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Bruce County Early Childhood Educators Highlighted In New Recruitment Video

In support of ongoing recruitment and retention efforts, Bruce County Children's Services is excited to launch a new showcase video that highlights the rewarding opportunities and benefits of being an Early Childhood Educator in Bruce County.



September 14, 2022

Working as a registered Early Childhood Educator is more than a job - it's a rewarding career! Bruce County is now recruiting Early Childhood Educators (ECE) who can make a positive and lasting impact on children's lives in our region.

In support of ongoing recruitment and retention efforts, Bruce County Children's Services is excited to launch a new showcase video that highlights the rewarding opportunities and benefits of being an Early Childhood Educator in Bruce County. The video features talented local Early Childhood Educators and Children's Services Staff, as well as families and children that rely

on and enjoy the quality programming that ECEs provide in our communities.

View the new ECE showcase and recruitment video at:

www.brucecounty.on.ca/BeAnECE

<https://youtu.be/6QzJLH21s5U>

This ECE showcase and recruitment video was produced using Workforce Strategy Funding from the Ontario Ministry of Education and was created in partnership with Astrodog Media, who have produced a number of award-winning economic development videos for Bruce County in recent years.

Bruce County's Acting Director of Human Services Tina Metcalfe shares, "Early Childhood Educators are integral to the provision of high quality child care and early years programming for families in Bruce County. We encourage all those interested in early childhood education to pursue this rewarding career in our beautiful, caring, and engaged communities."

Be An ECE in Bruce County

Registered Early Childhood Educators enjoy a diverse range of rewarding opportunities and benefits, such as flexible hours and schedules, indoor and outdoor experiences for learning and play, home-based business opportunities, and collaboration with other professionals creating engaging environments and experiences to foster children's learning and development.

Early Childhood Educators are urgently needed by licensed child care providers in Bruce County. Ongoing job postings can be found at www.jobsinbruce.ca or by contacting licensed Child Care Centres directly to learn more about their job openings.

Education: [Fanshawe College](#) and [Georgian College](#) offer great Early Childhood Education diploma programs in Bruce County and Grey County. Both colleges work together with local employers for ECE field placements.

Financial Support: You can now apply for the [ECE Education Grant](#), [scholarships and bursaries](#), and [OSAP](#) to help cover tuition costs. There is also a [Leadership Certification Grant](#) for registered ECEs to continue their education.

Ongoing support: To help ECEs grow, learn, and reflect on their practice, there are a number of free professional development opportunities from Bruce County, as well as the Ontario College of Early Childhood Educators.

Interested in becoming an Early Childhood Educator? Discover more at:

www.brucecounty.on.ca/BeAnECE

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Bruce County Home Child Care Providers Highlighted In New Recruitment Video

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September 21, 2022

Have you ever thought about owning a home-based business? Are you great with children? Consider becoming a licensed Home Child Care Provider in Bruce County. You can work from home, own your own business, access resources and government funding, learn new skills, and make a lasting impact and positive difference in a child's life.

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children that rely on and enjoy the quality care that licensed Home Child Care Providers provide in our communities.

View the new Home Child Care Provider showcase and recruitment video at:

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Bruce County's Acting Director of Human Services Tina Metcalfe shares, "Home Child Care Providers are integral to the provision of high quality, affordable, inclusive, and accessible child care for the families of Bruce County. Bruce County Children's Services works together with each licensed Home Child Care Provider to provide ongoing support, collaboration, and learning opportunities."

Bruce County Children's Services is now recruiting new Home Child Care Businesses in Bruce County. Call 1-800-265-3005 or visit www.brucecounty.on.ca/HomeChildCare to get started!

Support for licensed Home Child Care Providers

The added benefits of being a licensed Home Child Care Provider in Bruce County include funds for start-up costs, support from Registered Early Childhood Educators, referrals to your business, guaranteed payments from families eligible for Child Care Subsidy, financial support for toys and equipment, professional development, and networking.

Bruce County Economic Development can also support interested Home Child Care Providers with access to free one-on-one business advice consultations. This includes advice and direction on all aspects of business development, including idea generation, steps to start-up success, business plan development and guidance, navigating rules and regulations, hiring, marketing considerations, and more. Free training workshops are also available in financial management, marketing, branding, and social media to support your skills needs.

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The final numbers from Bruce County Public Library's TD Summer Reading Club are in, and it is officially the most successful summer ever!

Summer of 2022 not only saw a significant increase in registrations, at 459 participants, but hit a record high with a combined total of 217,570 minutes read. All BCPL branches reported an increase in registration and reading hours logged, with Chesley leading the way with 34,545 minutes! BCPL attributes the increase in reads and minutes to staff enthusiasm and efforts to reach everyone in their communities.

“Our TD Summer Reading Club saw more children engage with reading throughout the summer than ever before. This success of our TD Summer Reading Club means that more children will return to school prepared for a great year having maintained or improved their reading skills,” says Library Director Brooke McLean.

The Summer Reading Club started strong with a kick-off event held at their Sauble Beach Branch on June 25. Knights in the Classroom, NII, Birds of Prey Ontario, Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre, and 200 people came together to create a memorable event.

All summer long, Branches hosted weekly Summer Reading Club meetings based on the weekly SRC theme. There was a total summer attendance of 1,047. Each meeting consisted of staff-created programs with literacy-focused activities, games, and Story Times that coincided with the week's theme.

This year, Bruce County Public Library introduced new window clings awarded to 235 children that met the goal of logging two hours of reading. They then hosted monthly prize draws for the patrons who logged reading hours. A ribbon-based reward system was in place for readers who reached specific milestones through reading and completing tasks earning different tiers. Draw prizes consisted of Crayola Pour 'n Paint Kits, mini-dragon wristlets, and colourful kites, rewarding several super readers across Bruce County for a summer well done. BCPL saw several children collect every ribbon on their SRC pin by the end of August.

Program Coordinator Nancy Kuhl expressed her gratitude for this year's success. "Thank you to everyone who registered and logged hours, to the Bruce County Public Library staff who ran engaging, fun, weekly programs that kept bringing kids back every week, and to all the groups and performers who participated in our Kick-Off Event. I hope everyone enjoyed this year's Summer Reading Club as much as we did."

You can participate in reading challenges all year long online through [Beanstack](#). Beanstack is a free service provided by the Bruce County Public Library. It is a fun way to track your reading, complete challenges, and win prizes!

Explore the Bruce County Public Library online at www.library.brucecounty.on.ca



BCPL's Kathryn brought her medieval flare to the Kick-Off event in Sauble Beach, held on June 25.



David and Abigail received their gold ribbons at the Warton Branch.

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So what is there to discover?

Bruce County Public Library is a vibrant hub and pillar of the community. From eBooks to fishing rods, video games to educational workshops, Bruce County Public Library offers something for everyone.

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“Housing Allowances are a practical way to provide affordable housing more rapidly, as the County continues to explore opportunities to build new affordable units. Bruce County’s rent supplement and housing allowance programs are a valuable resource for social assistance recipients, low-income earners, and seniors in our region,” said Tania Dickson, Housing Services Manager.

“Bruce County is committed to planning, delivering, and advocating for responsive services that help individuals and families enhance their level of participation and quality of life in our communities. Bruce County strives to provide accessible services that remove barriers and create opportunities,” says Bruce County Warden Janice Jackson.

Apply now for Bruce County’s Municipal Housing Allowance online:

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If you have questions or need assistance applying for the Municipal Housing Allowance, please call a Housing Services Program Assistant at 1-877-396-3450.

To qualify for the Municipal Housing Allowance, applicants must:

be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, sponsored immigrant, or have refugee claimant status.

be at least 16 years of age.

have a household income at or below the most recent [Household Income Limits \(HILs\)](#). This program is geared towards minimum wage earners.

be renting a unit and not own a house suitable for year-round occupancy.

Discover more about [Housing Services in Bruce County](#).

Discover more about [Human Services in Bruce County](#).

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New BCM&CC exhibit explores history of farming & agriculture in Bruce County

Ahead of Ontario Agriculture Week (October 3-9), the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre presents its new fall exhibit, Farm Fresh, exploring the history of agriculture in Bruce County.



September 22, 2022

Ahead of Ontario Agriculture Week (October 3-9), the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre presents its new fall exhibit, Farm Fresh, exploring the history of agriculture in Bruce County.

The exhibit focuses on the importance of farming by examining its contributions to early and modern economies, community growth, and fostering strong community bonds.

Complemented by items from the Museum's permanent collection, Farm Fresh examines farming technologies, life on the farm, off-shoot industries, community groups, changing trends in the business of agriculture, and Indigenous farming practices.

“It’s exciting to be bringing Bruce County’s important agricultural history to the forefront in our gallery space and to be highlighting these stories,” says Museum Curatorial Assistant Laura Leonard.

Also included in the exhibit is a companion piece from Archives Ontario’s Fresh from the Farm. This portion of the exhibit examines how farming in Ontario has transformed the land and created communities, and how food reaches our tables.

Farm Fresh Bruce County opens October 1 and will run through December 31. For full details visit brucemuseum.ca

About the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

The Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre offers adult and children’s programming, special events, and is home to the Bruce County Archives & Research Room. Our mandate is to preserve and make available the documentary heritage of Bruce County.

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Application for Fencing along the Bruce County Rail Trail Available Now

Please take notice that the Bruce County Rail Trail Fencing Sub-Committee will be setting priorities for the installation of fence along the former CNR corridor for 2023.



September 20, 2022

Please take notice that the Bruce County Rail Trail Fencing Sub-Committee will be setting priorities for the installation of fence along the former CNR corridor for 2023. This corridor starts at the Huron County boundary north of Clifford and extends through Mildmay, Walkerton, and Paisley to Port Elgin and southerly to the Bruce Nuclear Power Development.

By way of this notification the Sub-Committee will gain information to set priorities where, and if, new fence is to be installed. The Sub-committee will review landowner's requests and set priorities to install new fencing based on the following criteria:

- Significantly deteriorated existing fence
- Current livestock use on adjacent lands

Areas of impending trail use

Deadline for applying is Thursday October 27, 2022

Previous applicants will be considered for 2023 and need not apply.

Application forms are available at:

Bruce County Transportation & Environmental Services Department
Walkerton Administration Centre
30 Park Street, Walkerton, ON
519-881-2400

www.brucecounty.on.ca/sites/default/files/2022_fencing_request_application.pdf

Discover more about [Bruce County Trails](#).

Discover more about [Transportation & Environmental Services](#).

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Bruce County Wins Three Hermes Creative Awards

Bruce County was recognized for outstanding work in creative economic development marketing with three Hermes Creative Awards



September 15, 2022

Bruce County was recognized for outstanding work in creative economic development marketing with three Hermes Creative Awards – a Platinum for the ‘Be An Explorer in Bruce County’ video; a Gold for the ‘Bruce County Live Here: Millennial Relocator’ digital ad campaign; and a Gold for the for the ‘Bruce County: Plan the Bruce’ digital ad campaign.

The ‘[Be An Explorer in Bruce County](#)’ video targets three audiences: visitors, entrepreneurs, and residents showcasing Bruce County as a great place to live, work, and explore while promoting the quality of life and business opportunities in Bruce County.

The ‘[Bruce County: Plan the Bruce](#)’ digital ad campaign is a marketing campaign for Plan the Bruce, a land use planning project that will inform the new Official Plan – the roadmap for growth and development over the next two decades.

Additionally, the [‘Bruce County Live Here: Millennial Relocator’](#) digital ad campaign focused on attracting Millennials to Bruce County to consider relocation.

“These creative campaigns support achieving important economic development and land use planning goals, including bringing growth and prosperity to Bruce County,” says Bruce County Warden Janice Jackson. “It is gratifying to have our creative approach to promoting Bruce County as a place to live and do business recognized.”

The campaigns also encouraged workforce and newcomer attraction, resident retention, and entrepreneurship within Bruce County.

Background

[Hermes Creative Awards](#) is one of the oldest and largest creative competitions in the world, recognizing the best of the best in creative. This competition evaluates the creative industry’s best publications, branding collateral, websites, videos, advertising, marketing, and communication programs. Judges are industry professionals from the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals (AMCP) and look for talent which exceeds a high standard of excellence and serves as a benchmark for the industry. The winners of these awards range in size from individuals to businesses to media conglomerates to Fortune 500 companies.

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Notice of Public Information Meeting (Walkerton Bridge)

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Replacement of the Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton



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The Project:

Bruce County is planning to replace the bridge which spans the Saugeen River along Bruce Road 4 in the community of Walkerton, Ontario. Recent inspections of the structure have identified deterioration with a number of bridge components. The County is considering alternatives associated with the new bridge design as well as detour alternatives to allow traffic to detour around the site during construction of the new crossing.

The Environmental Assessment Process:

The planning for this project is following the environmental planning and design process set out for Schedule 'C' activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process, which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act. The purpose of the Class EA process is to identify any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed works and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any identified impacts. This process includes

consultation with the general public, government review agencies, indigenous communities and affected property owners.

Public Involvement:

Public consultation is a key component of this study. A Public Information Meeting is being organized by the County to update residents on the current status of the project. The meeting will provide project details, including the preliminary findings of a hydrology study, bridge design alternatives, and a review of detour alternatives for pedestrian and vehicular traffic. This meeting will also provide residents with the opportunity to provide additional comments on the project. Details of the meeting are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Place: Walkerton Community Centre (290 Durham St. W, Walkerton, ON)

Time: Open House from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM (Formal Presentation at 6:30 PM)

Following the meeting, input into this project will be accepted until November 4, 2022. Any comments collected in conjunction with this Class EA process will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. For further information on this project, or to review the Class EA process, please contact the project engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates: 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone (Toll Free): 888-524-2641. Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: kvader@bmross.net).

Discover more about the project at www.brucecounty.on.ca/WalkertonBridge.

Discover more about [Road Construction & Maintenance in Bruce County](#).

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Notice of Public Information Meeting to consider Growth Management Official Plan Amendment

The proposed changes will help ensure that the County and the local municipalities adequately plan for growth.



September 27, 2022

Bruce County is updating its Official Plan pursuant to Section 26 of the Planning Act. The first phase of this Project is to amend the County's current Official Plan to establish an updated growth management framework to take us to the year 2046. The proposed changes will help ensure that the County and the local municipalities adequately plan for growth. The proposed amendment applies County-wide.

The second phase of the Project will introduce a comprehensive new Official Plan for the County in 2023. The new Official Plan will incorporate the proposed Phase 1 amendment being presented at this Statutory Public Open House and Statutory Public Meeting.

[How to access the public meeting](#)

Virtual Public Open House

Thursday, September 29, 2022, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

[Click here to register for the virtual meeting](#)

In-person and Virtual Statutory Public Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 9:30 AM

[View Growth Management Official Plan Amendment public meeting notice.](#)

Join the meeting in-person at 30 Park Street, Walkerton, by phone, or virtually. Please call or email ahead if you wish to participate by phone or virtually. The agenda, public video livestream, and post-meeting video recording can be viewed at brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes.

Have your say

Prior to the meeting, questions, concerns, or objections about the amendment can be sent by email to planthebruce@brucecounty.on.ca, by mail, or to 226-909-5515. Comments and opinions submitted prior to decision will become part of the public record.

Learn more

Discover more at planthebruce.ca or by emailing planthebruce@brucecounty.on.ca, calling 226-909-5515, or viewing in-person at the Bruce County Planning Office between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM (Mon to Fri). The Planner on the file is: Jack Van Dorp.

Stay in the loop

If you'd like to be notified of the decision of the approval authority on the proposed application(s), you must make a written request to the Bruce County Planning Department. For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, planthebruce@brucecounty.on.ca

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Bruce County Paramedics Receive Funding for Remote Care Management

Bruce County Paramedic Services is receiving one-time funding of \$40,000 from Ontario Health to establish and provide Remote Care Monitoring in homes and communities across the County.



September 28, 2022

Bruce County Paramedic Services is receiving one-time funding of \$40,000 from Ontario Health to establish and provide Remote Care Monitoring in homes and communities across the County. The new remote care management program will operate within Bruce County's Community Paramedicine Program and will see local Community Paramedics monitoring client's vital signs and well-being remotely.

Remote Care Monitoring will be utilized for clients with chronic diseases, such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD, Congestive Heart Failure, Diabetes, and Hypertension), as well as frail seniors. This increased funding will also provide the opportunity to educate clients about their chronic diseases, and how to properly manage chronic conditions confidently at home. Remote Care Monitoring has been shown to lead to reduced 911 and emergency department utilization, hospital

admissions, hospital re-admissions, and Alternative Level of Care (ALC) rates.

"Remote Care Monitoring is another tool that can be utilized by Community Paramedics to work proactively in the community, in collaboration with local healthcare providers, to ensure that patients can remain safely in their homes for longer," said Steve Schaus, Bruce County's Paramedic Services Director and Chief. "We are thankful for the support provided by Ontario Health and look forward to our Community Paramedicine Program continuing to grow and become more established in our local healthcare environment."

Ontario Health funding like this supports the recovery of the health system by increasing access to care options within the community and transforms how care is delivered. It is anticipated that this new program will ensure that patients get the most appropriate care to improve self-management and enhance recovery to optimize clinical outcomes.

The remote care monitoring equipment, and digital platform to allow real-time monitoring of vital signs, will be provided by Future Health Services, a local not-for-profit social enterprise. Bruce County will work collaboratively with the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team and partners during program implementation and operations. 2023/2024 funding for Remote Care Monitoring will continue via existing funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

About Bruce County Paramedic Services

Bruce County Paramedic Services employs a staff of about 100 Full-time and Part-time paramedics that provide pre-hospital care to citizens and visitors of Bruce County. We respond to medical and trauma emergencies with a fleet of 12 ambulances and 3 supervisor units that are stationed in 7 communities across the County but can be deployed anywhere as needed.

Discover more about [Bruce County Paramedic Services](#).

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