit banner and Bears Rump Island on the Communion table cloth. Jo says of this set, "These pieces were inspired by our beautiful landscapes. This is what everyone comes to see! My grandfather was a guide. He had a boat called the Lynn D. and would take folks out to Flowerpot Island."

The set for Advent (the four weeks prior to Christmas) features a lighthouse with the Bethlehem Star in the sky reflected in the harbour below. Swarovski crystals were used to depict the Little Dipper constellation and the North Star, well-known guides in the northern sky.

This exhibit of tapestries can still be seen at Tobermory United until Friday October 9. Drop by the church when it's open, or call to make an appointment, 519-596-2394.

The Tobermory Thrift Shop will experience its final weekend of opening October 8, 9 and 10, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Thank you to the entire community for your ongoing support of this endeavour. The Thrift Shop has experienced a banner year, and what is left unsold will go on to support worthy programs such as OSHaRE in Owen Sound.

Save the date for the St. Nicholas

SEPO Voters List Concerns

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The Municipal website states that electors are encouraged to contact the Clerk's Department directly to check if they are on the list by emailing election@northernbruce.ca or calling 1-833-793-3537 ext 236. You can also visit the Municipal Office in person at 56 Lindsay Road 5. To add yourself to the list, you must show a government ID (if the ID does not show your MNPB address, proof of tenancy or ownership may be required).

Key Upcoming Election Dates

Electors are expected to receive their ballots by mail mid-October with instructions on how to cast your ballot by internet or telephone.

The Voting Period runs from October 19 at 10am to October 26 (Voting Day) at 8pm. Results will be declared as soon as possible.

Looking for more information? Visit www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/elections or follow the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula on Facebook.

Bazaar, which will occur November 28, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In preparation, Northern Twisted Roots will host their annual craft afternoon November 7 at 2:00 p.m., guiding participants in the creation of beautiful, rustic items to be sold at the bazaar. All are welcome to this fun and creative afternoon!

September has featured warm days and bright-blue skies. The geese and the Sandhill cranes are getting ready to fly. It is traditional at this time of year to offer thanks -- for harvest and all good things in our lives. Tobermory United Church wishes our entire community a blessed Thanksgiving.



Photo courtesy of Rev. Sheryl Spencer
Photo L-R: Jo Lane, artist, Sharon Naumann, partner of Jan MacDonald, and Rev. Sheryl Spencer admire the pulpit banner created for the Christmas and Easter liturgical seasons at an exhibit of altar decorations held at Tobermory United Church on September 19.

Bruce Men's Shed Improving Wood Carving Skills

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans, Team Leader

Fall has officially begun and we are now in planning mode for this winter's activities. In November a small group of wood carvers will be teaching themselves how to make objects and figures (or kindling if it fails). Scale model building along with airbrushing and painting camouflage is in the works. The woodworkers will be teaching themselves how to make wooden joints such as mortise and tenon, dovetail, dowels and biscuits using power and hand tools. Sharpening chisels, lawnmower blades, scissors and more will be explored.

A recent donation from Rainer was an excellent wet grinder for sharpening but not losing the tempering of the blade from excess heat when being ground. We also have an order to build six single cavity bat boxes and plan to make a few more for stock, as well as a larger triple cavity version.

Completely unrelated to any of the

previous interests, we will be exploring the Arduino microcontroller. These can be used for home automation, environment monitoring and data logging, and much more for a starting price under \$50.

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 October 24 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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the estate of Kenneth O'Delle Skinner, late of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula in the County of Bruce, who died on or about the 25th day of April, 2026, must be filed with the undersigned Estate Trustees on or before the 23rd day of December, 2026; thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED at Owen Sound this 21st day of September, 2026.

Trent Matthew Skinner and Susan Marie Skinner, Estate Trustees, by their Solicitors, MIDDLEBRO' & STEVENS LLP, 1030 2nd Avenue East, P.O. Box 100, Owen Sound, Ontario, N4K 5P1. Attn: John David Middlebro. 519-376-8730



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Public Notice

Bruce Peninsula National Park

Notice to hunters in the vicinity

Park boundaries

Bruce Peninsula National Park is located within Ontario's Wildlife Management Unit 83A. Hunting is prohibited in national parks. It is the responsibility of the hunter to be aware of their location when hunting near the park boundary. Contact park staff at bruce-fathomfive@pc.gc.ca for the most up-to-date boundary information. It is illegal to possess wildlife dead or alive in a national park.

Transportation of firearm in a national park

A Special Activity Permit is required to transport firearms across properties administered by Parks Canada. Firearms transported in or through a national park must be unloaded and encased at all times. Firearms and associated permits must be available for inspection on the request of a park warden.

Communications regarding location of wildlife

No person shall communicate by any means the location of wildlife within the park to any person within or outside the park if either person is hunting.

Wounded wildlife retrieval policy

Wildlife shot and wounded legally on provincial or private lands that subsequently run into Bruce Peninsula National Park must be reported to a park warden for assistance in tracking and retrieval by contacting our 24-hour dispatch service at 519-596-2702. Hunters who plan to transport wildlife through any part of Bruce Peninsula National Park must notify our 24-hour dispatch service prior to entering or exiting the park.

For more information about Bruce Peninsula National Park visit parks.canada.ca/bruce or contact the Resource Conservation Office at bruce-fathomfive@pc.gc.ca.

Saugeen Ojibway Nation harvesting rights

Harvesting by the Anishinaabek of Saugeen and Neyaashiinigmiing is protected by S.35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Saugeen Ojibway Nation Anishinaabek have the right to harvest and hunt in Bruce Peninsula National Park, which is within their Territory.

Avis public

Parc national de la Péninsule-Bruce

Avis aux chasseurs à proximité

Limites du parc national

Le parc national de la Péninsule-Bruce est situé dans l'unité de gestion de la faune 83A de l'Ontario. Il est strictement interdit de chasser dans les parcs nationaux. Il incombe aux chasseurs d'être conscients de leur emplacement ainsi que des limites du parc. Communiquez avec les employés du parc au bruce-fathomfive@pc.gc.ca pour obtenir les renseignements les plus récents concernant les limites. Il est illégal d'avoir en sa possession des animaux sauvages, morts ou vivants, dans un parc national.

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Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements sur le parc national de la Péninsule-Bruce, visitez le parcs.canada.ca/bruce ou communiquez avec le bureau de la Conservation des ressources au bruce-fathomfive@pc.gc.ca.

Droits de récolte de Saugeen Ojibway Nation

Les activités de récolte des Anishinaabek de Saugeen et Neyaashiinigmiing sont protégées aux termes de l'article 35 de la Loi constitutionnelle de 1982. Les Anishinaabek de Saugeen Ojibway Nation détiennent des droits de récolte et de chasse dans le parc national de la Péninsule-Bruce, qui fait partie de leur territoire.

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OBITUARIES



ADAMS, Sonny Glenn - We are deeply saddened to share the news that Glenn passed away unexpectedly on September 16, 2026 at the age of 65. He was born July 26, 1961 and raised in Tobermory Ontario. Glenn’s family owned and operated the full service Highway Market, where he learned and honed his business and entrepreneurial skills. Glenn attended Ryerson Institute of Technology, Toronto, where he studied electrical engineering. After graduation he joined Bell Canada and began his career in telecommunications. He was soon recruited by AT&T Canada where he met his US coworker and future wife Mary Hoover. Glenn and Mary wed in 1994 and son James arrived to complete their family in 1995. They made their permanent home in Minneapolis, MN, and Glenn proudly became a naturalized US citizen. Always a man to spot opportunities and take the risks, he left corporate world and started his first company Minnesota Gateway. It rapidly became the largest private internet company in Minnesota. Glenn expanded into Allied Generators and commercial real estate. Going into retirement years he split his time between the city life of Minneapolis, the small-town living in Isle MN on the shores of Mille Lacs at their lake house and annual return trips to Tobermory. Glenn is survived by wife Mary of 32 years, son James, siblings Laurie of Tobermory, Tony (Sharon) of Dyers Bay, Lindy of Owen Sound and sister-in-law Laurie (Kevin) of Hamilton. The Hoover in-laws: Tim, John, Robert, Betsy Rakotz, Dianne Coughlin, Laurel, Susan (Vince), Sheila and Anne Vogel (Dan). Glenn relished his role as “Uncle Glenn” to many nieces and nephews, as well as grand nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by parents Cleve and Jean Adams, brother Kevin, his in-laws Joe and Polly Hoover, brothers in law Joe Hoover, Bruce Guild, Darrell Rakotz and Wes Vaught. Glenn’s memorial service will be held on Friday October 9 at Washburn-McReavy Edina Funeral Chapel, 5000 West 50th and Highway 100. Visitation begins at 4 pm CST, memorial service at 5pm. Live stream link: <https://together.oneroomstreaming.com/WashburnMcReavyEdina/sonny-glenn-adams/Y39WBQ>. Burial is a short service on Saturday October 10th 11 am at Calvary Cemetery, St. Cloud MN. A Celebration of Life will be held on the Adams Family Farm in Tobermory on August 1, 2027. Years ago, Glenn drove past Union Gospel Mission and was deeply moved by the suffering he saw there. He became a supporter for the rest of his life. In lieu of Flowers please consider donation to this essential humanitarian organization.



WATSON, Dennis Morley - of London passed away at London Health Sciences Centre-University Hospital on Saturday, September 26, 2026. He was 87 years old. Beloved husband of the late Marlene (Smith) Watson (2020). Loving father of Jeff Watson (Allyson) of London and Jana Watson of Welland. He will be missed by his grandchildren Maddie, Zach, Carlisle (Mac), Catherine (Jamie) and David (Jill). Brother of Doug Watson (Bonnie) of Tobermory. Also survived by a number of nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his brothers Grant Watson, Lynn Watson and sister Audrey Paterek. Born in Sudbury, Ontario on August 2, 1939, son of the late William and Willow Watson. Dennis began his career with Ellis-Don, where he worked on major projects including the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and the Skydome. He was meticulous in his work and took great pride in his attention to detail. A talented homebuilder and renovator, Dennis owned and operated Watson General Construction. He was always willing to lend a hand to friends and family, sharing his skills and helping with repairs and projects. Dennis and Marlene enjoyed many wonderful years together at their cottage on Dorcas Bay in Tobermory, where they made many special memories. The funeral service will be held at the H. A. Kebbel Funeral Home on Monday, October 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Interment, Aylmer Cemetery. Donations to Georgian Bay Land Trust or the East Elgin Community Assistance Program (EECAP- Aylmer Corner Cupboard) would be appreciated. Share memories or condolences at kebbelfuneralhome.com

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REGULAR MEETINGS, FUN & GAMES

Clubs, Organizations, Groups, etc., call us before Oct. 21, 2026 to be included in the next Press.

MONDAY

Bruce Men's Shed Drop-in Coffee. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact brucemensshed@gmail.com or 519-793-3005 to get involved. **8:45–11am**

Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation Board Meeting. Contact Catherine at 519-534-5856 for info. *(last Mon.) Not July, Aug. nor Dec.* **9–11am**

VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Friendship Club Lion's Head. Contact gbsmart@von.ca or 519-376-5895 ext. 6103 for more info. **10am**

VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Tobermory Community Centre. Contact gbsmart@von.ca or 519-376-5895 ext. 6103 for more info. **10:30–11:30am**

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. 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**

Peninsula Pilates. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Reserve at goldenchainforever.com/in-person-offerings. **6–7pm**

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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. 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**

Hand Drummers. Tobermory United Church. Everyone welcome. See tobermoryunited.ca. For info contact camdam@hotmail.com. **1–2:30pm**

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**

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.**

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

Free Lunch. Friendship Club, Lion's Head. RSVP 519-793-3473. **3rd Wed. each month. 12:30–2:30pm**

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

Bereavement Support Group. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Wiarton. Hosted by Bruce Peninsula Hospice. Register at 51-534-1260 ext. 5612 or info@bphospice.ca. **1:30–3pm**

Pickleball. Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. **4–8pm**

Peninsula SWANS Meeting. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. New members welcome, contact Roberta at 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. 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**

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Good Food Box Program, Tobermory. As above. Drop off order and payment before the last Thurs. each month. at The Meeting Place, Tobermory during business hours or contact 519-596-2313 or food@tobermorymeetingplace.com. Pickup at the Meeting Place 4:30–6:30pm.

Not July/August

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

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VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Friendship Club Lion's Head. Contact gbsmart@von.ca or 519-376-5895 ext. 6103 for more info. **10am**

VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Tobermory Community Centre. Contact gbsmart@von.ca or 519-376-5895 ext. 6103 for more info. **10:30–11:30am**

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. \$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. **2nd & 4th Thurs. each month. 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. May not be suitable for beginners. lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. **Not July/Aug. 10–11am**

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

Bid Euchre. Friendship Club Lion's Head. 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. **Oct. 16: Eight Days a Week, The Beatles. Doors 1pm, Starts 1:30pm**

Lion's Head Knitting Group. Lion's Head Library. 519-793-3844 for more info. **2–4pm**

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

Narcotics Anonymous. Frank St. Baptist Church, 365 Frank St, Wiarton. For more information call 519-375-7125. **7–8:30pm**

Karaoke. Warton Legion Br. 208. All are welcome. **8pm**

SATURDAY

Bruce Men's Shed General Meeting. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact brucemensshed@gmail.com or 519-793-3005 to get involved. **Third Sat. each month. 9–11am**

Lion's Head Farmers' Market. The beach, Lion's Head. Full list of vendors at lionsheadfarmersmarket.com. **Last day Oct. 10. 9am-1pm**

Tobermory All Seasons Market. At the ball diamond park. [facebook.com/tobermoryallseasonsmarket](https://www.facebook.com/tobermoryallseasonsmarket). **10am-3pm**

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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 Full course meal. \$15 members, \$18 non-members. Contact 519-375-0959 lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com for time & more info. **Last Sat. each month.**

SUNDAY

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

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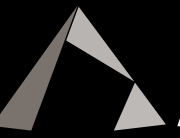
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Saturday October 10, 6–9pm
Friday October 16, 12–2pm
Saturday October 17, 6–9pm
Saturday October 24, 6–9pm
Saturday October 31, 6–9pm
Saturday November 7, 6–9pm
Saturday November 14, 6–9pm
Friday November 20, 6–9pm
Saturday November 21, 6–9pm
Saturday November 28, 6–9pm

Tuesday October 6

School Council Meeting & Meet the Teacher BBQ. Bruce Peninsula District School, Lion's Head. *Meet the Teacher BBQ 4–6pm; School council 6–8pm*

Wednesday October 7

Remembering Gladys Ryan. The Meeting Place, Tobermory. Theatre group Sheatre presents a new play about love, power, abuse and finding a way out. Q&A after the play. Free. RSVP to info@tobermorymeetingplace.com or 519-596-2313. **2pm.**

All Candidates Meeting. Tobermory Communitiy Centre. Sponsored by St. Edmunds Property Owners. Meet the candidates in the municipal election. **7pm**

Thursday October 8

All Candidates Meeting. Lion's Head Friendship Club. Sponsored by the Lion's Head Friendship Club. Registration required, sign up sheet available at the club. Meet the candidates in the municipal election. **12:30pm**

Meet the Teacher & Bake Sale. St. Edmunds School, Tobermory. **3:15–5pm.**

Saturday October 10

Tobermory All Seasons Market Happy Thanksgiving Market. Tobermory Community Centre. See ad pg. 4. **10am–1pm**

Tuesday October 13

Mayor Candidate Brad Gesinghaus Meet & Greet. Matera Room at Princess Hotel, Tobermory. Come and go. Contact coachbrad22@hotmail.com or 519-497-1221 for questions. See ad pg. 12. **4–6pm**

Thursday October 15

Local Lighthouses and the People who Manned Them. Princess Hotel, Tobermory. Hosted by Sources of Knowledge. Admission by donation. Beverages and snacks available for purchase. See ad pg. 4. **2pm**

Friday October 16

Community Fall Fair. Light & Life Chapel, Tobermory. Games, food, activities, vendors & community group booths. Campfire and hot drinks through the day. Free chili and bread lunch. Donations accepted for the local food bank. See ad pg. 3. **10am–3pm**

Kim Beggs Concert. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Tickets \$20, reserve by contacting lionshead.tickets@gmail.com. **7:30pm**

Saturday October 17

Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. Contact 519-793-3473 for tickets, only a few left. **5pm social hour, 6pm dinner**

Sunday October 18

Community Christmas Cantata Choir Rehearsals Begin. Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church, Ferndale. Contact David at 519-793-4015 or davidcharleswarder@gmail.com to get involved. **2pm**

Monday October 19

Lion's Head & District Curling Club Free Instruction/ Practice Night. Lion's Head Arena. New & experienced curlers welcome. Register at curlionshead@gmail.com. See ad pg. 21. **7pm**

Monday October 19 – Monday October 26

Municipal Election Voting Period. Vote online or by telephone starting Oct. 19. For questions, contact election@northernbruce.ca or 1-833-793-3537 x236. See more information at northbrucepeninsula.ca/elections.

Thursday October 22

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Friday October 30
Los Infernales Concert. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. More info TBA.

Saturday October 31
Hallowe'en Spooktacular. Tobermory Community Centre. Hosted by ReMax Grey Bruce Real Estate. Trick or treating tables, music, and games. All ages welcome. See *ad pg. 4. 5–8pm*

Sunday November 1
7th Annual Lion's Head Pumpkin Parade. Bring your jack-o'-lanterns to line the path. Volunteers on hand to light and place the jack-o'-lanterns. Family and pet friendly. Rain, shine, or snow. More info at tinyurl.com/LHpumpkin. **5:30–6:30pm**

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

Single Use Plastic Water Bottles
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need for water bottle refill stations on the Northern Bruce due to the volume of tourists we have in the warmer months.

Council agreed to purchase two stations, one for Tobermory and one for Lion's Head. These were installed and were ready for use in the Summer of 2016.

While the station in Lion's Head continues to be well used, the one in Tobermory, installed at the boat ramp at the head of the harbour, went AWOL after a few years of use. Many queries later I have learned that the original station was lost and that a new one was purchased in June 2026.

But..... to date there is no water bottle refill station in Tobermory.

I welcome your thoughts about single use water bottles and what you might do to make it possible for tourists to fill their own water bottles at a Tobermory refill station [or stations as we could use more than one].

Regards, Judi MacLeod
Resident of Tobermory
Member of BPEG

Responses from Candidates
Running for MNB Council 2026

Thanks for reaching out. We should be reducing our reliance on single use water bottles. Unfortunately society today is much about convenience.

I do fully support having water bottle refill stations available. If a station has been purchased, it should be installed or determine the barriers of why it has not been installed.

The second point is to determine if there is adequate, available recycling opportunities for visitors of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

Brad Gesinghaus

I have always been concerned with the plasticisation of our world (which is why I went with wood for my election signs), and I think that providing access to public refill stations is an easy and pragmatic approach to reducing single use water bottles in our area.

As a community that prides itself on the health and beauty of our water, I think it makes perfect sense to encourage visitors to leave the plastic behind when they visit.

Ryan Matheson

Thank you for the years of work you and BPEG have put into this. The refill stations happened because residents showed up prepared and Council listened. That's how it should work.

I worked for over three decades in information systems in the waste and recycling industry, and I agree with you. Single-use plastic bottles are a real problem. We welcome a huge number of visitors each summer, and much of what they carry in ends up in our landfill, along our shoreline or in the ditches. Recycling helps, but too many bottles never get there. The best bottle is the one that's never bought, and that only happens if refilling is easy.

The Lion's Head station shows that people will use a refill station when there is one. Tobermory is where most of our visitors arrive, and it has gone years without one. If a replacement was bought in June, there's no good reason it shouldn't be in the ground and working before the 2027 season.

If elected, I will:

- Get answers first. I'll ask staff for a public update on where the new station is, what's holding it up, and a firm date for installing it.
- Push for more than one station in Tobermory. The harbour area is the obvious first spot. High-traffic places like the visitor areas and the ferry and tour-boat sites are worth looking at too.

• Make the stations easy to find. That means clear signs, and a mention in municipal and tourism materials so visitors know to bring a bottle.

• Work with partners. Parks Canada and community groups like BPEG could help with locations, promotion and possibly cost-sharing.

• Lead by example. Municipal events and facilities should move away from bottled water wherever that's practical.

• Make sure it's maintained. A station that quietly goes missing for years is a maintenance and accountability failure. Council should know the status of the equipment it buys.

Relatively, this isn't a large expense, but it's a visible way to protect the place that draws people here in the first place.

Sincerely,
Paul Davidson

I did a bit of research on the water filling station and yes, a replacement for the one in Tobermory has been purchased, but hasn't been installed. I will make some further inquiries to understand the reasoning.

Of course I would like to see less of the plastic water bottles used; as well as all plastic bottles, but it needs to be an education issue... and that is frustrating. I think people know better... I'm just not sure how to get them to comply.

As you may know, the province is mandating municipal recycling and the municipality has decided to do our own garbage collection in order to continue with bear proof bins/containers. This change will also need a lot of education (different days for pickup in different areas, etc.) so this would be another opportunity for education.

Perhaps the Chamber of Commerce could use part of their MAT tax funding to put flyers in motels, etc. regarding the issue.

Smokey Golden

I agree that too much plastic is ending up in our landfill sites. I support the use of refillable water stations in our Municipality. The refill stations should be placed at locations that best serve the public. Information signage with a map that identifies the refill station locations would be helpful.

We should be doing all we can to promote the water refill stations we presently have and make plans to add more in the future.

James Mielhausen

I have talked to staff and we have purchased a new refill station. The new one will be located on the left side of the boat ramp; water lines have to be modified due to the Little Tub Harbour wall reconstruction project. I have been assured it will be up and running for next season.

I support water refill stations. Anything we can do to reduce the use of single use plastic water bottles is good for the environment.

Milt McIver

We will have the water bottle station in use for the tourist season next year. I always appreciate water bottle refill stations when I travel, especially in large venues like airports and train stations.

Cheers,
Rod Anderson

I think this is a very important issue. We need to add more refill stations around the peninsula. We need to work with the Chamber of Commerce staff and BPEG and the sustainable tourism committee to address these issues.

Todd Dowd



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MUNICIPAL OFFICE CLOSURE

The Municipal office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Monday October 12th, 2026, and will re-open on Tuesday October 13th, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Due to the office closure, the Council meeting will be on Tuesday October 13, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

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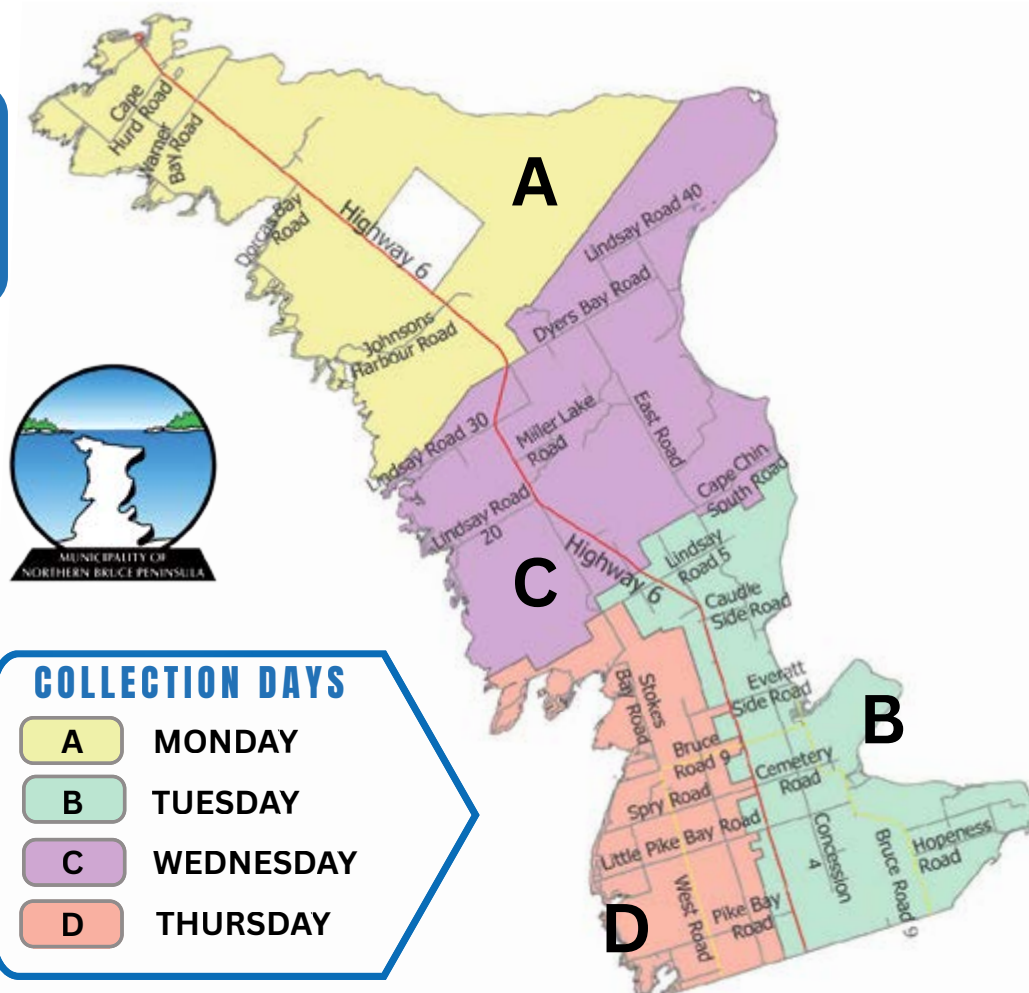
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Truth & Reconciliation
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On September 30, 2026, the 6th National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Park grounds at Neyaashiinigmiing were filled with Nawash members and their neighbouring community members wearing the signature orange shirts, which has become integrally tied to the commemoration of this solemn day.

The support for 'Orange Shirt Day' is inspired by the story of Phyllis Webstad, whose new orange shirt was taken from her on her first day at a residential school in 1973. It honours the survivors and victims of the Residential School System in Canada and reminds us that "Every Child Matters".

Nawash Chief Veronica Smith opened the ceremony, saying it was a day for reflection and to honour the children that did not make it home and for those that did make it home but carried deep scars. She related how the "removal of culture, language and identity through violence and genocide has impacted heavily on our children, on our families, our people and our First Nations across Turtle Island." She also stated that only 15 of the 94 calls to action itemized by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission have been addressed.

Nawash children performed a drumming song 'You are remembered' in their native Ojibway language.

Nawash Elder Lenora Keeshig-Tobias talked about the right to tell their own stories and recited an original poem alluding to common stereotypes about the indigenous peoples entitled "Goodbye Wild Indian".

Co-MC Chris Ashkewe reminded the attendees that this day is not solely an Indigenous day of remembrance but of its importance to all Canadians.

Caley Doran recalled his family's experience with the Residential School in Spanish, Ontario. He related how his mother Merceline Nadjiwon Doran, a survivor of the school and a foster child, returned to her community, but even when she decided to become a nurse, had to beg permission from the Indian Agent to leave the Reserve. After a year and half of asking, she eventually went on to become one of the first First Nations nurses in Canada. During her tenure at the Wiarton Hospital, she welcomed many of the Nawash newly born babies and at times had to protect them from Canadian child services.

Doran led attendees through a heartfelt Land Acknowledgement. He requested that everyone bend to touch the land, reach to the sky, turn around and acknowledge those around them. He feels deeply that any land acknowledgement should show sincerity and respect to the land, to relationships, and to all living creatures. He says "words are powerful, but actions speak louder."

All attendees participated in a sumptuous roast beef supper and enjoyed social time. Participants also visited the many booths showcasing cultural practices and traditional arts and crafts such as sweetgrass braiding and porcupine quills crafting.

After supper, there was a Walk through the Park's trail lined by orange-tinged maple trees to "honour the Survivors, intergenerational Survivors, and those who did not return home."



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Nawash Elder Lenora Keeshig-Tobias reciting her original poem "Goodbye Wild Indian"



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: David Warder visiting the Bruce County museum booth.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Nawash children performed a drumming song 'You are remembered' in their native Ojibway language.



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Photo: Nawash Elder Howard Jones (middle) with his friend, Mayor Milt McIver, and former schoolmate Dave McCoy.



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Class Is Back in Session: BPDS and St. Edmunds Kick Off New School Year



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Photo: BPDS Principal Lisa Gilbert speaks to the students at the Lion's Head Memorial Garden for a brief discussion on the significance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Submitted by Stephanie Cantin, VP BPDS and Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

The students and teachers of the Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) and St Edmunds are heading into their fourth week of the semester and it has already been a busy time filled with learning, activities, and opportunities to reconnect.

The school population for St Edmunds and BPDS has remained stable for this year. This year there are large classes for Junior and Senior Kindergarten, each with 28 students.

The breakfast and snack programs are once again up and running in both schools. The School wishes to extend "their sincere thanks to members of the Northern Bruce Peninsula community, as well as the Bain family and Hungry Hiker, for organizing two successful fundraising events in support of this important nutrition for learning programs. The Just the Tip Motorcycle Rally raised an impressive \$2,600, while the North of the Checkerboard Classics Bike and Car events contributed an outstanding \$4,300. Their generosity helps ensure that students have access to healthy food and are ready to learn each day."

The Bear Cubs Cafe is also open in the BPDS cafeteria. Students from grades 6 to 12 can purchase items daily.

The students from BPDS and St Edmunds participated in the Wiarton Fall Fair in September.

On October 2, there was a cross-country meet organized by BPDS.

Grade 7 students recently participated in a two-night, three-day camping and outdoor education experience at the Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre. The trip provided valuable opportunities for students



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Photo: Friends Zoey, Ariel and Paisley on the Truth and Reconciliation walk.

to build confidence, teamwork, and outdoor skills as they begin their journey toward potential participation in the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Outers Program in secondary school.

Outers students completed their annual swim test at the Lion's Head Marina on September 11th

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Lion's Head SMART Class Commemorates Orange Shirt Day

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Photo: The Lion's Head SMART Level 1 class wear orange shirts in support of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The fitness group meets every Monday and Thursday at the Friendship Hall in Lion's Head.
Front Row L-R: Linda, Dorothy and Mary. Back Row L-R: Helen, Colleen, Faye, Grace, Ann and Sheri.

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in preparation for any water-based activities planned later this year. In addition, Grade 11 and 12 science students will travel to Killarney from September 28 to October 2 to take part in field studies, sample collection, scientific investigations, canoeing, and camping as part of their learning experience.

A group of secondary school students attended Youth Mental Health event in Chesley

Grade 1 students learned about the lifecycle of the monarch butterfly and waved goodbye to two butterflies as they started their journey to Mexico.

The elementary school is also busy with their school garden.

The BPDS Terry Fox Run took place on September 28th led by the newly elected elementary student council.

Students at St. Edmunds also participated in Terry Fox fundraising activities. Students generously donated and joined together for a walk in support of cancer research and the Terry Fox Foundation. Their contributions reflect the caring spirit and community-minded values that are so evident throughout our schools.

Both St. Edmunds Public School and BPDS also observed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

and Orange Shirt Day. On September 30, the whole student body of BPDS, along with their educators, walked from the school to the Lion's Head Memorial Garden near the beach. After a short talk about the significance of the Day and a reminder to show respect to each other and the wider community, the students proceeded to walk along Main Street and back to the school.

Additionally, through classroom learning and school activities, students reflected on the impacts of colonization and residential schools, explored the meaning of reconciliation, and learned about the strength, resilience, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and communities.

These important conversations

continued on October 2 when students attended the Bluewater Indigenous Student Forum at the Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre. Participants engaged in a variety of workshops that deepened their learning and encouraged meaningful reflection and understanding.

The BPDS secondary student council is also up and running along with elementary choir, elementary soccer teams and secondary tennis teams. An anonymous donor provided a foosball table for students to play at lunch and breaks.

Important dates to remember

-October 6 2026, School Council

meeting at BPDS and Meet the Teacher BBQ from 4 to 6 p.m.

-Students, teachers and families are invited on October 8th to St. Edmunds school to meet the teacher and purchase delicious treats at the bake sale from 3:15 -5 p.m. organized by the St. Edmunds parent council and staff.

As we head into the Thanksgiving weekend, we are grateful for the continued support of our families, community partners, and volunteers. Their contributions help make our schools vibrant places where students can learn, grow, and thrive.

Happy Thanksgiving from the students and staff of BPDS and St. Edmunds Public School!

St Edmunds Public School Students Represented at Wiarton Fall Fair



Photos courtesy of Melissa Stewart

Photos: Last June, St Edmunds Public School students created artistic and academic entries for participation in the Wiarton Fall Fair.

Submissions were voted on at the Fall Fair on September 18th/19th and students recently received their ribbons and monetary prizes! They were thrilled and so proud!

Congratulations to all the students that participated.



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Photo: On October 3, the BPDS Junior Choir led by Mrs Collins performed at the Lion's Head Farmers Market. The choir will be performing the National Anthem at an upcoming Owen Sound Attack game.



Photo credit: Bruce Peninsula District School

Photo: Secondary Youth Mental Health Champions at Bruce Peninsula District School attended Youth Mental Health event in Chesley, ON.



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Photo: BPDS students walk along Helen Street towards the Lion's Head beach. The entire student body of BPDS, along with their educators, walked from the school to the Lion's Head Memorial Garden near the beach to recognize the significance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

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Another Successful Sold-Out Lion’s Head Oktoberfest

Submitted by Catherine Henderson, Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Oktoberfest 2026 kicked off with Mayor Milt McIver and local Brewmaster Christian von der Heide arriving on a mule drawn wagon, owned by Cedric and Ashley Scott, for the traditional opening ceremony of tapping the cask. Guests enjoyed sunshine and a selection of beverages, including our specially brewed Oktoberfest beer with delicious Oktoberfest sausages and pretzels in the beer garden.

The sold-out evening event, with live band Grey Road 1, included much dancing and the popular stein holding contests. This year’s winners: Jill Davidson took the Women’s title and Andrew Nearingburg the Men’s. Congratulations to both our 2026 champions! And thanks to everyone who participated – it was a lot of fun.

A huge thank you to all of our Rotary members and Friends of Rotary for your many hours of work to make this community event possible. It gets better every year!

A special thanks to our community sponsors for helping make the Lion’s Head Oktoberfest a great event – T&P Hayes Investments, EPH Tools & Machining, Hellyer’s Foodland, Wilson Home Building Centre, Summer House Park

and Tobermory Press. Your support is greatly appreciated.

And the biggest thank you to our partner, Master Brewer Christian von der Heide and Tagwerk Bier, who brings all the fun and flavour to this event - it would not be Oktoberfest without Christian and Tagwerk!

Full House for All Candidates Meeting

Rotary of NBP and BPEG (Bruce Peninsula Environment Group) hosted an All Candidates meeting at the Rotary Hall on September 29. It was a full house and there was much interest in hearing what our candidates had to say. The event was recorded and livestreamed. You can view the recording on BPEG’s YouTube channel (search Bruce Peninsula Environment Group on YouTube). Thanks to all candidates who were able to attend and to John Rodgers for doing a fantastic job as moderator.

Community Cafe Finished for Season

During August and September, Rotary hosted a Community Cafe in support of the Golden Dawn Senior Citizen Home. Three mornings a week, volunteers from three groups made coffee and baked goods and opened the Rotary Hall to provide a space to gather and socialize. Many conversations

took place on the new patio and donations were collected. A report on the proceeds will be sent out soon.

The cafe is finished for this year and we are grateful to our volunteers from Rotary, Lion’s Head Hospital Auxiliary and Golden Dawn Board members for their contributions. It was a lot of fun for a great cause.

Upcoming Events at Rotary Hall

Rotary is hosting a music concert with Whitehorse singer-songwriter Kim Beggs on Friday, October 16 at the Rotary Hall in Lion’s Head. Look for posters around the town! Tickets are \$20 and you can reserve one by emailing lionshead.tickets@gmail.com

Another Rotary music event is coming up on Friday, October 30 at the Rotary

Hall with Los Infernales, a great local group. More info on this event in the next issue!

Save the date! On Thursday, November 5, the Rotary Club of NBP will once again partner with other local service clubs to hold a Chili Cook-Off at the Rotary Hall to raise funds for the 2027 Bruce Peninsula District School school trip. We are excited to support our students with this event and look forward to seeing you there! Watch for details.



Photo credit: Richard Jackson
Photo L-R: Brewmaster Christian von der Heide with winner of the Men’s Stein Holding Contest Andrew Nearingburg.



Photo credit: Richard Jackson
Photo L-R: Brewmaster Christian von der Heide with winner of the Women’s Stein Holding Contest Jill Davidson.



Photo credit: by Sue Kolundziec
Photo L-R: Mule team Tammy and Becky driven by Cedric and Emillie Scott, taking Brewmaster Christian von der Heide and Mayor Milt McIver with the cask to the opening ceremony at Oktoberfest 2026.



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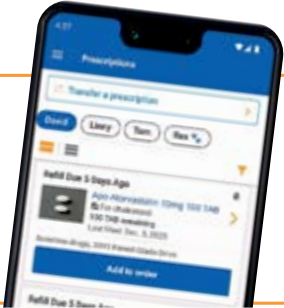
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