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McIver Re-elected, Extends Run as Northern Bruce Peninsula's Only Mayor

One New Face on Council: Matheson Joins Returning Anderson, Golden and Dowd

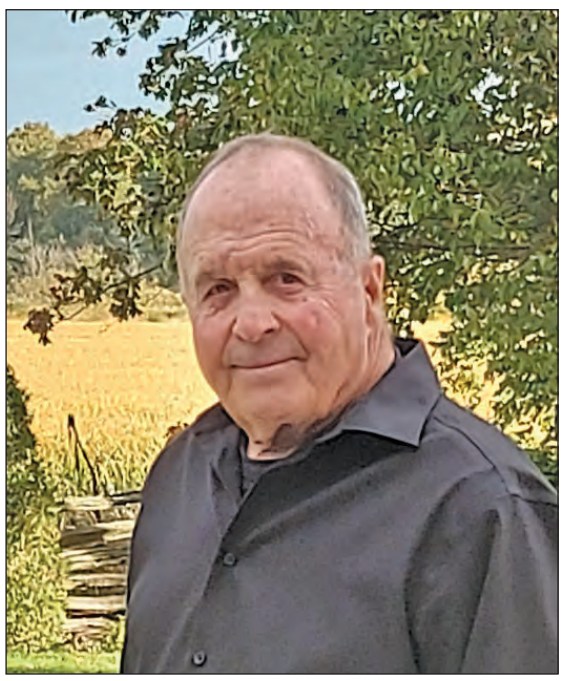
Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press

Milt McIver will return for another term as mayor of Northern Bruce Peninsula. McIver defeated Brad Gesinghaus in the October 26th Municipal election, receiving 1,935 votes, approximately 60% of the ballots cast.

McIver is making history as one of Canada's longest-serving heads of municipal government. He was elected reeve of Lindsay Township in 1982, serving until transitioning to mayor of MNBP after amalgamation in 1999. His experience as head of council totals 44 consecutive years, second in Canadian history only to Milton's Gord Krantz, who has led that town since 1980. At press time, unofficial results showed Krantz trailing challenger George Minakakis by a wide margin, a loss that would make McIver the longest-serving current head of council in the country.

McIver said that his deep roots on the Peninsula are his motivation to serve in municipal government as his family still lives on the farm settled by his ancestors in the mid-1800s. He plans to focus on affordability, managing tourism, balancing growth, traffic and road safety, water and wastewater management, supporting local schools and healthcare, and advocating for cell service and broadband capability.

Rod Anderson won the deputy mayor race with 1,910 votes, retaining his position for another term. He has 22 years of experience as reeve and deputy reeve of St. Edmunds and MNBP deputy mayor. He wants to upgrade facilities and advocate for water/sewage infrastructure.



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Photo: Returning Mayor Milt McIver.



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Photo: Returning Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson.

Replacing councillor Aman Sohrab, who did not seek re-election, is Ryan Matheson. He received the most votes of any council candidate, with 2,548 votes. Matheson is a lifelong MNBP resident, co-owner of Camp Celtic and holds a master's degree in rural planning and development. He plans to support year-round livability, focus on community groups and non-profits, develop circular economies, and protect vulnerable citizens.

Returning councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden received the second highest number of votes for councillor with 2,158 votes. Golden will be the only female councillor at the table for the second term in a row. At the October 14th council meeting, she advocated for seniors who struggle with navigating technology, saying that she wants to ensure they are aware of municipal business even if they cannot easily access the internet. According to Statistics Canada, MNBP has a substantial aging and seniors population nearing 64% of the total demographic.

Sitting councillor Todd Dowd was re-elected with 2,057 votes. Dowd served in the Canadian Armed Forces and works as a carpenter and bison farmer. He hopes to work as a team to make the community a better place to live.

The Bluewater District School Board Trustee represents both North and South Bruce Peninsula. Candidate Robert Galbraith holds a commanding lead in North Bruce Peninsula, however the Town of South Bruce Peninsula votes for public school board trustee were not available at press time.

The 2026-2030 Council's inaugural meeting is scheduled for November 23.

MNBP 2026 UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

MAYOR

Milt MCIVER	1,935
Brad GESINGHAUS	1,299

DEPUTY MAYOR

Rod ANDERSON	1,910
James MIELHAUSEN	1,275

COUNCILLOR

Ryan MATHESON	2,548
Laurie (Smokey) GOLDEN	2,158
Todd DOWD	2,057
Paul DAVIDSON	1,627

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE

Robert GALBRAITH	2,003 (MNBP Votes)
Jason YIP	392 (MNBP Votes)



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Photo: Returning Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden.



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Photo: Returning Councillor Todd Dowd.



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Photo: The only new face elected to council, Ryan Matheson.



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Photo: Robert Galbraith holds a commanding lead as Public School Board Trustee.

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Approximately $70,000 Raised at Annual Gravel Gran Fondo

Supporting Environmental Conservation Work on the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula

Submitted by Donna Cole

The 6th Annual Gravel Gran Fondo was held on October 4th. The biggest fundraiser of the year for the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association (BPBA), it continues to sell out early every year. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us!

With 115 km, 80 km, 56 km, and 30 km routes, over 400 riders explored some of the most beautiful roads on the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula, travelling from Lion's Head Lighthouse toward Cabot Head. From the scenic back roads and trails along the Georgian Bay shoreline to the incredible community of riders, volunteers, sponsors and supporters, you all helped make this event one to remember.

This ride wouldn't have been possible without the incredible people behind it. A special thank you to our 100+ volunteers, support crews, feed station teams, photographers, sponsors, and everyone who helped keep riders fuelled, supported, and smiling along the way.

From homemade goodies at the feed stations to post-ride lunch from our friends at the Ferndale, Lion's Head & District Lions Club, bike washes, photos, and plenty of good times, we hope you enjoyed every kilometre!

We were all thrilled the rain stopped just in time and held off all day. And boy, did that wind give everyone an extra workout! Kudos to all of you for powering through the gusts like absolute champs.

Mayor Milt McIver helped to kick off the event, along with our Fire Department Escort.

"As one of the organizers and cheerleaders, I had so many riders thank us for putting on the event and all of the support our volunteers give to the riders. Such an overwhelmingly positive response. It truly inspires us to keep hosting this event," said Donna Cole, Head of Communications for the BPBA.

Though the final numbers are not yet in, approximately $70,000 was raised during this year's event! Most importantly, all proceeds from the event support the environmental conservation work of the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association.

The next Fondo will be held on October 3rd, 2027. Please stay tuned for more information either on the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association website (BPBA.ca) or on our Gravel Gran Fondo website (https://www.brucegravelfondo.com/)



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Photo: They are off! Participants depart Lion's Head for the 6th Annual Gravel Gran Fondo.

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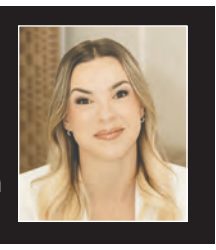


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15-Month-Old Toddler Receives Antivenom at Lion's Head Hospital After Massasauga Snakebite

Tammy Raycraft,
Bruce Peninsula Press

A 15-month-old toddler survived a bite from an eastern massasauga rattlesnake on the Bruce Peninsula over Thanksgiving weekend and is recovering at home after being treated at two separate hospitals.

Wells Gladwish, from Sarnia, Ontario, who was visiting the family cottage in Cape Chin, on the Northern Bruce Peninsula, was bitten on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at approximately 12:45 p.m. according to his parents, Matt Huggett and Natasha Gladwish.

"It was definitely a horrific experience. Nothing that any parent ever wants to go through. His life truly flashed before our eyes, and it was like our worst day ever," said mother Natasha Gladwish.

His family rushed him to the nearest hospital in Lion's Head, Ontario, where he initially received 10 doses of antivenom.

Natasha continued, "It was so imperative for his success to get the amount of antivenom that he got into him at the time that he did. Having 10 vials on hand, [to] at least do that first treatment is so, so imperative."

When the swelling continued, the family was told the Ornge helicopter would come to transfer Wells to another hospital. After hours of delays and cancellations, Wells was given another four emergency doses of antivenom.

"I'm holding my baby. He's screaming his head off; we're singing all the nursery rhymes we can think of. We're doing everything we can to keep him calm, but like every minute is just on your mind, right? We're just watching the clock," Natasha said.

"There was no reason for it," father Matt Huggett said. "They shouldn't accept it. Ornge should not accept a transfer if they're not able to do it."

According to Brightshores Health System, which runs the Lion's Head hospital, when an air ambulance transfer is delayed or unavailable, the care team continues to assess and stabilize the patient while working with Ornge, local paramedic services and the receiving hospital to determine the safest and most timely transport option.

Wells was transferred by land ambulance to London Health Sciences Centre, Victoria Hospital, where he received four more doses of antivenom, totalling 18. He is now recovering at home and almost back to his normal self.

"We're just all monitoring him for the serum sickness. We're hoping that everything's okay. That seems to present itself within five to 21 days, so we're still within that window of time," Natasha said.

"We had a little bit of a scare this

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SON Pushes For Negotiations As Canada Seeks To Take Land Off The Table In Treaty Claim

Marianne Wood,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) leaders are calling on Canada and Ontario to settle their long-running treaty claim at the negotiating table.

Recently, the Crown filed a motion to remove "land-back" as an available remedy for the treaty claim.

The two First Nations that make up SON, Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, held a rally in Toronto October 2 to press their case. The event has drawn wide attention on social media.

The dispute stems from a 2021 Ontario Superior Court decision. The court found that the Crown breached its honour by failing to diligently carry out its promise, made in Treaty 45½ in 1836, to protect the Saugeen Peninsula for the Saugeen Ojibway. Remedies were left to a second phase of the case.

Five years later, there is still no decision on what that remedy should be. A remedy trial is scheduled for late 2030 into early 2031. That would be almost a decade after the court confirmed the breach.

SON is seeking the return of appropriate lands on the peninsula that are owned by Canada or Ontario, along with financial compensation. The nations stress that the claim does not include privately owned homes, cottages, farms or businesses.

In a joint update to members, Chief Sonya Roote of Saugeen First Nation and Chief Veronica Smith of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation said the return of land "is and has always been" their priority.

On the Bruce Peninsula, federally and provincially owned land includes significant holdings managed by Parks Canada, such as Bruce Peninsula National Park.

On October 2, the case was back in a Toronto courtroom. Canada brought forward a motion asking the court to rule, before the remedy trial, that the return of federal and provincial Crown lands should not be available as a remedy. SON is opposing the motion.

SON members who attended the hearing walked out partway through. In their update, the two chiefs said, "There

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Shake-up at Parks Canada Will Affect Local Employees

John Francis,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Stories at CBC and elsewhere report that Parks Canada is facing budget cuts. Parks Canada announcements state that this will cause "a workforce adjustment" (layoffs) in which some employees may be "required to involuntarily leave the agency" (laid off or fired).

The announcement says that the target is to reduce the agency's payroll by 500 full-time-equivalent (FTE) salaries, but notes that this may be mitigated somewhat by retirements, voluntary departures and transfers.

To accomplish the 500 FTE reduction, Parks Canada has notified 2,917 employees that their jobs are in some way at risk. According to the Treasury Board, Parks Canada has approximately 4,773 year-round employees but the workforce swells to about 8,000 during the summer season.

Bruce Peninsula Press contacted Parks Canada to ask how this will affect our local parks. The response sent by Meaghan Bradley of Parks Canada Media Relations explains that:

"Receiving a letter does not necessarily mean an employee will lose their job. As the organization identifies areas of activities being stopped or reduced, some positions will remain as they are, some will change, and some will be eliminated. Over the coming weeks, decisions will be made on all positions being assessed.

All employees whose positions are directly impacted by the decisions being implemented at this time will be informed directly by their Director or Field Unit Superintendent, and Parks Canada is committed to supporting them through this transition."

The notification that your position may be at risk has been nicknamed "the letter." We asked:

• Which kinds of jobs are affected at Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park? For example: visitor services, resource conservation, maintenance, law enforcement, administration, or Tobermory visitor centre staff.

• How many employees at Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom

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New Shingles for Lion's Head Lighthouse

Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

Remedial work to reshingle the Lion's Head Lighthouse started on 24 September 2026.

The current lighthouse was erected in September, 2020 after the previous lighthouse was destroyed during a winter storm in January 2020.

There was no question in the minds of the community that the lighthouse, an iconic landmark of Lion's Head, had to be rebuilt.

Doug Hill says he and Brian Swanton had just completed the shingle siding in October 2020, when the lighthouse was again bombarded by waves and rocks. The newly installed siding was damaged to the point that the building paper and plywood sheathing were exposed to the elements.

With the onset of winter, a decision was made by municipal staff to install puck board on the lower one-third of the lighthouse. This was to be a temporary solution. Six years later the puck board was still covering the lighthouse.

When the puck board was removed, damage to the underlying sheathing was discovered. Five sheets of plywood had to be removed and new ones installed. Doug was also surprised to find that some stones found their way under the sheathing.

Doug says the puck board was a great temporary fix, but doesn't believe anyone intended it to remain as long as it had. The good news, he says, is that it was replaced before there was damage to the actual framing members. He described it as "not a major repair."

One of the original builders of the lighthouse, Doug worked with municipal staff to replace the puck board with surplus shingles from the 2020 build.

Shingles were replaced on two sides, approximately seven feet up starting at the concrete base. Changes were made to the way the shingles were installed in an effort to mitigate similar damage when the water levels rise again.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Damage to the Lion's Head Lighthouse in fall of 2020.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Doug Hill reshingling the Lion's Head Lighthouse on 28 September 2026.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Project complete with north and east sides of the lighthouse reshingled.

Fatal Single-Vehicle Collision on Bruce Road 9

Media Release

(NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a fatal single-vehicle collision that occurred in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

On October 13, 2026, at approximately 4:44 p.m., members of the Grey Bruce OPP, along with local fire services and emergency medical services, responded to a report of a single-vehicle collision on Bruce Road 9 near Duke Lane.

Upon arrival, emergency responders located a vehicle that had left the roadway and entered the ditch. A 36-year-old individual from Lion's Head was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The OPP West Region Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement (TIME) Team attended the scene and is assisting with the ongoing investigation.

Bruce Road 9 was closed for several hours while investigators examined the scene. The roadway reopened at approximately 2:35 a.m. on October 14, 2026.

Investigators are asking anyone who witnessed the collision, or may have dash camera footage or information that could assist with the investigation, to contact the Grey Bruce OPP at 1-888-310-1122 (reference incident number E261489824).

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), where you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to $2,000.

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JOHN'S COLUMN

All Candidates Meeting Offers Insight into Current Council's Decisions

By John Francis

St Edmunds Property Owners (SEPO) hosted an all candidates meeting at the community centre in Tobermory on October 7. All municipal candidates attended, as did Bluewater District School Board Trustee candidate Robert Galbraith. Attendance exceeded expectations, with organizers scrambling to set up several more rows of seats as attendees filed in.

The best part of the evening was the Q&A period. Many questions pertained to decisions made by the current council, especially on three subjects: tax increases; a subdivision at the head of Hay Bay; and about Big Tub Road and the vacant shoreline property there that was recently purchased by the municipality (Lot 213).

On tax increases, the incumbent councillors all defended their decisions. Incumbent Mayor Milt McIver (who incumbent Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson described as "our tax guru") explained that the largest items in the budget are Public Works (PW) and that cost increases to most components in the PW budget have far outstripped inflation — "41 to 43 percent over two years" for things like microsurfacing (paving) — and have not come back down.

Surprisingly, no one offered a contradictory position.

At the end of the evening, Moderator John Currie asked a question on behalf of the SEPO executive: is anybody in favour of not increasing taxes?

Mayor McIver was given the microphone to respond. "That would not be a wise thing to do," he began. "We're already playing catch-up". Some politicians make promises about this, he continued, "but it's not the right thing to do."

There has been a controversy in recent years about a proposed subdivision at the head of Hay Bay, near Tobermory. The property in question includes most of the wetland at the head of the bay, which provides important habitat to reptiles, amphibians, herons, waterfowl, mammals and breeding fish.

Most residents and most councillors opposed the subdivision, but in the end, the Bruce County Planning Department recommended accepting it and Council passed it. But they were not happy about it.

The Hay Bay subdivision was discussed at length at the all candidates meeting. The original questioner, Rob Davis, described the subdivision as "a disgrace"; no one contradicted him. He wanted to know why the subdivision was approved by Council.

Mayor McIver explained the decision: The property went through the planning process; studies were completed and peer-reviewed; the County approved the process. "This puts Council in an awkward position." If Council doesn't approve the county's recommendations, "it's going to be a legal battle".

Councillor Golden pointed out that "I voted against it," before explaining further: the problem is that we went through Bruce County. [The county provides planning services to municipalities.] If we go against a county decision, it will be taken to the Ontario Municipal Board and the county will not support us. "Sometimes the process just doesn't work."

Since that meeting, I have asked a couple of councillors for further clarification. If Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) rejects a County Planning recommendation and the property owner appeals the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board, we'd have to hire our own planning consultants to defend our decision. But we'd also be paying the county planners to come and defend their recommendation. "And we'd probably lose anyway," one of the councillors finished.

We have gone against county recommendations on a couple of occasions, one councillor told me. But Council should be very nervous about doing this.

MNBP purchased a property on Big Tub Road (Lot 213). The lot is beside an unopened road allowance, which adds considerably to its potential as recreational space.

A number of Big Tub property owners are extremely concerned that development of Lot 213 would cause problems (several different kinds) and also that the decision to purchase the property was made in closed session.

Incumbent councillors defended the decision. Milt McIver noted that "no development" was a condition of the sale of Lot 213. Smokey Golden pointed out that property purchases are always done in closed session — "Otherwise you'd pay double" [because speculators would drive the price up]. Todd Dowd observed diplomatically that there will be other issues of greater import than Lot 213.

Letter: Voters List Needs Thorough Review and Update

I have had similar experiences to David Almack in terms of updating the municipal voters list.

My name was associated with the wrong property when I checked in August and I got little help from municipal staff in correcting the information.

More recently, this month, I received a letter regarding voting that was addressed to the former - unrelated - property owner. He has been dead six years. This predates the last election cycle.

Clearly the voters list needs a thorough review and update!

Sincerely,

Frances Anderson, Miller Lake

Letter: Frustration Over New Garbage Collection Plans

I'm frustrated with the planned changes in garbage collection in NBP [Northern Bruce Peninsula].

Unless Waste Management aligns their recycling collection with the new schedule that NBP is rolling out November 23rd, three quarters of the residents of NBP will now have two collection days per week.

Carlton Brown

Climate Comment for September 2026

Warm or What?

Submitted by Bill Caulfeild-Browne

Several years ago, when he came to Tobermory to address the Sources of Knowledge Forum, I asked David Phillips if he could explain an anomaly I had observed with respect to September temperatures.

Over the years, September has almost always shown a bigger departure from historical norms than any other month. In 2002 for example, the mean was 17.7C, a whopping 3.2C above 20th century means. David had no explanation but did note he had seen this too. My only thought is that it might be related to the temperature of the lake if we have been having sunnier weather this century - Labour Day is often the most swimmable time for Georgian Bay.

As I do not have sunshine statistics for the last century, this will remain an unproven theory. But this September continued to be the warmest month of the year in terms of its departure from normal - 16.5C or 2C higher than historically. The warmest day was the 12th at 24.9C and the coolest was 7.9C on the 25th.

Rainfall was less than normal. All but 10 mm. fell on the 1st and 2nd, each day getting 20 mm.

The province as a whole was warmer than usual, with most areas 1-2C above normal. Likewise, most areas were drier. But there were exceptions during the violent thunderstorms that affected Toronto and Southwestern Ontario on the 2nd and 3rd. Many records were set - more than 100 mm. around Vaughan for example. U of T set a daily record of 59.5 mm. That's a month's worth in a few hours!

Mercifully, the gusty storms and a tornado on September 3rd passed well south of us but caused extensive damage in Essex and Kent counties.

Climate Change Canada is forecasting a continuing trend of warmer weather for October.

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Municipality Begins In-House Garbage Collection November 23

Plans for Recycling Still Unknown

Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press

A major change to curbside garbage and recycling collection is approaching.

Municipally operated curbside garbage collection is scheduled to begin on Monday, November 23 with each household getting an assigned collection day based on their geographic location. To find out about your garbage collection day, visit northbrucepeninsula.ca/curbsidewaste for more information.

At the time of this newspaper's printing, the Public Works Department confirmed that they have yet to receive any formal updates from Waste Management regarding a firm plan for recycling collection.

The latest communications said that recycling is likely to remain on Mondays, but possibly moving to every other week, alternating between south and north ends of the Municipality.

Repeated attempts by this newspaper to contact Waste Management have been unsuccessful.

Circular Materials (which coordinates the province-wide recycling system) has indicated that no "cart date" is available in their system, so they are unaware of when the recycling cart bins will be delivered to households in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP). Curbside recycling updates will be provided by Waste Management directly to MNBP residents, likely via direct mail.

The transition of curbside recycling collection from municipalities to the province prompted staff to bring forward options for curbside garbage collection in July 2026.

Option 1 would require the Municipality to transition to a cart-based garbage collection system on Mondays alongside recycling collection by Waste Management, who is the contractor selected by Circular Materials for the MNBP. This option posed several disadvantages, including residents having to manage two large cart bins (one for garbage and one for recycling) and attracting wildlife to the non-bear-proof carts.

Option 2 would see the Municipality proceed with the tender process to collect bids from contractors to execute garbage collection independent from Waste Management.

Option 3 was selected. It involves the Municipality moving to in-house garbage collection and purchasing a new garbage truck.

This option has the advantage of improved accountability, responsiveness, and service compared to contracted collection.

Since July, MNBP has also approved the purchase of a second garbage truck and hired two full-time staff.

Option 4 would eliminate curbside garbage collection completely and extend landfill hours.

The Residential Waste Collection Study prepared by GEI Consultants Canada concluded:

"Continuing with the current contracted arrangement or issuing a tender for collection services provides stability and avoids the need for significant capital investment. However, it also means that the Municipality remains reliant on a limited number of service providers operating within the region, which may reduce flexibility in responding to future service needs and could contribute to cost increases or service model changes in the future."

The analysis suggested that switching to in-house garbage collection presented many advantages, such as greater flexibility for control, ability to respond to resident needs, and avoiding the risk of attracting nuisance bears inside communities with waste collection cart bins that were not "bear proof."

Financially, continuing a contract with Waste Management versus moving garbage collection in-house are comparable, with municipally operated garbage collection estimated to cost $20,000 less annually.

Visit northbrucepeninsula.ca/curbsidewaste for more information.

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

Credit: Council Agenda July 13, 2026, Residential Waste Collection Study by GEI Consultants Inc.
Table: MNBP financial options review for residential curbside waste collection.

Cost	Annual Cost	Cost at 20 Years	Cost per Household per Year
Truck & Asset Management	$ 67,708	$ 1,354,155	$ 12.84
Salaries	$ 160,000	$ 3,200,000	$ 30.35
Truck Fuel	$ 128,887	$ 2,577,744	$ 24.44
Truck Maintenance	$ 10,000	$ 200,000	$ 1.90
Admin, Insurance & Training	$ 29,000	$ 580,000	$ 5.50
Total	**$ 395,595**	**$ 7,911,899**	**$ 75.03**

Credit: Council Agenda July 13, 2026, Residential Waste Collection Study by GEI Consultants Inc.
Table: MNBP Municipally operated waste collection model costs.



Toddler Snakebite

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past week where we did take him back to the ER. His finger did look like it was swelling a bit, but his blood work came back okay, and we put him on some antibiotics, so we're just keeping an eye on him."

Lion's Head is the only Brightshores site that stocks antivenom. The supply is restocked from the West Parry Sound Health Centre, which is Ontario's Antivenom Depot.

If antivenom were needed at another Brightshores hospital, teams would coordinate to have the medication transferred to the site where it is needed, while working with pharmacy and the treating team to support timely and safe access, they said.

According to Brightshores, most patients in these circumstances are assessed, treated and discharged from the Lion's Head hospital without requiring any further treatment.

The team assesses each situation individually and determines the appropriate location that can support the care required, including remaining in Lion's Head, being transferred to Owen Sound or tertiary care, most commonly London Health Sciences Centre.

"We're incredibly thankful that there is such a great team at Lion's Head Hospital, and the whole Brightshores team. The fact that there's antivenom stock is so very important for the peninsula," said Natasha. "It's a small hospital, but it's so mighty in terms of how important it is for the community. Such an incredible team, such a vital resource."

Lion's Head treats roughly 1-3 rattlesnake bites per year. The Brightshores team said anyone who has been bitten or suspects they have been bitten by a rattlesnake should call 911 or seek immediate care at their nearest emergency department as quickly and safely as possible.

Shake-up at Parks Canada

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Five National Marine Park received the letter?

• How many Parks Canada employees who live in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula, but work in other units or national offices (including remote or telework positions), received the letter?

Bradley's response stated that there was no breakdown available on a park-by-park basis but that

"As of October 22, 2026, Parks Canada's Eastern and Central Ontario Field Unit (which includes Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park) has a total workforce of 222 employees, including indeterminate, term, casual and student employees.

As part of the current workforce adjustment process, 100 employees within the Eastern and Central Ontario Field Unit have been identified as affected and are expected to receive notification letters between October 21 and October 23, 2026.

Receiving an affected notification does not necessarily mean that an employee's position will be eliminated. Rather, it indicates that their position falls within the scope of the workforce adjustment exercise and is subject to further assessment."

We also asked if either park would be required to reduce services, operating hours or seasons, or close facilities, as a result.

Bradley did not provide a "yes or no" answer to this question, but her response included the sentence:

"The results of the workforce adjustment process will see new detailed organizational models and implementation plans."

SON Pushes For Negotiations

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were many statements made about our history, our relationship to our lands and Anishinaabe inaakinogewin that were offensive." They added that the walkout will not affect how the court rules.

A decision on the motion is not expected for several months.

The leaders say they have repeatedly asked Canada and Ontario to negotiate since 2021, and those calls have been ignored. They argue that the court's finding should be enough to bring both governments to the table.

"We should not have to fight Canada and Ontario in court on this motion or in general about whether or not lands and compensation are needed," they wrote.

SON Joint Council is holding a members' meeting on November 7th for all Saugeen Ojibway Nation members to come together to discuss their treaty claim and the path forward.

More information on SON and the treaty claim is available at honourthetreaty.ca.



Speaker Holly Dunham Brings Local Lighthouse History to Life at SOK Talk

Submitted by Moira Parker

Approximately 70 people gathered at the Princess Hotel on Thursday, October 15th, for a Sources of Knowledge (SOK) Talk with local historian and oral history collector Holly Dunham. Through historical photographs, family recollections and stories of former lighthouse keepers, Holly brought the history of Tobermory and northern Georgian Bay's lighthouses to life.

Her presentation, ***Local Lighthouses and the People Who Manned Them***, explored Cove Island, Lonely Island, Big Tub, Flowerpot Island and Cabot Head, sharing their histories and the lives of those who maintained their lights.

Cove Island Lighthouse operated for 136 years before it became unmanned (automated) in 1991. Its early light was fuelled by sperm whale oil. At Lonely Island, keepers faced a climb of over 100 steps, sometimes encountering rattlesnakes along the way.

Holly's father transported keepers and supplies to the island, and one of her stories explained the challenges of keeping provisions fresh while waiting to deliver them in unpredictable weather.

Big Tub Lighthouse was built in 1885. Before its construction, the first keeper, Charles Earl, hung a lantern from a tree branch to guide passing vessels.

Holly shared stories from Flowerpot Island, where the lighthouse was demolished after 72 years. Its last keeper, John Freethy, served from 1982 to 1987. When leaving for the final time, he reportedly joked, "I'll pull out the plug and the island will sink." At Cabot Head, keepers contended with abundant flies and poison ivy, while maintaining an early warning system using cones and baskets.



Photo credit: SOK

Photo: Holly Dunham presenting Local Lighthouses and the People who Manned them at the Princess Hotel in Tobermory.



Photo credit: SOK

Photo: Attendees enjoying Holly Dunham's talk in the new conference room at the Princess Hotel.

Throughout the afternoon, Holly gave us a glimpse into the lives of the keepers and their families, reminding us that these lighthouses were both navigational aids and homes and workplaces for the people who cared for them.

Sources of Knowledge thanks Holly for sharing her knowledge and family stories, the Princess Hotel for hosting us, and everyone who attended for making it such an enjoyable afternoon exploring the region's maritime heritage.

Sheatre Performance at The Meeting Place Impacts Audience and Beyond

Submitted by Noreen Steinacher

"Remembering Gladys Ryan", a new play by Wiarton-area theatre group, Sheatre, about love, power, abuse – and finding a way out, was presented at The Meeting Place Tobermory (TMP) on October 7, 2026.

Before the play, we learned a little about how it was created – from the many stories of intimate partner violence collected among older adults across our region. The play was inspired by the tragic story of Gladys Ryan, a woman in her seventies shot by her husband when they were both hospitalized. This origin story was hard to hear.

So, how was the troupe of volunteer actors in a play going to make a difference? The best way to find out was to ask those in attendance.

We asked our local audience the following questions and invited comments after the play, also giving time for some reflections. Thank you for sharing.

1) What part of the performance created the most impact to you in the audience?

I think the part of the performance that impacted me the most was the opportunity for the audience to stop the play and join in to offer alternative ways. I loved that all of our voices mattered and were listened to. And all of the ideas presented were received with respect. The facilitators were amazing in their ability to relay the message and keep us on track.

I was especially struck by the realization of how isolation in rural communities can make it so much more difficult to get help. And I was happy to learn about the number 211 that one can call to access help. It was a wonderful afternoon!

2) Did you come away with more understanding of how the community can be involved in reducing intimate partner violence (IPV)? If so, how?

Yes, I have more awareness of how a community can be involved in reducing IPV. How? See it, Say it, Check it - say what you see. "I notice some bruises on your face and arms." Or "I notice a change in your body language when that person speaks to you or comes towards you." "Are you okay?" "Are you safe?" "Do you need help?" Do this in a safe place away from the possible abuser. Help the person connect with resources for their safety. If they are remaining in a potentially unsafe situation, talk to them about a "go bag" and a safety plan.

3) Other comments:

I thought it (the play) was very effective. A new, unique way of entering into and understanding the experience which can only help greatly to reduce domestic violence.

We need the courage to tackle cultural causes that will carry us deeper into the issue.

Thank you to the Sheatre – 'Play for Change' organization; its volunteers and the courage to bring difficult topics to rural Bruce and Grey with the hope of moving change. Thanks to Angela Yenssen from the Grey Bruce Community Legal Clinic for her encouraging message to friends and family on simple ways to help and a resource summary. Thanks to Martha Aitkin, board member at The Meeting Place and psychotherapist with 'A Burden Shared' counselling, for her insights and for her commitment to service.

'Remembering Gladys Ryan' is supported by the Grey Bruce Community Legal clinic and Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network, with funding from New Horizons for Seniors, Community Foundation Grey Bruce, the Ontario Arts Council and Ron Todd & Associates IG Wealth Management.

Sheatre will be presenting two more public shows: one at Colpoy's Bay Women's Institute Hall on November 20 and in Owen Sound at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on November 26. The Owen Sound show is during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence in Canada.

If you are affected by this article, please reach out to 211 by phone and you will be supported and directed to the assistance you request and confidentiality will be protected.

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TOBERMORY PFHT MEDICAL CLINIC, 7275 Highway 6
Tuesday November 24: NOON to 6 pm (all ages)

LION'S HEAD ARENA, 4 Tackabury Street
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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Meeting Minutes September 28, 2026

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

Staff Present: Peggy Van Mierlo-West, Chief Administrative Officer, Alexandra Croce, Clerk, Troy Cameron, Public Works Manager, Mark Coleman, Parks and Facilities Manager, Kara Smith, GIS/IT Manager, Emily McDougall, Chief Building Official, Cally Mann, Deputy Clerk, Bob Stewart, Committee and Planning Coordinator

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

Mayor McIver called the meeting to order at 1:00 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

20-01-2026

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

That the content of the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Minutes

a. Re: Council Meeting No. 26-19, September 14, 2026

20-02-2026

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting No. 26-19, held on September 14, 2026 be approved.

Carried

4. Public Participation

a. April Patry, Brightshores Health System Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation, 2027 Funding Consideration

April Patry, Executive Director for Brightshores Health System Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation, provided an update on the status of the 2026 funding request for the Automated Dispensary Units at the Lion's Head Hospital and provided an overview of the 2027 Funding Request for Endoscopy Care improvements.

5. Consideration of Items

Clerk's Department

a. C26-28 Request to Purchase Unopened Road Allowance - 250 Cape Chin North Shore Road

Council inquired about the lot size, location, and easement access.

20-03-2026

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

That Council receives report C26-28 Request to Purchase Unopened Road Allowance - 250 Cape Chin North Shore Road for information; and

That Council direct that the lands be retained by the Municipality and that the application to purchase the unopened road allowance does not proceed.

Carried

Public Works Department

a. PW26-25 Waste Management Operational Plan

Council inquired about the education and communications plan, infraction options, approved containers, collection times and recycling concerns.

20-04-2026

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

That Council receives report PW26-25 Waste Management Operational Plan for information, and

That Council directs staff to bring forward an updated by-law to regulate the Collection, Removal, Recycling and Disposal of Waste in the Corporation of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

Carried

Parks and Facilities

a. PF26-18 Quotation for Tobermory Airport Beacon Light Replacement

20-05-2026

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

That Council receives report PF 26-18 Quotation for Tobermory Airport Beacon Light 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 Beacon Light installation services; and

That Council authorizes Staff to utilize the Airport Reserve to fund the replacement of the Airport Beacon; and

That Council accepts the quotation from Dewar Services Electrical Contractors for the supply and installation of an LED Beacon Light and ARCAL antenna in the amount of $18,966.00 + HST per the specifications of the quotation dated September 11, 2026.

Carried

b. PF26-19 St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum Policies

Council expressed appreciation to the Museum committee for their assistance in the development of the museum policies.

Council inquired about the environmental management and conservation requirements.

20-06-2026

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

That Council receives report PF26-19 St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum Policies for information; and

That Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to adopt Operating Policies for St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum.

Carried

c. PF26-20 Rural Ontario Development Program Grant Application - Tobermory Airport

20-07-2026

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

That Council receives report PF26-20 Rural Ontario Development Program Grant Application - Tobermory Airport for information; and

That Council directs staff to submit a grant application to the Rural Ontario Development Program for funding to support a Feasibility Study for Expansion of Hangar Space at the Tobermory Airport by October 1, 2026.

Carried

Building Department

a. BD26-16 No Demand for Services Agreement - 84 Maple Golf Cres

Council inquired about the location of the subject property.

20-08-2026

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

That Council receives report BD26-16 No Demand for Services Site Plan Control Agreement – 84 Maple Golf Crescent 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 St. Edmunds Con 2 EBR Pt Lots 49 and 50 at 84 Maple Golf Crescent with Simon Don Goulding and Constance Amber Goulding Wright.

Carried

Fire Department

a. FD26-06 Fire Protection Grant - Request for SCBA Extractor

20-09-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council receives report FD26-06 Fire Protection Grant - Request for SCBA Extractor for information; and

That Council approves, subject to successful grant funding, the purchase of an SCBA extractor to enhance firefighter decontamination, occupational health and safety, and cancer prevention initiatives.

Carried

6. Councillor Notice of Motions/ Motions and Inquiries

Deputy Mayor Anderson requested a letter be sent to Bruce County Housing regarding the recent fire at the Bradley Apartments in relation to fire safety concerns received from residents.

7. Reading of By-laws

a. By-law 2026-68 Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2026-043 (Copp & EBC c/o Davidson)

By-law 2026-69 to Adopt a Solar Projects Policy

By-law 2026-70 to Appoint an Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator

By-law 2026-71 to Amend By-law 2026-34 to Establish an AMPS

By-law 2026-72 to Remove Holding Provisions - 22 Paul Dr

By-law 2026-73 to Regulate the Collection, Removal, Recycling and Disposal of Waste in the Corporation of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

20-10-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

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

Carried

8. Communications

a. Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board - Minutes (July 28, 2026)

b. Correspondence List (September 11, 2026 - September 24, 2026)

Councillor Sohrab pulled item 2 for discussion. Council discussed the drift mitigation options along Highway 6. Council inquired about the Bruce County Roads Assessment Plan.

9. Closed Session

a. Closed Session

20-11-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council move into a closed meeting with the CAO and Clerk in attendance at 2:05 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 (2) of The Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

Reporting Out

Mayor McIver reported out that Council met in closed session with the CAO and Clerk in attendance to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Council approved the closed session minutes from the July 27, 2026 closed meeting.

10. Confirmatory By-law

a. By-law 2026-74 to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula at its meeting held on September 28, 2026.

20-12-2026

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

That By-law 2026-74 to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula at its meeting held on September 28, 2026 be given a first, second, and third reading and finally passed.

Carried

11. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn

20-13-2026

That the meeting adjourns at 2:24 p.m.

Carried

Milt McIver, Mayor Alexandra Croce, Clerk



Stopped in Awe: News from Tobermory United

Northern Twisted Roots Craft Day November 7

Submitted by Rev. Sheryl Spencer

Every year, in preparation for the St. Nicholas Bazaar, Northern Twisted Roots, a local venture that specializes in upcycling and repurposing vintage items into beautiful home décor, offers a craft day so that even the least crafty people can take part in creating beautiful things. This year's craft day is on November 7 at 2:00 p.m. at Tobermory United Church. It is always a fun and joyous event, and all are welcome to come and create rustic treasures that will be sold at the bazaar on November 28, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Also in preparation for the bazaar, bakers and craftspeople are invited to donate their creations for sale. Vendors are also welcome to request a table from Sheila Peacock, 226-668-2905.

On November 8, all the Tobermory churches, in partnership with Tobermory Legion Branch 290, are invited to gather for a joint Service of Remembrance, which will be held at Light and Life Chapel, 7347 Highway 6, at 10:30 a.m. There will be a time of fellowship following, and all are welcome to contribute potluck finger food.

The Tobermory Thrift Shop has closed for the season. Gratitude abounds for our supportive community who sent a stream of donations all summer long, volunteered and shopped at the Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop had its best year ever, with more than $50,000.00 in sales. A portion will go to Tobermory Community Outreach for emergency needs in the community. The rest supports the work and witness of Tobermory United Church.

Save the date for Christmas with Peninsula Musicians! December 3, 7:00 p.m. This is an annual holiday concert hosted by Tobermory United Church as a fundraiser for the Golden Dawn Redevelopment Fund. The concert showcases local musicians and performers from all genres, from Lion's Head's Bluesky Day to the Tobermory United Church choir and everything in between! There's even a good, old-fashioned carol sing at the end!

Winter Worship at the Church at the Gap

Submitted by Jane Greenhouse

On November 15, the Church at the Gap (the Church of St. Edmunds) will move from its summer worship time of 10:00 a.m. to its winter service time of 1:30 p.m. The later time allows the pastor to officiate in Tobermory after leading morning worship in Wiarton.

In summer, two seasonal churches add more Sunday services than the pastor can cover, so St. Edmunds hosts visiting pastors and their families at the church cottage in Tobermory, thus offering them a holiday while they lead Sunday worship.

Key Dates

• November 1—All Saints' Day: The service will be held at the Church at the Gap in Tobermory, at 1:00 p.m. with Anglican and Lutheran congregations from across the peninsula attending. Before the service, we will meet for lunch at the Princess.

• November 8: Christian communities will gather at 10:30 a.m. for a remembrance service hosted by Light and Life, honouring those who gave their lives in wars.

• November 15: The Anglican community will move to worship at Tobermory United Church until spring when the Church at the Gap will reopen. Worship time while at T.U.C. is 1:30 p.m. with Eucharist.

Bring Holiday Cheer Home with a Poinsettia

Support the St. Edmunds School Playground Build

Submitted by Amanda Soulliere

Looking to add a little festive beauty to your home this holiday season while also supporting a great local cause? St. Edmunds Public School students are hosting a Poinsettia Fundraiser, with 100% of the proceeds going directly toward the St. Edmunds Public School Playground!

Brighten your home, office, or holiday table with these beautiful seasonal plants, available in a variety of sizes and colours to suit every space and budget.

-4.5-inch plants — $7

-6-inch plants — $12

-8-inch plants — $25

-10-inch plants — $35

All plants are available in classic red and white. Pink options are also available in the 6-inch, 8-inch, and 10-inch sizes, while the 10-inch plants offer an additional tricolour option.

Looking for something extra special? Adorable tabletop planters are available for $30 each, featuring either a whimsical Grinch tree or fresh, festive greenery. Nothing says the holidays quite like the fresh green scent of natural evergreens filling your home!

Whether you're decorating for the holidays, looking for a thoughtful gift, or wanting to support local students, this is a wonderful way to spread Christmas cheer while making a meaningful difference in our school community.

How to Order: Orders can be placed through St. Edmunds Public School students or by emailing amandastanger@me.com to request an order form.

Order deadline: November 17th

Plant pickup: November 27th at St. Edmunds Public School

The best part? Every purchase helps support a playground where local children can play, grow, and make memories for years to come.

Make your home merry and bright this holiday season while helping our students grow something wonderful. Thank you for supporting St. Edmunds Public School and our local community!

Bruce Men's Shed Helps Day Away Clients Assemble Birdhouse Kits



Photo credit: Lise Aitken

Photo: Bruce Men's Shed volunteers and Home & Community Support Services Day Away clients with their birdhouses.

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans, Team Leader

A few of our members have met at Gateway Haven in Wiarton and brought our hammers, nails, and tools as well as birdhouse kits we made. This time we made a wren house based on a "modern" design. It kind of reminds me of the flat roof/low slope roofs from the 60s.

We helped clients assemble ten kits as part of the Day Away program run by Home & Community Support Services (HCSS). The kits were made from pine logs that were donated to Bruce Men's Shed by member Eric Robinson. Eric and fellow member Scott Elliott arranged with Sandra Wilson at Wilson Home Building Centre to cut these logs into usable thicknesses.

We then met at Scott's workshop where a team of guys went to work on the slabs. First a straight edge was cut on one side using a track saw. The table saw then cut them to width. The pieces then ran through a rough planing and then a final planing on thickness planers to get them to a reasonable dimension. On the mitre saw they were then cut into the dimensions per the birdhouse plan. Sanding came next, then drilling the opening for the wrens to enter, and the Bruce Men's Shed branding iron completed the work stages. Another member had packaged nails into small bags and then packaged with the six pieces for each kit. From start to finish ten of us came together to make 27 complete kits with enough pieces for about 10 more.

Drop in for Coffee Monday every week 9am-11am at Royal 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 November 14 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 10 am 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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Tobermory Food Bank Distributes Thanksgiving Hampers, Marks World Food Day

Submitted by Linda Godhue

world Food Day was Friday October 16th. This day was first marked in 1945 by the United Nations and is now an International Awareness Day for food insecurity. We know that around the world many faced food insecurity then, and still face it now. world Food Day is marked in 150 countries around the world.

In Canada in the 1980s, food banks became part of our communities that addressed food insecurity in an organized way. Now almost every community has a Food Bank or is close by to one – a stark reminder that many people are struggling to feed their families or themselves.

The Tobermory Food Bank was started in 2008, recognizing that there was a definite need in our community for such a service. Today, it continues its work assisting those most in need. This October, 37 Thanksgiving hampers were distributed.

We know food insecurity is a major problem that is growing as the cost of living increases. There was a report issued by Grey Bruce Public Health that focuses on food insecurity, its many effects on the well-being and health, both physical and mental, on adults and especially children. This report was issued in early 2025 and reported that in 2024, 18% of the population faced food insecurity. That number has increased considerably in the last two years. food banks Canada reports now 1 in 4 households face food insecurity. Those needing to access food banks has also changed. More of those employed are facing food insecurity. If you wish to read the full report from Grey Bruce Public Health it is available at publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/FoodAffordability.

But here in our wonderful Tobermory, the need is recognized by the amazing support the Tobermory Food Bank receives, from the cash donations, to the food drives and drop-off food donation locations. We have donors that make monthly donations, churches and organizations who donate on a regular basis, or organizations who organize their own food drives. As well, many fundraisers ask for a donation at their events.

Peacock's Foodland prepares pre-packaged donation bags that can be deposited at the front of their store. They also host the OPP's Stuff the Cruiser events.

Tobermory Post Office has offered space for drop-off donations for many years now.

Just recently, Summer House Park collected over 110 kg of food and cash donations from their Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Tobermory Food Bank. Light and Life Chapel collected food items at their recent Fall Fun Fest day.

For the past two years, the Tobermory United Church Thrift Shop has opened twice during their season for a dedicated day for Food Bank clients. During these days, Food Bank clients have cost-free access to the household and clothing sections there. This is especially helpful to the clients who have children and are in need of children's clothing.

If you want to learn more about the Food Bank, please visit tobermoryfoodbank.ca or call Linda at 519-596-2333.



Photo credit: Tobermory Food Bank
Photo L-R: Summer House Park owner Darci Lombard presents donations from the recent Summer House Park Thanksgiving Food Drive to Rick Caron from the Tobermory Food Bank.

The Lion's Head Friendship Club Continues to Thrive

Submitted by Geraldine Loker

The Lion's Head Friendship Club continues to be a beehive of activity! Seniors in our community are very fortunate to have such a thriving club, offering a wonderful variety of activities, including craft days, games days, lunches, dinners and trips.

A big thank-you to Forty Hills Farm and Flowers for providing the supplies and sharing their expertise to help us with our creations on the September 30th Craft Day!

The fun continued on October 14th with an "All About Apples" Craft Day. Everyone got creative in the kitchen, making a variety of delicious apple desserts.

Games Day on October 17th was well attended. Members enjoyed playing a variety of games, including Play Nine, Fast Track, Skip-Bo and many others. The afternoon was followed by a light dinner, providing a wonderful opportunity for everyone to socialize and enjoy each other's company.

Trips are available to members only. Our next trip is to the Roxy Theatre in Owen Sound on November 14th to see Come From Away. This trip is sold out!

Looking ahead to the spring, a trip is planned for May 4th to see Mary Poppins at the Festival Theatre in Stratford. Tickets are now on sale for $80 per person, with a non-refundable deposit of $40 required.

November promises to be another very busy month at the Friendship Club! Here is a look at what is coming up:

• Thursday, November 12th: Club Lunch. Cost is $8 per person. Please sign up on the sheet at the club.

• Saturday, November 14th: Trip to the Roxy Theatre in Owen Sound to see Come From Away. Please be at the club by 12 noon.

• Thursday, November 19th, at 12:30 p.m.: Craft Day and Light Lunch. SOLD OUT!

• Saturday, November 21st, at 1:00 p.m.: Games Day and Light Dinner. Tickets are $5 per person.

• Thursday, November 26th, at 12:30 p.m.: Craft Day and Light Lunch. SOLD OUT!

• Saturday, November 28th, at 5:00 p.m.: Our annual Christmas Gala, featuring a delicious turkey dinner prepared by Bear Tracks.

With so many activities, opportunities to socialize and special events to look forward to, the Lion's Head Friendship Club certainly keeps its members busy!

A special thank you goes out to all the wonderful volunteers who give their time and energy to make these events possible. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated. We couldn't do it without you!

It is wonderful to see the club continuing to thrive and bringing people together in our community.



Photo credit: Maxine Catteau
Photo: Participants at the October 14th Craft Day "All About Apples".

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Rotary and BPDS Europe Trippers Host Chili Cook-Off November 5

Submitted by Isis Brooks

The Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula is teaming up with Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) students who are going on the Europe trip, for a fantastic Chili Cook-Off fundraiser event! The event will be held on November 5, 2026, from 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Rotary Hall in Lion's Head.

For just $20 per individual or $35 per family, patrons can come and enjoy great food and have fun deciding who makes the best chili in North Bruce!

All proceeds will go towards supporting the BPDS Europe trip to France and Italy, happening in April 2027. Students going on the trip will visit several historical and artistic venues and are very excited to go.

Senior BPDS students Lena and Isis (pictured) want to thank the Rotary Club members and our wonderful community for their support. The Rotarians have been working hard, communicating with several service clubs to donate chili recipes. There will also be buns and a variety of fixings.

Please consider this your invitation to participate! Bring your appetite, invite your friends and family, and join us for a great evening of food, fun, and community spirit.



Photo credit: Isis Brooks

Photo L-R: Grade 12 students at Bruce Peninsula District School, Isis and Lena, prepare for the Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser on November 5th.

Los Infernales October 30 at Rotary Hall

Submitted by Rob Hiscott

Coming up at Rotary Hall on the last Friday of the month, Harbourside Inside will present a concert by Los Infernales, a group comprised of Dan Corcoran on keyboards, Robert Franklin on guitar, Dominik Franken on 5 string electric viola and Curtis Lyons on drums. The concert will feature "Blues, originals, Funk, you name it!" Doors open at 6:00 PM, and the concert starts at 7:00 PM – hope to see you there!

Chili Cook-off at Rotary Hall, November 5th!

Your local Rotary Club is hosting a Chili Cook-off on Thursday, November 5th at Rotary Hall from 5:00 to 8:00 PM as a fundraiser for next year's school trip to Europe for students of Bruce Peninsula District School. Local service organizations and other groups will be providing pots of chili with their own unique recipes, and everyone participating will have an opportunity to sample each of these chili recipes and vote on their favourite of the evening! The winner of the Chili Cook-off will hold bragging rights for the 'Best Chili of 2026'! (See full article on left.)

Remembrance Day, November 11 at Rotary Hall

You are invited to warm up with hot beverages and snacks at the Rotary Hall between 9:30 AM and 12:00 Noon, before and after the 2026 Remembrance Day services being held on Wednesday, November 11th at Lion's Head Cenotaph on Main Street in Lion's Head. Hot beverages will include coffee, hot chocolate and tea, and snacks will also be available. This is being hosted by your local Rotary Club as a free public service to the community.

Friday Pub Night at Rotary Hall

Friday Pub Nights will continue on November 13th and 27th at Rotary Hall from 7:00 until late in the evening – Come join the fun. Hope to see you there!

Santa is Coming!

Word has come down from the frigid North Pole that Santa Claus will make a special visit to Lion's Head on Saturday, December 5th, joining in the annual Rotary Lion's Head Santa Claus Parade!

We know how busy Santa's schedule is at this time of year and we're thrilled that he'll be able to be here for our parade, and that he will meet with all the kids and families at Rotary Hall at the end of the parade!

If you or your group would like to participate in this year's parade (entering a float or band), please contact Rotary at nbprotary@gmail.com. Any financial contributions towards Santa gift bags would be greatly appreciated (please contact Rotary), and any net proceeds from this event will be donated to the Lion's Head and District Food Bank.

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Launchpads Now Available at Lion's Head Library

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

Launchpads are available now to borrow from the Lion's Head Library thanks to the funding provided by the Friends of the Lion's Head Library (FLHL). In addition to the Launchpads, FLHL also funded the 2026 Scales Nature Park Program at the Lion's Head Rotary Hall as well as a Magic Show, enjoyed by both the young and old, on August 25 at the Library.

Be sure to check the Lion's Head Library website library.brucecounty.on.ca/your-library/locations/lion-s-head, for future activities and events.

A "Get to Know the Library" presentation will be held at the Lion's Head Rotary Hall on Tuesday, November 10 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to learn about what is available at the library and what our library has to offer. Light refreshments will be served.

Did you know you can borrow, at no cost, binoculars, fishing poles, board games, puzzles, snowshoes... and so much more? You can also use your library to photocopy, fax, scan documents to emails. The computers and Wifi are free for you to use!

Some of the programs offered in the near future include:

- November 2, 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.: pre-school story-time
- November 20 (P.A. Day), 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.: Pirates Theme Event where children ages 4-8 will be "mapping out a course to pirate adventure, crafts, and fun"!

Registration is required for these and many of the other programs offered.

Libraries are so much more than rows and rows of books. They are a place to discover, get inspired and are a safe and inclusive place for community members to connect. Be sure to visit your library soon!



Photo credit: Friends of the Lion's Head Library

Photo: Billie Tenhage, Programming and Community Engagement Supervisor for the Bruce County Public Library (centre), looks on as some of the members of the Friends of the Lion's Head Library (FLHL) Executive Committee – Kelly B., Sheri M., Debbie D. and Donna H. – display the Launchpads now available at the Lion's Head Library. The purchase of the Launchpads was made possible with funds provided by the FLHL.

Single Vehicle Collision on Mar Sideroad Results In Charges

OPP Media Release

(SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged a youth following a single vehicle collision in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula.

On October 24, 2026, at approximately 11:23 a.m., members of the Grey Bruce OPP, along with local fire and emergency medical services, responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision on Mar Sideroad near Berford Park Road in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula.

Investigation revealed that a pickup truck had left the roadway and rolled into a ditch. The vehicle was occupied by three individuals, including one occupant who became trapped. Emergency crews successfully extricated the trapped individual.

All three occupants were transported to a local hospital for assessment and treatment of injuries.

Mar Sideroad was closed for several hours while emergency responders attended the scene and police conducted their investigation. The roadway was reopened at approximately 8:52 p.m.

A 17-year-old youth from Elora has been charged with the following offences:

-Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle, contrary to Section 320.13(1) of the Criminal Code

-Fail to Wear Seat Belt, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act

-Drive Motor Vehicle - Perform Stunt, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act

-Fail to Report Accident, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date.

In addition, the driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and the vehicle was impounded for 14 days.

The identity of the accused is protected under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act and will not be released.

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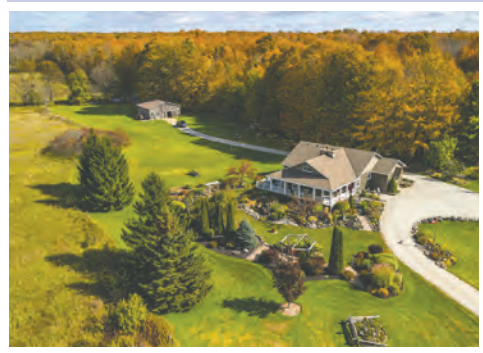
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Matt Chittick's Christmas Concert Tour Coming To Lion's Head November 28

Submitted by David Warder

I am happy to announce that Matt Chittick is bringing his "Home for the Holidays" Christmas Concert Tour to Lion's Head on Saturday, November 28 at 7:00 pm. Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church has graciously agreed to host the concert at 18 Ferndale Road.

We have decided not to set a fixed admission price. We want everyone to enjoy the opportunity to be a part of this. Admission will be by cash donation (which will be divided between the performers and missionaries the church is supporting) and we'd also like you to bring a food item for the local food bank, if you can. Let's see how much GOOD we can do both here and around the world this Christmas.

This day is shaping up to be a busy one on the Peninsula. It is my hope that, after a long, busy, maybe-hard day, people will choose to come, relax and enjoy a nice variety of Christmas music while they reflect upon the day that has been. For those who haven't yet gotten into the Christmas rush, I hope it will put you in the mood for the coming of Christmas.

Fear not! This does NOT replace the Christmas Cantata. That's coming in December. This is in addition to the Christmas Cantata. (You'd think I had nothing else to do!) This is a chance for all in our community to come together to enjoy a concert without any of us having to get ready to go on stage! This concert is intended to be a treat for all of us. I travelled an hour to hear last year's version of Matt's Christmas concert. This year, he's coming to us! To me, this is a win for everyone.

Matt Chittick is a musician and multi-disciplinary artist. Specializing as a professional opera singer and musical theatre performer, he also works and performs as a voice actor, voice teacher, music director, and singer/songwriter. He has performed with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Windsor Symphony Orchestra, Calgary Opera, Portland Opera, Toronto Operetta Theatre, Theatre Calgary and others.



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Photo: Musician Matt Chittick.

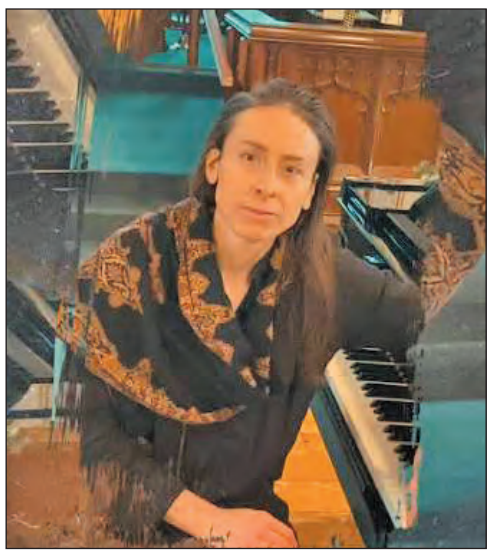


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Photo: Musician Kati Gleiser.

Now living in Bruce County with his wife, and raising a family of three young boys, Matt doesn't travel the world as much. He performs closer to home with groups such as Victoria Petrolia Playhouse, Elora Singers, Tweed & Co Theatre and the Georgian Bay Symphony. Matt does a lot of teaching, including in Lion's Head. He writes and performs songs for children (look for his new children's album under Matty Sings on a service such as Spotify) and is in the process of recording and releasing other original songs for the grown-ups (look for Matt Chittick). You might even have heard him on a radio commercial or a talking book. Don't let the opera training fool you. Matt is versatile, to say the least.

Accompanying Matt on this tour is Kati Gleiser.

The Gleiser name is a familiar one in Lion's Head. Kati grew up in the Owen Sound area and the Gleiser family has cottaged in the Lion's Head area for generations. She has a Doctorate in Piano Performance and has performed across North America and internationally, including China. Locally she has performed with the Georgian Bay Symphony and the Sweetwater Music Festival in Owen Sound. If you have never heard Kati play the piano, you cannot miss this concert.

Matt and Kati are a couple of the finest professional musicians. They are also a couple of the finest human beings you will meet. They live right on our doorstep and they have agreed to come and present this concert for us in Lion's Head in exchange for a cash donation and an item for our local food bank.

I sure hope you can come. Save the date – November 28 at 7 pm at "Bethel." We'll put an ad in the next paper to remind you.

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Light & Life Chapel Fall Fun Fair Brings Community Together



Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: Participants compete in the sack races at the Fall Fun Fair on October 16th. Groups of four faced off, with winners from each round competing in the final race.

Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press

Tobermory's first Fall Fun Fair brought families together for a day of games, races, animals and homemade chili, as community volunteers helped launch what organizers hope will become an annual tradition.

The fair kicked off Friday October 16 at 10 a.m. The day started off overcast, but that did not stop children of all ages from enjoying the fun.

Organizers provided many fun fair activities, with games including a teddy toss, needle in a haystack, fishing games and more, all with prizes. Face painting was provided along with guessing games, cornhole, and a bonfire.

Feel the Farm petting zoo was a popular stop for both children and adults. Kirk and Tanya Ramsay provided the animals which included baby goats, bunnies and a rooster. Many stopped for pictures and a chance to pet the babies.

Susan Edmonstone provided a horse for the morning that kids could visit and have their photo taken with.

There were sack races, egg races and rubber chicken races – each one giving children and adults of all ages a chance to participate and try for a ribbon. Everyone left with a smile.

At noon, everyone gathered in Light and Life Chapel to watch the judges: Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson, The Meeting Place's Noreen Steinacher, and Rick Caron from the Tobermory Foodbank, try each of the seven chilis and types of bread that were entered into the competition.

Once winners were picked, everyone warmed up with chili, bread, hot apple cider, coffee and tea.

The Primary Place Daycare brought children over to the fair for the afternoon, making the entire day a success.

Volunteers from the community made the day possible with all their hard work, from making chili to manning games, face painting, taking photos, setup and teardown, and of course all the planning.

Organizers also said they are very grateful for everyone's help and everyone who attended. "Next year is a definite! Bigger and better," they said.



Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: Susan Edmonstone with her horse, Beemer, a 23-year-old Paint Thoroughbred, visit with fair attendees Ollie and Odyssey Adams. Volunteer Ronan Waddle captured photos of children meeting Beemer with a Polaroid camera.



Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: Laura Bryan, one of the event organizers, shows her excitement about the baby goats brought by the Ramsay family.



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Photo L-R: Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson, The Meeting Place's Noreen Steinacher and Rick Caron from the Tobermory Foodbank judge the entries in the chili and bread-making contest.



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The Meeting Place Tobermory

And-Rod Contracting and The Meeting Place Tobermory (TMP) would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who donated door prizes, food, refreshments and supplies to the 11th Annual Pig Roast At The Park on September 19, 2026 in Tobermory. It was a big fundraising success for TMP and enjoyed by all.

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Special thanks to Cheri Janknegt owner of By the Bay Landscaping and Randy Ciotti of Shipwreck Lee's who went above and beyond to support this event.

We would also like to thank the musicians John Lacroix, Jon Newitt, Kurtis Oblak, Nolan Davis, Nick Ferrence, Brad Gibbs, Danielle Vaccari, Madyo, Liam Adams, DJ Max Lough and the 50 plus volunteers. We could not put this event on without your amazing help.

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Tyler Miller Presents 'Asters, Goldenrods & Fleabanes' to Owen Sound Field Naturalists

Submitted by John Dickson

The following is an excerpt from the Owen Sound Field Naturalists (OSFN) October 2026 column. To learn more about OSFN please visit www.osfn.ca

The featured speaker for the October 15th presentation of the Owen Sound Field Naturalists (OSFN) was Tyler Miller, with 'Asters, Goldenrods & Fleabanes,' for which it has been an amazing season.

Bruce and Grey counties are home to 45 of these wildflowers, some of which have amazing stories and are unique to this landscape.

Tyler is a skilled ecologist boasting more than fifteen years of experience, primarily in Bruce and Grey. A natural curiosity drives his desire to explore and understand the intricate connections within wild ecosystems, including alvars. As a leading botanist in the region, during the past five years, Miller updated the Vascular Plant List of Bruce and Grey, and has played a pivotal role as a supporting expert for updating OSFN's popular field guides about ferns, about orchids and most recently about asters, goldenrods and fleabanes.

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Photo credit: Willy Waterton

Photo: Ecologist Tyler Miller leading an asters, goldenrods and fleabane OSFN hike at the Lindsay Tract on October 4, 2026.



Photo credit: Peter Metcalfe

Photo: Sauble Beach South on September 26 - Despite the cooler nights, we still have 3 little brown bats in our bat house.



Photo credit: Willy Waterton

Photo: Rhiannon Carruthers, Bruce Trail Conservancy Land Stewardship Coordinator & Ecologist, shows a fern during the OSFN fern hike September 26 at Hope Bay.

The Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory recently reported the news of its 25th anniversary, and the latest observations of birds and banding details.

However, they also shared the very sad news of the passing of one of its co-founders, Ted Cheskey, a great naturalist I got to know a little when I first attended the Huron Fringe Birding Festival in 2001.

I especially remember the way he demonstrated the bird banding process, and after documenting the banded birds, he then let us use a stethoscope to listen to the rapid (normal) heartbeat of the specimens to be released. He handed them to those in attendance (myself and also some children who were there) and I remember wonderful close encounters with a Cedar Waxwing, and the waxy feel of its red appendages. I also learned first-hand that the small hook a Red-eyed Vireo has at the end of its beak is 'very sharp' and is well-designed to assist with its hunting operations.

There are plans for a Celebration of Life for Ted Cheskey in spring of 2027. Memorial donations to the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory would be appreciated.

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Rare bird sighting - On September 29, my glance was drawn to the backyard where a dozen or so migrating sparrows, after flying all night, dropped by here in Owen Sound for some speedy refuelling. So, I took a quick look, and saw what looked a little like a junco, so I snapped a few photos, before they all scattered. A closer look at the photos revealed that the junco was instead a Gray-cheeked Thrush, (Thanks to Rob Wray for the ID), a bird which prefers higher altitude, and taiga breeding territories, in the far northern parts of the province, and from the Yukon to Newfoundland and Labrador. Southern Ontario (such as Toronto or Owen Sound) is strictly a migration corridor rather than a breeding territory, where transients are occasionally spotted resting in dense brush - or 'backyards.'

It was a 'Lifer' for me. Flesherton's David Turner commented: "A great bird for Grey County, John, let alone your backyard!" Not to be outdone, Bruce County's Bruce Edmunds also had a sighting of a Gray-cheeked Thrush in downtown Kincardine on September 26, saying "'Tis the time of year for these guys!"

More migration news - Peter Metcalfe reported September 26, "Despite the cooler nights, we still have 3 little brown bats in our bat house. Soon, they'll be flying off to their winter spots in caves and abandoned mine shafts."

On October 6, Jan Pugsley was very surprised to see an adult monarch butterfly fuelling up on gorgeous goldenrods near Tobermory, the latest she has seen in the fall.

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50 Boats Lifted Out Of Lion's Head Marina On Crane Day

Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

The Lion's Head Marina was a hub of activity on 9 and 10 October 2026 with the annual ritual of lifting the boats out of the water to be stored for winter.

On 9 October, the cradles for the boats had all been retrieved from their summer storage from a local farm property and were awaiting positioning for their winter resting place with their respective boats.

Vanwyck Crane Service of Owen Sound was on site early on the first day. Over the next two days, there was a series of orchestrated activities as 50 boats were lifted out of the water, onto the cradles and prepared for winter storage.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo L-R: Coordinators Tony and Kacy directed the activities at the Marina, ensuring the successful transfer of the boats to their winter location.



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: Volunteers assist as sailboat Dakota is lifted out of Lion's Head Marina and moved onto its winter cradle.

Brightshores Encourages Screening During Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Media Release

Brightshores Health System is marking Breast Cancer Awareness Month by encouraging eligible individuals across Grey Bruce to book a breast screening appointment as a part of routine health care.

Regular screening can help find breast cancer when it is smaller and may be easier to treat. To strengthen local diagnostic care and support timely follow-up, Brightshores now offers contrast-enhanced mammography. The specialized exam uses contrast dye to help radiologists see areas of concern more clearly and assess abnormal findings.

"Early detection can make all the difference in a patient's treatment journey. At Brightshores, contrast-enhanced mammography is available for cases where this may clarify uncertain findings or guide next steps, helping patients receive clear answers and timely follow-up when it's most needed," said Dr. Neil Rosta, Chief of Medical Imaging at Brightshores.

The enhanced imaging service complements the role of routine screening. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in Ontario, and finding it early can improve treatment options and the chance of survival.

Through the Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP), eligible individuals between the ages of 40 and 74 can book a mammogram without a referral from a health-care provider. The service is covered by OHIP.

"Being able to self-refer removes a step that may have kept some people from getting screened. We want people to know that booking a mammogram is simple, close to home and an important way to take charge of their health," said Beth Morris, VP, Clinical Programs & Quality, Chief Nursing Executive at Brightshores.

Brightshores' OBSP clinic in Owen Sound serves individuals from across Grey Bruce. In 2025–26, Brightshores completed 5,995 screening mammograms. To book a mammogram, call 519-376-8637 or visit www.brightshores.ca/medical-imaging/

IN MEMORY

BRYON G. MYLES

July 8, 1960 - November 3, 1998



Remembering Bryon. Freckled cheeks, dark brown eyes, auburn hair, square shoulders, tall and handsome, head thrown back laughing.

He was a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a friend.

The Bryon Myles Family

1 in 10 Local Students Needed Back-to-School Support in 2026

Media Release, United Way Bruce Grey

September 28, 2026 – Bruce Grey, Ontario – Thanks to the support of donors, volunteers, schools and community agencies across Bruce and Grey Counties, the United Way Bruce Grey Backpack Program helped local students start the school year with the supplies they needed to feel prepared, confident and included in the classroom.

Of the total students assisted, 1,992 received support through local agencies and schools, while another 468 students were assisted through individual family registrations through 211.

In 2026, 2,460 students were assisted, a number equivalent to approximately 10% of all students enrolled across the three publicly funded school systems serving Bruce and Grey. It also represents a 7% increase over 2025.

Since the Backpack Program began, 42,755 local students have been assisted.

"Every backpack represents a local child starting the school year with the tools they need and the confidence that comes with being prepared," said Francesca Dobbyn, Executive Director of United Way Bruce Grey. "This year alone, 2,460 students received support because donors, volunteers, businesses, schools, and community partners came together to make sure local kids could start the school year ready to learn."

The Backpack Program is built around a simple philosophy: "Every child has a backpack – every backpack has a child."

Families can register through 211, while local schools and community agencies can submit requests based on the needs of the families they serve.

United Way Bruce Grey extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the 2026 Backpack Program, and a special thank you to Afreen Rahman our Backpack Co-ordinator and summer student.

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Bruce County Memories – Plowing: The Satisfaction of a Straight Furrow

Submitted by Robin Hilborn, Bruce County Historical Society

Written by Don Leatham

As the youngest of a family of five boys and two girls, I experienced most farm activities at an early age. I can remember sitting on my father's knee at five or six years old, steering our little Ford tractor as we came back from the field. I can also remember driving it when I was still so young that I had to leave the seat to reach the clutch pedal.

Now before you get too excited about safety concerns it is well to remember that the fastest of the three forward gears in that old grey Ford could only generate a top speed of about ten miles an hour, and the tractor's size would not exceed by a great deal the larger garden tractors you see today.

As for learning to plow—that was a skill that wasn't developed until much later. Dad wasn't about to allow this important activity to be handled by rank amateurs. If the finishes were uneven, or the sod wasn't uniformly turned over, the picture remained in his eye and the eye of his neighbours all the way to the next spring. Therefore instructional sessions and general apprenticing were done in fields well away from the road and the common view. Dad also believed that it was necessary to carefully step off the five- or six-rod-wide lands and to place stakes at each end to see that the field would be properly struck out and each finished furrow straight and true.

My brothers and I tended to take a little more cavalier approach to the task. Instead of carefully setting out stakes as markers we simply counted the fence posts and used the matching one at the other end of the field as our target. This worked fine as long as you didn't have to look back to adjust the plow. When this occurred, it was sometimes hard to remember which post you had chosen when you looked ahead again. The result was sometimes disastrous. Instead of a nice straight line to finish you would end up with a pie shape that took about four or five extra passes to complete and the final furrow would look like something even a snake would have trouble following. It also took some pretty inventive explaining to satisfy the questions put forth by the upper management team as to why the extra trips down the field had been necessary.

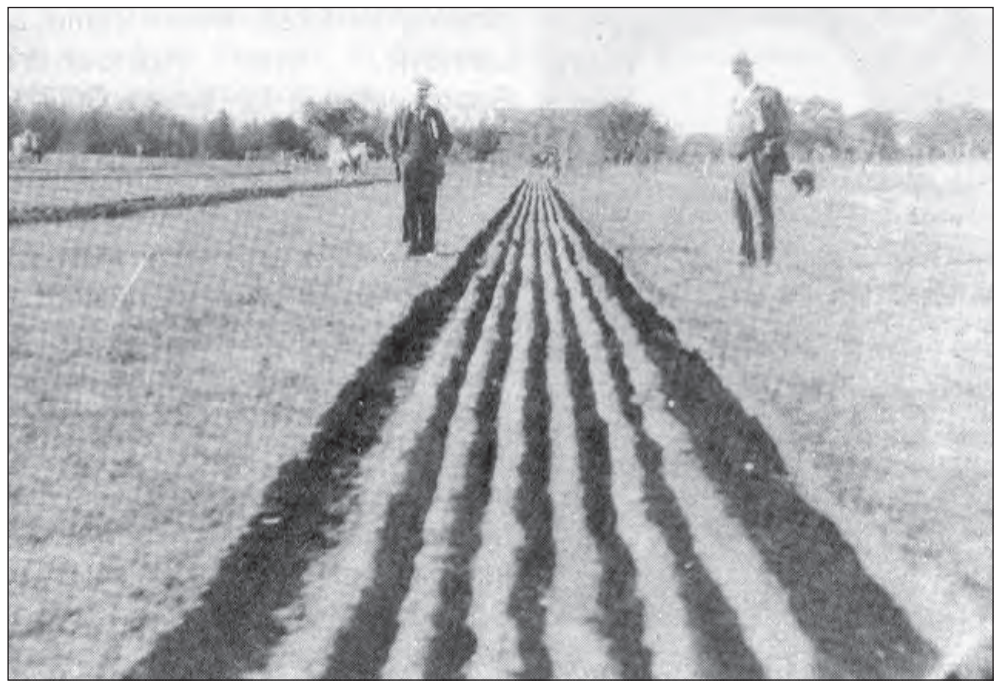


Photo: That sense of accomplishment—winning furrows at the 1933 International Plowing Match near Owen Sound. (Credit: Gwen Wilson)

I was guilty of producing my share of pie-shaped finishes, but it was the equipment that I was given to plow with that really enlarged my vocabulary. By the time I was into my teen years one of my brothers had purchased a farm down the road. Our little Ford had a two-furrow plow that was attached directly to the hydraulic lift and was relatively simple to manage. The raising, lowering and depth adjustment of the plow was controlled by one simple lever. You simply slipped the front wheel of the tractor into the furrow at the headland scratch, engaged the plow and went merrily on your way.

My brother's tractor and plow were another story entirely. The tractor was an ancient John Deere started by a large flywheel. It was so noisy that you could hear it putting well into the next township. The plow was a pull type with a very touchy trip mechanism. If you didn't pull the cord exactly right, it would trip the plow either too soon, too late or not at all. All of the above meant you had to circle around and enter the furrow again and start over.

The biggest irritation however was the play in the tractor's steering. Our soil tended toward a heavy, clay loam which meant in a dry fall you had to constantly adjust the levers to keep the plow in the soil at a proper depth. This meant a fair amount of driving south while facing north. This was generally accomplished by placing the front wheel of the tractor that was following the furrow firmly against the sod edge and holding it there by pressing your knee, or whatever other body part was available, firmly against the steering wheel.

In theory this was a workable system. However, with that old John Deere it left something to be desired. Invariably, if you took too long making lever adjustments, the front wheel, because of the loose steering, would have jumped out of the furrow and by the time you looked ahead, you would be travelling due west instead of south. This meant that the plow had to be tripped and you had to circle back and start again. As I mentioned, it tended to be a great vocabulary enhancer.

My most embarrassing plowing moment, however, came while I was attending Listowel District Secondary School. At that time the school had a Grade 10 agricultural course, which included managing a five-acre vegetable plot, situated adjacent to the school, that supplied fresh produce to the cafeteria. Because of the nature of the crop, a small Farmall RowCrop Tractor with the traditional narrow front wheels set right under the front of the engine was used. It travelled the rows quite well but needed the firm application of the back wheel brake when turning because of the limited turning traction provided by the narrow front wheel setup.

During the final day's cleanup in my Grade 10 year, we all took turns plowing the lot. Although I had never driven a RowCrop model, I managed my first two rounds without difficulty. However, as I came to the headland on my third trip, I lifted the plow but forgot to engage the brake as I attempted my turn and ran smack dab into the wooden sign that advertised the garden. All of my buddies, especially the townies, thought the situation hilarious. It didn't do much, however, for my dignity, the school sign or my agricultural mark.

Now as I look back, plowing, like many of the farm activities that I engaged in, produced a definite sense of accomplishment. Despite the snow squalls and rain showers we faced in late October and early November (remember nobody had even thought of a heated cab for a tractor in those days), when you finished a day of plowing you could look back and see what you had done with pride. This feeling was one that I noted all too rarely in my days in the classroom.

Don Leatham, a retired elementary school principal, contributed this story to the 2009 Yearbook of the Bruce County Historical Society.



Photo: Plowing heritage on display at the 1976 International Plowing Match. (Credit: Laura Gateman)

Tobermory Legion Holding Remembrance Day Ceremony November 11th

Submitted by Kathryn Hauck, Tobermory Legion Poppy Chair

October has been a beautiful month. The colours have been fantastic and the weather has been great! Enjoy the great days before November blows in.

Before the next press is out, our Remembrance Day Ceremony will have passed. Please join us at the Tobermory cenotaph on Wednesday, November 11th at 10:45am, to honour and remember those that have fought, died, survived and continue to protect our country. A lunch will be provided at the Legion after the ceremony. All are welcome.

There is still lots to do at your Legion in the evenings. Euchre is the last Friday of the month (next one October 30), games start at 7:00pm. Every Thursday starting at 3:00pm is Darts. Everyone is welcome.

We are looking for regular volunteers for our weekly Meat Draw, Saturdays starting at 4:30pm. We are also looking for someone to be the Meat Draw coordinator. This involves organizing volunteers and completing the minimal paperwork required for Meat Draw. If you are interested, please contact the Legion.

Make sure you take advantage of the Early Bird Membership. Fee is $55.00 until November 30th, and then it goes up to $65.00. You can etransfer the funds to donate@tobermorylegion.org! All renewals are eligible for the Ford F-150 draw! Who would love a new truck?

The Legion is still open Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 3:00pm. Stop in and say hi to Raelene before she heads out for the winter.

Remembering William Alexander "Bill" Spears

From the Military Service Recognition Book: William Alexander "Bill" Spears was born in Tobermory, Ontario on September 28, 1911. He enlisted in the Army in September 1939 and served with the Perth Regiment in Italy and Holland during WW2. He was discharged in July 1945 and was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and bar, the Defence Medal, the France and Germany Star and the Italy Star and the 1939-45 War Medal.

After his discharge, Bill served as a Lighthouse Keeper on Flowerpot Island, Angus Island and Cove Island. He was a member of the Tobermory Legion Branch 290. Bill passed away on April 19, 1995.

~ We Will Remember Them ~



Photo credit: Military Service Recognition Book

Photo: William Alexander "Bill" Spears

PUBLIC NOTICE

RCL BRANCH 290 POPPY TRUST FUND

Status Report January 1 – December 31, 2025

Legion Branch 290 Tobermory

Balance in Poppy Trust Fund: January 1, 2025: $12,091.18

Income from Campaign: & Other Sources: $5,769.85

Subtotal: $17,861.03

Donations from Fund: $6,000.00

Campaign Expenses: $989.04

Total Expenses & Disbursements: $6,989.04

Closing Balance December 31, 2025: $10,871.99

Notes: Expenses for this Campaign appear on the January 2026 Bank Statement.

Donations to: Leave the Streets Behind, District C Hospital Trust, St. Joesph Lift Chair, Operation Service Dog, Ruck 2 Remember.

Recently there have been several more donations submitted for approval and delivery in support of the programs supported by The Royal Canadian Legion.

Know also that 100% of collected funds are distributed to those organizations where the majority support is for Veterans, spouses and their dependents.

The 2026 Campaign began on Saturday October 24, 2026.
If you would like to volunteer or purchase a Memory Wreath
Email: Kathryn.forbes@hotmail.com

Thank you for your continued support.
Kathryn Hauck, Poppy Chairperson

Lion's Head Legion Holding Remembrance Day Ceremonies November 11th

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans, Branch 202, 1st VP, Public Relations Officer

Remembrance Day is quickly approaching. Poppy canvassing began on Saturday October 24 allowing three weekends for us to raise money for the poppy fund at the Lion's Head Legion. We will be stationed at the LCBO and Hellyer's Foodland again this year and we are grateful for their support. We have not yet adapted to wireless payment so if you plan to donate please remember to bring some old-fashioned "cash" with you.



Photo credit: Kim White
Photo: George Bowman with his Lifetime Membership award.

The Colour Party will lead the Remembrance Day parades starting at 9:30am at Monument Corners cenotaph for a 9:45am service. At the Lion's Head cenotaph, the parade will march at 10:50am for an 11:00am service.

Just a reminder that if you've been thinking about becoming a legion member, this year membership is free, and we have welcomed over thirty new people into our branch (and counting). If you renew for 2027 by December 15th you will automatically be added to the draw for a free Ford F150 pickup truck.

We are also looking for bartenders. If you wish to join the legion and tend bar, the Smart Serve costs will be covered if you don't already have this.

At this fall's Honours and Awards luncheon, one of the special honorees was George Bowman, who received a Lifetime Membership award. We are so proud of him!

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

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

Remembering Sapper Herbert Bridge

In this issue we are highlighting another veteran whose banner is on display in Lion's Head. The following information is courtesy of Noreen Bridge.

Sapper Herbert Bridge was born on January 29, 1895, son of Albert Bridge and Mary Hayes, and was raised on a farm near Lion's Head with 10 siblings. He enlisted at Lion's Head on March 24, 1916, with the 160th Bruce Battalion C Company, trained with his local platoon in Walkerton and then London. His rank was Sapper.

Herbert sailed to England to continue his training at Witley and Bramshott Camps. He served in England and France with the 1st Engineers. He was slightly gassed at Bourlon Wood. He also had a gunshot wound over his right eye and shoulder on August 16, 1917.

On May 17, 1919, he was discharged and returned to Lion's Head/Ferndale where he took up farming. He also farmed at Miller Lake. He married Belle Wardrop in March 1927 and raised nine Children.

~ Lest we forget ~



Photo courtesy of Lion's Head Legion
Photo: Sapper Herbert Bridge.

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

A New Fall Season of Services at The Meeting Place Tobermory

Submitted by Noreen Steinacher

The community is definitely moving into the fall/winter mode and that includes more interest and options for re-connecting or connecting for the first time with The Meeting Place Tobermory (TMP).

If you have not tried the Good to Go Meal Kit Program now is the time. Weekly meal kits can be ordered family size and seniors' size. These tasty meal kits are prepared by our knowledgeable staff and ready for you to cook at home in quick time. There is a lot of emphasis now on good food for children and affordability and both are part of the 'pay what you can' weekly meal kit program.

Many local residents are not aware the TMP has a Community Gym with some favourite fitness equipment ready to use. The Gym has just expanded its hours to include Tuesday evenings 6-8pm (not the Open Mic night - 2nd Tuesday of the month) and Saturday mornings 9-11am. This is in addition to daytime on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Staff and dedicated volunteers are available on site for safety and any new "members" need to first sign a waiver and agree to the gym use terms. This is a hidden gem at the TMP.

SOAR afterschool program for children, ages Senior Kindergarten to Grade 3 is starting Tuesday, November 17, 3:10 – 4:30pm at The Meeting Place. This is one of the longest running programs at TMP and each year presents a new active play experience for children. Registration packages are going out through the school and also available from Sara at TMP at info@tobermorymeetingplace.com. There is no cost for the weekly program that runs right through to spring.

Much-loved Open Mic at TMP starts up Tuesday November 10, 7-9pm. Musicians and audiences are welcome. Free coffee and refreshments round out this great social venue. All supported by volunteers.

Running out of room here, but one last item. TMP is hosting a drop-in Open House in the first two weeks of November, specifically, on November 3, 4 and 5 and 10, 11. Residents are welcome to drop in for a few minutes on these days. Sara, our Community Coordinator, will be available to provide more information on 'what we do' and a tour.

Community groups are welcome to book meeting space at TMP. Wifi, kitchen and a variety of rooms are available at no cost. All information on programs, services and rental space can be requested through info@tobermorymeetingplace.com.

Parks Canada Parcs Canada Canada

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.

Transport d'armes à feu dans un parc national
Un permis d'activité spéciale est requis pour pouvoir transporter des armes à feu sur la propriété administrée par Parcs Canada. Les armes à feu transportées dans un parc national doivent être déchargées et rangées dans un étui en tout temps. Les armes à feu et les permis connexes doivent être prêts à être présentés aux gardes de parc à des fins d'inspection si les gardes en font la demande.

Renseignements concernant l'emplacement d'animaux sauvages
Il est interdit de communiquer, de quelque façon que ce soit, l'emplacement d'animaux sauvages dans le parc à quelqu'un qui se trouve à l'intérieur ou à l'extérieur du parc si l'une des personnes s'adonne à la chasse.

Politique de retrait des animaux sauvages blessés
Il arrive que des animaux sauvages blessés dans le cadre d'une chasse légale sur des terres provinciales ou privées se retrouvent dans le parc national de la Péninsule-Bruce. Si vous êtes témoin d'une telle situation, appelez le Service de répartition, ouvert 24 h, au 519-596-2702; on informera l'autorité de parc afin que celui-ci repère et retire l'animal. Les chasseurs qui comptent transporter des animaux sauvages dans le parc national de la Péninsule-Bruce doivent en informer le Service de répartition avant d'entrer dans le parc ou d'en sortir.

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



STEPHENSON, Marion Beatrice - peacefully at Gateway Haven late Tuesday, October 13, 2026. Marion Stephenson (nee Gildner) of Wiarton in her 94th year. Dear sister-in-law of Bill Spence. Cherished aunt of Fred Gildner (Penny), George Goring, Elizabeth Gildner (Diane), Susan Cameron and Karen Janssen (Rob). Fondly remembered by many friends. Predeceased by parents Mabel (nee Crandon) and Carl Gildner, brother Cameron Gildner (Irene), and sister Beth Spence. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bayview Cemetery, Wiarton. Arrangements entrusted to the GEORGE FUNERAL HOME, WIARTON. Expressions of remembrance to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through www.georgefuneralhome.ca



WILLIAMS, Ronald John - Retired Major Ronald John Williams, with family by his side at Trillium Hospital, Mississauga, Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at age 93. Beloved husband of Patricia Williams (nee Ransbury) for over 69 years. Cherished father of Terry Lee Milligan (Peter) and Christopher Williams (Susan Henry). Much loved grandfather of Ian (Jennifer), Weston (Francine), Cameron (Olivia), Haily (Eli) and great grandfather of Auden, Isla, Harrison and Sidney. Stepbrother of Stephan Holmes. Predeceased by parents Ella Holmes (nee Paradine), stepfather Alex Holmes, sister-in-law Janice Holmes, sister Patricia Nurse. Ron's early years were at Archie Wilson's farm, Bethany, Ontario and at 12 years he moved to Tobermory. He valued his successful, happy marriage and family. He counted on wife Patricia in a shared military life of raising family, managing the household during many moves and travel, many years cottaging and retiring to their home in Tobermory. He was an Officer in the RCAF for 29 ½ years, worked as a Navigator on CF 100's Bagotville, Quebec; 440 All-weather Fighter Squadron flying CF 100s, 3 Fighter Wing, Zweibrucken, Germany, NATO; Air Transport Command, 436 Squadron, Trenton/Ottawa flying C119s, and Hercules; 437 Squadron, Trenton flying Yukons and Boeing 707s and also OTU instructor; Exchange Posting 10 Squadron on VC10s, Brize Norton, England, He flew many humanitarian, peacekeeping missions and the Queen's flight. He worked for The Blue Heron Company as 1st Mate on Great Blue Heron and Captain on Zodiac for 24 years and spent 21 winters in Mexico, Lake Chapala/Puerto Vallarta, and 10 plus years in North Fort Myers, Florida. Ron was a Legion Life Member, Power Squadron Instructor, Port Captain, Auxiliary Coast Guard, recreational boater and Tobermory Yacht Club co-founder. Ron was a courageous 15 year, major stroke survivor, and continued to travel, enjoy friends and Tobermory life. Thank you to Trillium Health Partners Hospital, Port Credit Residences and Ontario Health at Home. A funeral service was conducted from the Tobermory United Church, 5 Brock Street, Tobermory on Saturday October 24, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to the GEORGE FUNERAL HOME, WIARTON. Interment Dunk's Bay Cemetery, Tobermory. Expressions of remembrance to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through www.georgefuneralhome.ca



CLOST, Dean Lawrence - passed suddenly on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 in his 37th year. Dean was the beloved son of Mary (nee Meneray) and Jeff Clost. Dear brother of Adam Clost. Much loved grandson of Wally Clost. Dean is fondly remembered by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Dean was a talented carpenter who loved his family and friends, the outdoor life and watching the night sky. He was an avid reader, enjoyed music and loved to laugh. His greatest love was hiking the Bruce Trail with his dog Shelby. His beaming smile and joyful laugh are memories we will treasure forever. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the GEORGE FUNERAL HOME, WIARTON. Expressions of remembrance to the Bruce Trail Conservancy would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through www.georgefuneralhome.ca

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Peacock's Foodland – Now hiring for the 2027 season! Send resume to Foodland3340@sobeys.com. See ad on page 7.

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REGULAR MEETINGS, FUN & GAMES

Clubs, Organizations, Groups, etc., call us before Nov. 18, 2026 to be included in the next Press.

MONDAY

Tobermory Coffee Club. Tobermory Community Centre. All are welcome. ***7:30–9:30am***
Bruce Men's Shed Drop-in Coffee. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact brucemensshed@gmail.com or 519-793-3005 to get involved. ***9–11am***
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, 6–8pm (not 6–8pm 2nd Tues. each month)***
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 camdam888@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***
SOAR After School Program. The Meeting Place Tobermory. For kids Senior Kindergarten–Grade 3. Pre-registration required, email info@tobermorymeetingplace.com. Free. ***3:10–4:30pm***
Tobermory Legion Branch 290 General Branch Meeting. Tobermory Legion. ***2nd Tues. each month, not July/Aug. 2pm***
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***
Open Mic. The Meeting Place Tobermory. All are welcome. Check facebook.com/TMPTobermory for upcoming details. ***Starts Nov. 10. 2nd Tues. each month. 7–9pm***

WEDNESDAY

Yin & Yang Yoga. Via Zoom. Contact barbara@lovingyoga.ca. ***7am***
Tobermory Coffee Club. Tobermory Community Centre. All are welcome. ***7:30–9:30am***
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***

THURSDAY

Good Food Box Program, Lion's Head. Not-for-profit sustainable food program. Fresh fruits & vegetables. Drop off order before last Thurs. each month. Pickup box first Thurs. Bring sealed envelope with your name & $25 to LH Pharmacy or e-transfer to lionsheadgfb@gmail.com. Pick up at LH Rotary Hall 2:30–4:30pm). Info on Facebook @LHGoodFoodBox.
Good Food Box Program, Tobermory. As above. Drop off order and payment 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***
Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. ***Drop in 9am–3pm***
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***

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THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

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. Friendship Club Lion's Head. $8 for members. Contact 519-375-0959 lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com for more info. ***2nd Thurs. each month. 11:30am***

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

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

Darts for Fun–Tobermory. Tobermory Legion Branch 290. ***3pm***

Wiarton Rotary Club Virtual Meeting. Wiartonrotary@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***

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***

Wiarton Legion Branch 208 Members Meeting. Wiarton Legion. ***3rd Thurs. Not Jan/Feb. 7:30pm***

FRIDAY

Tobermory Coffee Club. Tobermory Community Centre. All are welcome. ***7:30–9:30am***

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. ***3rd Fri. each month. 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. Wiarton Legion Br. 208. All are welcome. ***8pm***

SATURDAY

Bruce Men's Shed General Meeting. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact brucemensshed@gmail.com or 519-793-3005 to get involved. ***Next Nov. 14. 9–11am***

Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. ***Drop in 9–11am***

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

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

Music & Dancing. Wiarton 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 ***4:30pm***

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***

Through the Week

Yoga. Yoga Hive North. See schedule at facebook.com/yogahivenorth

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Ongoing

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

Free Skates. Lion's Head Arena. *See ad pg. 27.*
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

Friday October 30

Los Infernales Concert. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Presented by Harbourside Inside. ***Doors 6pm. Starts 7pm***

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***

Tuesday November 3

Peninsula Family Health Team Vaccination Clinic. Tobermory Community Centre. Ages 65+. ***9:30am–3:30pm***

Tuesday November 3–Thursday November 5

The Meeting Place Tobermory Open House. The Meeting Place Tobermory. Drop in for a short tour and info. ***9am–5pm***

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Thursday November 5

Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Students from Bruce Peninsula District School raise funds for the school Europe trip. $20/person, $35/family. Chili, buns, & fixings. ***5–7pm***

Saturday November 7

Tobermory All Seasons Market Fall into Winter Market. Tobermory Community Centre. ***10am–1pm***

Northern Twisted Roots Craft Day. United Church, Tobermory. Create crafts to be sold at the St. Nicholas Bazaar. All are welcome. ***2pm***

Tuesday November 10

More Than Books Presentation. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Learn about the resources available at the library. All ages welcome. Light refreshments provided. ***4:30–6:30pm***

Tuesday November 10–Wedneday November 11

The Meeting Place Tobermory Open House. The Meeting Place Tobermory. Drop in for a short tour and info. ***9am–5pm***

Wednesday November 11

Remembrance Day Lion's Head. Monument Corners Cenotaph. ***Parade 9:30am, Service 9:45am.***
Lion's Head Cenotaph. ***Parade 10:50am, Service 11am***
Warm up at the Rotary Hall with hot beverages and snacks, ***9:30am–12pm***

Remembrance Day Tobermory. Tobermory Cenotaph. Lunch at the Legion following the service. ***Service 10:45am.***

Thursday November 12

Peninsula Family Health Team Vaccination Clinic. Lion's Head Arena. Ages 65+. ***9:30am–3:30pm***

Friday November 13

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

Saturday November 14

Tobermory Fall Festive Marketplace. Tobermory Community Centre. To get a table, contact 519-596-2452 or chamber@tobermory.com. *See ad pg. 4.* ***9am–3pm***

Saturday November 21

Lion's Head Friendship Club Games Day & Dinner. Lion's Head Friendship Club. Tickets $5/person, contact lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. ***1pm***

Tuesday November 24

Peninsula Family Health Team Vaccination Clinic. PFHT Clinic, Tobermory. All ages. ***12–6pm***

Thursday November 26

Peninsula Family Health Team Vaccination Clinic. Lion's Head Arena. All ages. ***9:30am–3:30pm***

Friday November 27

St. Edmunds Public School 3rd Annual Winter Planter Workshop. St. Edmunds School Gymnasium. Build your own for $40 or order premade for $50. Festive music, snacks and refreshments by donation. Funds support the school Playground Project. Register or order premade at amandastanger@me.com. ***6:30–8:30pm***

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

Saturday November 28

St. Nicholas Bazaar. Tobermory Community Centre. Local gifts and crafts. Lunch available. *See ad pg. 4.* ***10am–2pm, Lunch 11am–1pm***

Lion's Head Friendship Club Christmas Gala. Lion's Head Friendship Club. Turkey dinner prepared by Bear Tracks Restaurant. For info contact lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. ***5pm***

Matt Chittick *Home for the Holidays* Christmas Concert. Bethel Church, Lion's Head. Featuring Kati Gleiser. Admission by donation of cash and a food item for the Food Bank. ***7pm***

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Tobermory. The Meeting Place.
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Emergency service. ***Contact for service.***

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CHURCH SERVICES

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226-949-9105. 55 Main St, Lion's Head. ***Sunday, 11:30am***

Lutheran & Anglican Services laamb.ca, 519-534-1604.
- **St. Edmund's** 38 Big Tub Rd, Tobermory. ***Sunday, 1:30pm***
- **St. Margaret's** 133 East Rd, Cape Chin. ***No service until May 2027***

Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church bethelemc.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, 10:30am.***

Pike Bay United Church lhpc@amtelecom.net, 519-793-3312.
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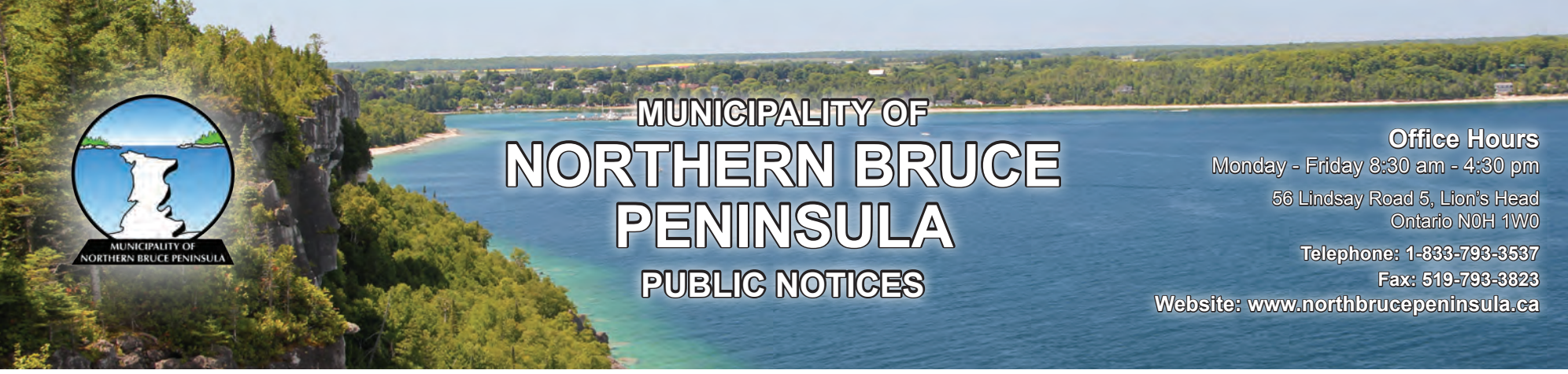
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THU	10am–2pm	1–6pm	10am–7pm
FRI	9:30am–5pm	10am–2pm	10am–6pm
SAT	9:30am–2pm	10am–2pm	10am–4pm
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ELECTION NEWS

The votes have been cast and counted - the 2026 Municipal Election has officially concluded!
The results of the 2026 Municipal Election are available on the Municipal website.
Thank you to voters who participated in casting their ballot!
Visit northbrucepeninsula.ca/election to view the election results.



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2026

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 202

Lion's Head Cenotaph – 10:45 a.m. | Monument Corner Cenotaph – 9:30 a.m.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 290

Tobermory Cenotaph – 10:50 a.m.

OFFICE CLOSURE – REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Municipal Office will be closed on **Wednesday, November 11, 2026**, in observance of Remembrance Day. The office will re-open on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Deputy Chief Building Official / Building Inspector (24 Month Contract)

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula is seeking a knowledgeable, motivated, and community-minded professional to join our Building Department as a Deputy Chief Building Official / Building Inspector on a temporary full-time basis.

Applications are being accepted until **November 6, 2026, at 12:00 p.m**.
For more information, visit: northbrucepeninsula.ca/employment

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November 1 to March 31

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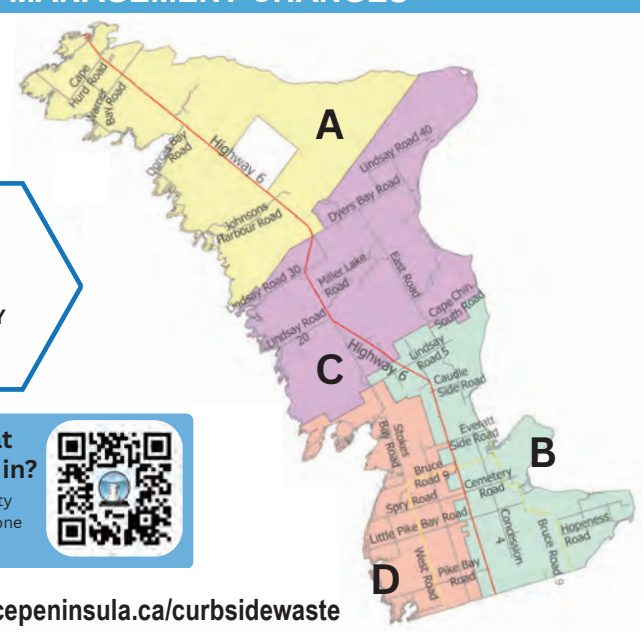
Residents are reminded that starting November 23, 2026, garbage collection will be provided directly by the Municipality. Your collection day may change, so residents are encouraged to check the Municipal Website to confirm their new collection day at: northbrucepeninsula.ca/curbsidewaste

WASTE MANAGEMENT CHANGES

Municipal Collection Begins Monday November 23, 2026

COLLECTION DAYS

A	MONDAY
B	TUESDAY
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WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

From **November 1 of any year to April 30** of the following year between **2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.**, parking is prohibited on any highway including a boulevard that will interfere with the removal of snow from any road or sidewalk in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The new term of Council begins on November 15, 2026.

For more information on upcoming Council meetings, please visit **northbrucepeninsula.ca/council.**

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

1. Online By-law Complaint Form by visiting our website at **www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/government/by-law-enforcement/**
2. Phone: **1-833-793-3537 Ext. 235**
3. After Hours Emergency/Animal Control: **1-866-750-8219**

MONTHLY COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

Our E-newsletters will be sent out on the first business day of each month, filled with upcoming events, cool activities, important announcements, and so much more. You don't want to miss out!

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SALC Newsletter

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Events Calendar

Municipal Website: www.northbrucepeninsula.ca

2026 Peninsula Hiking Festival: Finding Common Ground

Submitted by Leslie McBeth, PBTC Communications Director

On October 2 and 3, more than 150 participants and volunteers gathered at Camp Celtic in Stokes Bay for the 2026 Peninsula Hiking Festival, hosted by the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club (PBTC). This year's theme was Common Ground: A Celebration of Trail, Place, and Belonging, and judging by who showed up, it couldn't have been a better fit.



Photo credit: Leslie McBeth

Photo: Hikers learn about the diversity of tree species found at Cameron Lake from hike leader Jeannine Kralt.

Coming from near and far

Back in June, as the festival committee worked through registrations, a few hometowns stood out. Kingsbridge, Devon, Poole, Penzance, Bristol. Word of our festival on the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula had travelled all the way to England, and people were bringing friends.

By the time October rolled around, six hikers had crossed the Atlantic to join us, walkers connected to England's South West Coast Path. Five more came from Pennsylvania, Illinois and Michigan. Hikers came from 47 different communities, with about three out of every four travelling from outside Grey and Bruce counties.

Festival passes sold out well ahead of the weekend, and we released extra keynote dinner tickets due to popular demand.

For many hikers, it was their first time visiting the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula, and many stayed on for Bruce Trail Day at the Ferndale Visitor Centre on Sunday. A big thank you to the accommodation partners who offered festival discounts: Berford Hill Estate Guest House, Grotto Getaway, Tobermory Princess Hotel, Grey Bruce Cottages, Cee Cee North On The Bay and Evergreen Resort.

Twenty-three ways to explore

Over two days, participants chose from 23 guided hikes and programs, each one a different window into this place.

Some went deep in time. Beth Gilhespy led hikers to Cape Dundas to search the shoreline for fossils from the ancient tropical sea that once covered the region, and Jeannine Kralt explored the red cliffs and glacial boulders of Gravelly Point.



Photo credit: Leslie McBeth

Photo: Hikers learn to sketch in nature from local ecologist and scientific illustrator Jenna McGuire.

Others went deep into relationship with the land. Caley Doran walked Ginebek Miikaans, the Snake Trail Boardwalk at Cape Croker Park, sharing Anishinaabe history and storytelling, while Tainin Hopkinson led a reflective hike along the bluffs and boundaries of the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation.

The creative programs were a real highlight. Margarethe Vanderpas welcomed hikers into her Lion's Head studio, Graham and Tina Thomas shared the stories behind RavenStar Sculpture Garden, Liz Stanton taught composition along Sunrise Shores, and Esme Batten took a group out after dark at Black Creek to photograph the night sky. Jenna McGuire led both a nature journaling hike at Hope Bay and an afternoon of botany skills focused on orchids and ferns.

For the naturalists, Rhiannon Carruthers introduced the ferns of Hope Bay, Brian Popelier explored the Otter Lake wetland, Anna Fletcher traced changing ecosystems along the Fairway Meadows Trail, Jeannine Kralt led a tree walk at Cameron Lake and Barbara Rabicki paired a session on tree canopy with a gentle introduction to forest bathing. Bob Knapp guided hikers from Jones Bluff to McIver Pond, with a tea stop at the family cabin he's shared with his wife for over four decades. Christian von der Heide hosted Beer and Bees at Tagwerk Farm, connecting pollinators, wild hops and good food.

Hikers looking for a challenge had lots to choose from. Ruth Moffatt led a 20 km day to Cabot Head and Wingfield Basin, Charles Whitlock tackled 17 km on the new Cape Chin property, Saabir Sohrab took on the rugged Halfway Log Dump to High Dump route and Julie Bennett led the Smokey Head loop. Kathleen Stahlbaum's group met at 5:45 am for a sunrise hike at Halfway Log Dump (coffee was definitely earned). And for newer hikers, Ruth Moffatt ran Trail Ready, a hands-on session on gear, boots, ticks and trail etiquette.

Evenings at Camp Celtic

Friday night kicked off with pizza, Tagwerk craft beer and live music from Dan Corcoran and Dominik Franken, followed by a lively campfire with the Camp Celtic Singers. All weekend, the dining hall hosted an art exhibit celebrating the Peninsula, with work from Margarethe Vanderpas, Donna C. Stewart, Brenda Stewart, Robin Kingsburgh, Doris A. Eggers, Sarah McComb Turbitt, Leslie Hodgins and Helen Sluis.

Saturday's keynote dinner, catered by the Peninsula SWANS, brought everyone together for roast beef, lasagna and stories. Kevin Callan, Canada's own "Happy Camper," had the room laughing and reminded us why we keep heading back outside. The silent auction raised several thousand dollars to support PBTC hiking programs and next year's festival. A big thank you goes out to all the silent auction donors.

The Peninsula Hiking Festival is an entirely volunteer-run event that relies on the generosity of people giving their time and energy. Our hike leaders, our subject experts and the many, many volunteers who give their time make this festival possible. Months of planning, bus schedules, procuring donations, late nights and early mornings went into making the weekend look easy.

Thank you to our supporters and partners: Hutten Land and Shore, Grey Bruce Cottages, Summer House Park, Mountain Equipment Co-op, Blue Heron Cruises, Suntrail Source for Adventure, Thorncrest Outfitters, Evergreen Resort, Tobermory Princess Hotel, Believer Coffee, Tagwerk Brewing, Destination Ontario, and Bruce Grey Simcoe. Funding for this project was provided by Community Foundation Grey Bruce. Special thank you to Scott Matheson and the incredible team at Camp Celtic, Peninsula SWANS and Tagwerk Brewing.

The Peninsula Bruce Trail Club is one of nine volunteer run Bruce Trail Conservancy clubs, maintaining over 260 km of the Bruce Trail from Wiarton to Tobermory and stewarding more than 50 nature reserves, all run by volunteers.

Where will the trail take you next fall? We're already dreaming about 2027. If you'd like to help shape it, contact Marg at pbtcoutreach@gmail.com. See you on the trail.

Lion's Head South Africa: Can You Spot the Lion's Head?

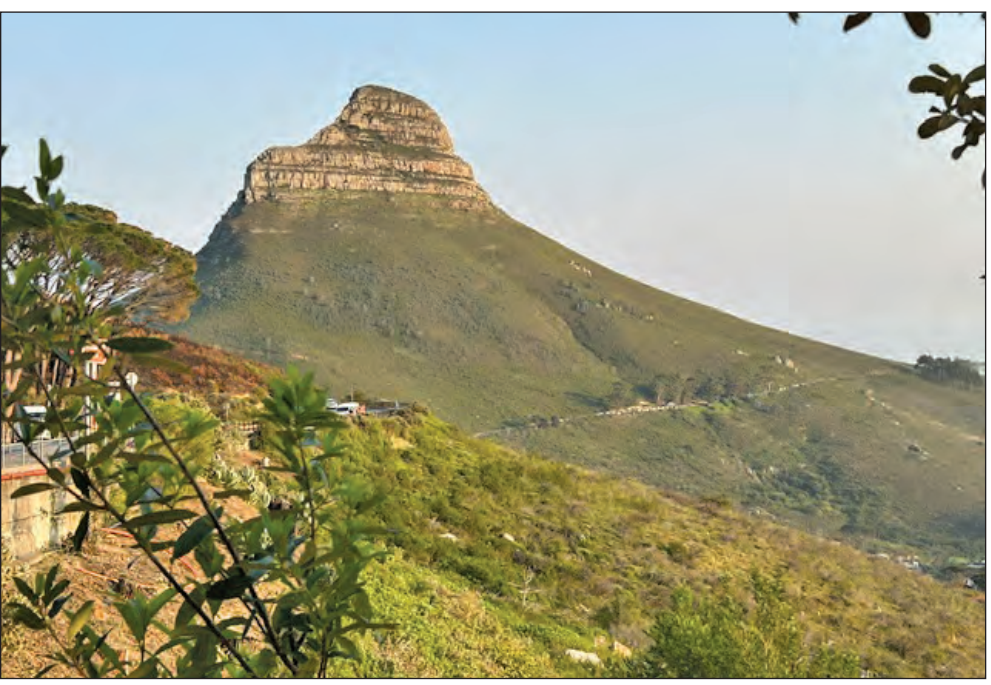


Photo credit: Kathy Anderson

Photo: Lion's Head – a famous 669-metre-high peak in Cape Town, South Africa, located between Table Mountain and Signal Hill inside Table Mountain National Park.

Can you see the lion? While recently in South Africa, Lion's Head resident Kathy Anderson was determined to see how their Lion's Head compared with the one on the Bruce Peninsula.

"When I first saw it, I could not understand why they had chosen 'Lion's Head' as the name for this gigantic rock protrusion," Anderson said. "The peak in the photo is the head of the lion."



Photo credit: Kathy Anderson

Photo: A relief map showing the lion lying down.

The Lion's Head in South Africa is best known for its scenic 5 km round-trip hiking trail, which offers 360-degree panoramic views of Cape Town, Camps Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean.

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Coast Guard Rescues Neverlanding (Again)

By John Francis,
Bruce Peninsula Press

On the evening of Thanksgiving Monday, the Coast Guard vessel Cape Commodore towed what appeared to be a floating cabin into Tobermory harbour, then handed it off to their rapid response vessel (Zodiac) which pushed it into a berth on the harbour's outer north wall. Coast Guard personnel tied the raft in place, in consultation with Harbour Master Carla Watson.

The raft/cabin in question is actually registered as a motor vessel, known as the Neverlanding.

Built in Harrow, Ontario by Steven Mylrea, the Neverlanding was launched in the spring of 2025. The owner/designer/builder sailed it around for more than a year before selling it to Brandon Fasan. At that point in time it was "anchored" in Goat Island Harbour, near Little Current on Manitoulin Island. Some accounts use different words instead of "anchored", such as "stuck" and "abandoned".

Google "Neverlanding" and you'll find as much as you could possibly want to know, on Facebook and elsewhere.

Fasan hired his friend Michael "Captain Mick" McGrath and another man to bring the boat down to Windsor, where he intends to moor in the Canard River and live on it.

It did not go well. The first challenge was to free it from fouled mooring lines, but that was just the beginning. They got three of the four outboard motors running and sailed almost as far as Cape Smith (the easternmost point on Manitoulin Island), before all three engines failed, leaving the vessel adrift. The Neverlanding has four ancient two-stroke outboards, none of them dependable. On this leg of the voyage, Capt Mick discovered that even with three engines running, the vessel "struggled to maintain two knots" unless he ran all engines at full throttle.

The Coast Guard rescued them and towed the Neverlanding to the nearest safe harbour — Killarney. This was the third or fourth time the Coast Guard had rescued the Neverlanding.

Leaving Killarney (against the advice of the Coast Guard), the Neverlanding got as far as Club Island before running low on fuel. Capt Mick had thought he had enough fuel to make it to Tobermory but found himself needing to run all engines at full throttle to make any headway into the breeze and waves. They spent several days at Club Island Harbour — waiting two days after they ran out of food — before conceding defeat and calling the Coast Guard again.



John Francis, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: The Neverlanding, with Capt Mick on the foredeck. As we go to press, the Neverlanding is moored on the outer north wall of Tobermory harbour.



John Francis, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: The Tobermory Coast Guard towed the Neverlanding in from Club Island on October 12.

Once again, the Coast Guard towed them to the nearest safe port; from Club Island, that was Tobermory. In an interview, Capt Mick told me that the Coast Guard fed them and treated them very well. He feels badly to have needed their services. He now realizes that the boat is only safe on "a gentle river or a flat lake". Sailing the Neverlanding to Windsor is an impossible task.

The owner's latest plan is to tow the Neverlanding to Windsor behind a small boat with an outboard motor. Capt Mick resigned in protest; he feels this would not work and would be dangerous to try. He is aware that many of the Tobermory shipwrecks happened in autumn.

But he hates to disappoint his friend, who is counting on the boat as living quarters in Windsor for the oncoming winter. Capt Mick flips back and forth; one moment he's admitting that it's impossible and dangerous, the next moment he's back to trying to figure a strategy to brave the November storms.

But he can't see any way to do it without investing tens of thousands of dollars, either for new, larger motors or a professional tow. He doesn't think the owner understands that yet.

Jeremy Hennessy works in Communications for the Canada Coast Guard. In an interview, he told me that the Neverlanding has a history of "mechanical failures, groundings and fuel exhaustion" (aka running out of gas). "We've responded to them a few times and towed them back in."

Does he feel that they shouldn't be out there in the first place? The Coast Guard's role is Search and Rescue, he replies. "We are first responders, like police and ambulances." The Coast Guard can offer advice but cannot forbid people from sailing and can't refuse to help (although they can refuse to tow a vessel if it cannot be done safely).

There is a consensus in Tobermory's nautical community that there is no way to get this raft safely to Windsor this fall. Some wags have renamed it the "Neverleaving".

Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

FREE SKATES

Lion's Head Arena 2026

4 Tackabury St, Lion's Head

OCTOBER:

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Sponsored by **Wilson Home Building Centre**

NOVEMBER:

Saturday November 7th: 6-9:00 p.m. Sponsored by **Bear Tracks Restaurant**
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Tuesday December 22nd: 1-3:00 p.m. Sponsored by **Wilson Home Building Centre**
Wednesday December 23rd: 1-3:00 p.m. Sponsored by **Club Cafe**
Thursday December 24th: 1-3:00 p.m. Sponsored by **Hofstrand Contracting**

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St. Edmunds' 3rd Annual Winter Planter Workshop November 27

Submitted by Amanda Soulliere

The holiday season is right around the corner, and what better way to kick it off than by creating your own stunning winter planter—while supporting a wonderful community cause. St. Edmunds Public School is thrilled to announce the return of its ***3rd Annual Winter Planter Workshop***, taking place Friday, November 27th, 2026, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the school gymnasium.

Gather your friends, family, or neighbours for an evening filled with creativity, laughter, and the scent of fresh, local greenery. All materials will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring along their favourite fascinator, ribbon, or decorations to give their planter a personal, upcycled touch. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just looking to try something new, this hands-on workshop promises a fun, festive atmosphere for all ages.

Can't make it that night? No problem—premade planters are available to order, crafted by volunteers with the same care and holiday spirit. Simply email amandastanger@me.com to register for the workshop or place your premade planter order. The cost to attend the workshop in person is $40/planter and if you're looking to order premade, the cost is $50/planter.

Throughout the evening, enjoy festive music, snacks, and refreshments by donation, all while supporting a great cause. Every dollar raised will go directly toward enhancing St. Edmunds Public School Playground Project, helping to create a fun and safe space for students to play and grow.

Come create, celebrate, and give back this season. Join us for an evening where community spirit blooms—one beautiful planter at a time. If you have any questions, please email me at amandastanger@me.com



Photo credit: Amanda Soulliere

Photo: Darlene Kentel makes a lovely winter planter at the 2025 Winter Planter Workshop.

New Season of Tobermory Open Mic Begins November 10th

Submitted by John Lacroix

A new season of Tobermory Open Mic is set to begin starting Tuesday November 10, 2026, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Tobermory Meeting Place 20 Centennial Dr, Tobermory.

Join your on stage host, John Lacroix, and a group of community volunteers for a night of fun, live music and arts. Celebrate open mic culture in Tobermory!

Lots of free coffee and refreshments and a chance to share time with friends and neighbours. The event fills up quickly so plan to arrive early.

Open mic happens every second Tuesday of the month from November to April. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.



Photo courtesy of John Lacroix

Photo L-R: Dan Corcoran, Dominik Franken and Stuart Burgess perform at a past Tobermory Open Mic.

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