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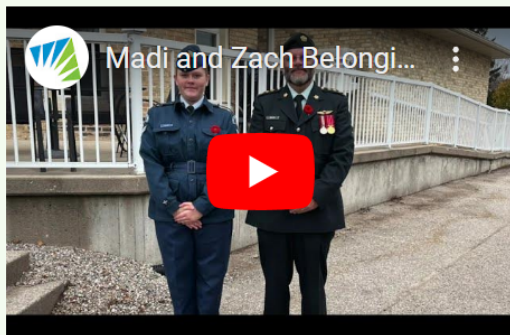
June 2023 Newsletter

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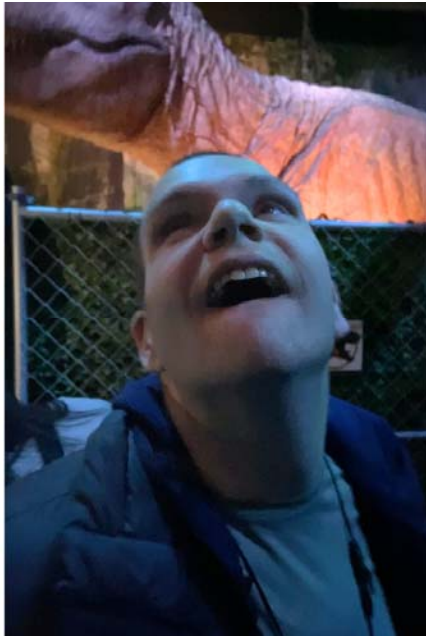
Belonging



Throughout May, Community Living Month, we shared videos of supported community members as they spoke about the impact belonging to school, social and extra curricular groups, and church communities, have on their lives.

If you missed these videos, you can view them on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Jurassic World Exhibition



Myles travelled back in time to a prehistoric world through the Jurassic World Exhibition in Mississauga.

Myles made sure to pack his funny bone with lots of laughs as he toured the T-Rex and Raptor territories.



Petting a baby dinosaur was a highlight of the day!

The exhibition had many fun and stimulating sights to see and enjoy. Myles most enjoyed the animals "feeding" and didn't care too much to dig in the sand for fossils, but was happy to watch the other guests search for treasure.

After the exhibition, Myles travelled back to the present day to enjoy a deliciously juicy hamburger while he soaked in the sunshine before heading back home to Kincardine.

Conquering My Fear of the Water



One of my goals for myself this year was to sign up for swimming lessons to help me conquer my fear of the water.

Years ago, when I was a preteen, I had a bad experience while swimming in a pool and I almost drowned. That scared me a lot and ever since then, I didn't want anything to do with the water. I have missed out on enjoying the Monday leisure swims with my friends because of this bad experience.

I recently decided that I wanted to be able to go swimming with my nieces and nephews. So, I have been taking swimming lessons at the Davidson Centre for the last couple of months to build my confidence and learn the proper techniques from a professional swimming instructor. My teacher Caleb was very patient with me and he taught me various arm strokes and how to put my head underwater and also how to avoid kicking water everywhere with my legs as I swim.

Spending time every week at my lessons has definitely helped me get over my fear of the deep end of the pool. I feel comfortable going into the deep end of the pool with a swim belt on. I am going to continue with my lessons this spring so that I continue to learn and build my strength and confidence.

I am looking forward to being able to go swimming with my nieces and nephews this summer!

-Lorraine Henderson

The Lion King Jr. at Huron Heights



Alanna Boucher, teacher at Huron Heights Public School, continues to foster the relationship between the school and Community Living Kincardine & District. You may recall that Alanna's class won the Inclusive Education contest back in February of 2023, and that her class invited students and alumni who are supported by CLKD to their celebratory pizza party.

As one of the key players in the production of the school play "The Lion King Jr.", Alanna sent an open invitation to CLKD to have a first peek at their dress rehearsal on Wednesday, May 3rd.

There was a lot of interest to go check out the play, and those who attended were excited to be able to contribute a donation at the door to help with the school's playground revitalization project.

The group was amazed by the artwork set up in the gym and surrounding the stage. Each class in the school played a role in contributing artwork for the play. The vibrant costumes and catchy songs were a big hit; especially the whole cast singing "The Circle of Life".

Here are some of the comments from those who attended the show:

"I loved when Young Nala and Young Simba sang I Just Can't Wait to be King"- Jess

The play eventually took a dark turn when Mufasa died and Samm said, *"It was cool when Mufasa disappeared off the stage". The transitions between scenes were seamless!*

Randy said: *"I really liked Scar, even though he scared me a little. When he roared, I jumped!"*

"The music was so loud and happy. I liked when Older Simba sang Hakuna Matata with Timon and Pumba" Cass stated immediately after the play finished.

Marianne enjoyed when older Nala and young Nala sang together. *"It was sort of sad too when older Nala had to leave."*

Everyone enjoyed every minute of the play, and appreciated being invited to experience this astounding production.

Thank you, Huron Heights!

Adam's Florida Vacation



I started going to Florida with my Mom and Dad in 2014. This year we did some site seeing on our way down because we drove instead of flying.

We went to Oak, Florida to a resort house with our whole family. It was a big house that could fit my whole family with plenty of rooms, including 2 games rooms. It was neat. We had a backyard pool so I was in the pool lots and then I stopped going swimming when I found out there were games rooms! There was one in the garage and one upstairs. My brothers and nephews played in the games room with me most nights and other nights we went for a walk.

I went out for supper with my Mom and Dad and brothers and sisters families where I found out I was allergic to olives. I also brought my paint stuff and did some painting a couple of days and read my book by the pool.

-Adam Dunlop

Butterfly Conservatory



It was a day well spent with my best friend Karen [at the Butterfly Conservatory]. We both had the opportunity to spend the day looking at, and holding the butterflies. An orange butterfly landed on my hand, it was awesome! I'm so thankful that I got to go with Karen. Now I'm looking forward to getting my own butterfly bush for outside my apartment.

We went to a nice restaurant with good food and good music and ended our day with a stop at Tim Hortons on the way home! I'm glad I have lots of pictures and miss the butterflies already!

Karen said, "It was fun and I was glad to spend the day with Catherine. We had lunch and saw butterflies. I am happy Catherine invited me."

-Catherine Benjamin

Madison, Member of the Canadian Air Cadets



When Madison Forster turned 12 years old, she decided she wanted to join the Canadian Air Cadets. On 24th Feb 2020 she stepped tentatively into the Kincardine Legion, not really knowing what to expect, to join the 183 Typhoon Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. Madison has not looked back since that day; *"I have not regretted a single moment."*

Now, at 16, she has worked her way up through multiple ranks. Starting with air cadet, to: leading air cadet, corporal, flight corporal, and now: sergeant. She has set her sights high to aim for flight sergeant next!

"I am very proud of myself because I like getting promoted - who doesn't?!" said Madi.

Madi really enjoys the challenges that come with the role of a sergeant: *"We are considered seniors; we have lessons on teamwork and leadership. We are also role models. We check that uniforms are on properly, rules are being followed, and all heck's not breaking loose. I lead lessons and at the most recent one I taught the Nato phonetic alphabet. For this, I needed to memorize it all! I really enjoyed teaching it."*

In choosing the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, Madi decided to join over 25,000 youth from across Canada. Madi said, *"I would highly recommend it to others; it's a great program to be in. You get to try lots of different activities. If everything goes to plan and I get accepted, I have applied for a training camp for advanced aviation, so I can get one step closer to my pilots' license. Wouldn't that be cool to be able to fly my family around?!"*

Civilian Instructor, Robert Grey, explained, *"Madi is waiting to hear about her advanced aviation course, which is a prep course for a glider pilot course. Although there is a lot of competition, we are hoping she gets a place."*

Madi has increased her skills in many areas, such as: survival skills, physical fitness, public speaking, citizenship, and precision drills. However, Madi feels *"the skills I have improved the most are definitely organization and leadership - don't get me wrong, my room is always a mess, but it has certainly gotten better!"*

When asked about Madi's achievements in the platoon, Grey reported, *"When Madi first joined, she was really shy, and now she is very sure of herself. Her attendance is impeccable; she has highest attendance of all cadets. I like her attitude - it's very positive. We encourage cadets to aim high, and Madi has certainly done that. She has achieved a lot in the time she has been with us."*

Madi explained that a big part of the cadets was the feeling of camaraderie. *"I look forward to seeing my cadets every week because they are like my other family. All the brothers, sisters, and even that awkward cousin. There is a real sense of belonging. Everyone helps everybody. We are always watching each other's backs. I feel like part of the cadet family."*

Madi really wanted to emphasize the importance of the organizational team that makes the program so effective, *"Lots of things go on in the background and behind the scenes, and there are lots of volunteers, civilian instructors and officers who support us. Without them, we wouldn't be able to do this. So, I thank everyone who helps make it so successful."*

Volunteering at CLKD!



Meet Dhvanil, an awesome volunteer who has quickly become a regular at CLKD! When Dhvanil first reached out, he talked about volunteering once a month. Once he started, it was evident his interests fit perfectly with many and can be seen most weekends hanging out with us.

"So far I've had an amazing time getting to know everyone and some of my favourite moments recently are: going for walks around the block and along the beach with Bethany, setting up the basketball net and playing with Jeffrey, doing puzzles with Alyssa and spending some time with Susan on the backyard swing.

All the staff have been extremely nice and welcoming as well and I'm looking forward to spending more time with everyone this summer!" - Dhvanil

Here's what people are saying about our newest volunteer:

"We went for a walk and played some games. It was a lot of fun!" - Catherine

When asked what she enjoys spending time doing with Dhvanil, Bethany signed "walks" and "games". She gave a big thumbs-up to having fun!

"We play basketball and shoot hoops. I want to try cooking with him too." - Jeffrey

If you would like to volunteer with us, visit our [website](#), fill out a [volunteer application](#) and return it to us. We can't wait to meet you!

Upcoming Events & Activities



Annual General Meeting

June 21, 2023

Join us for the Community Living Kincardine and District Annual General Meeting at 6:00pm the Kincardine Legion.



15th Annual CLKD Charity Golf Classic presented by 2mPower

July 21, 2023

Join us at Ainsdale Golf Course for another great day of golf. This fundraising event helps to enhance our supports for the over 150 people in our community living with a developmental disability.

Registration opens soon. Visit www.clkd.ca/golf-tournament for more details.

To learn more about CLKD's services and events, visit our website!



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JUNE 7, 2023

June Newsletter

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What's Going On...at RTO7

- **Tourism SkillsNet7 (TSN7)**

In collaboration with Destination Northern Ontario (DNO), Nature and Outdoor Tourism Ontario (NOTO) and the Ontario Tourism Education Corporation (OTEC), Regional Tourism Organization 7 (RTO7) representing BruceGreySimcoe has partnered to expand Tourism SkillsNet North – an initiative designed to identify workforce labour gaps and match job seekers with available job opportunities within the tourism sector in Northern Ontario will now be available in BruceGreySimcoe.

Regional Tourism Organization 7 will work to connect employees hired after April 1st, 2023, and prospective employees with free training provided virtually by project partner OTEC (Ontario Tourism Education Corporation). Additionally, Regional Tourism Organization 7 will work with employment service providers in Bruce, Grey, and Simcoe counties to match prospective employees with available job opportunities within Region 7's tourism sector.

For employees hired after April 1st, 2023, while the training is free, qualified employers will be eligible for a 50% wage subsidy for up to 10 employees.

This subsidy is capped at:

- Seasonal employer (new TSN7 job seeker/employee): \$3,000
- Seasonal employer or year-round employer (returning TSN7 job seeker/employee): \$2,500
- Year-round employer (new TSN7 participant/employee): \$5,000

Learn more about this program and how to apply by visiting RTO7.ca. You can also read the media release [HERE](#).

- **South Bruce Peninsula MATA**

In association with RTO7, the newly formed South Bruce Peninsula Municipal Tax Accommodation Association (MATA) is developing a 5-year tourism strategy and 1-year action plan. Tourism stakeholders in South Bruce Peninsula are invited to attend one of two virtual meetings on June 12 and June 15 – details and a link to register can be found in the Events listing below. Learn more about MATA and subscribe to the MATA newsletter by visiting this [web page](#) on RTO7.ca.

- **Tourism Relief Fund Update**

RTO7 delivers \$6.9 million for 94 businesses and organizations from the Government of Canada’s Tourism Relief Fund (TRF) with funding from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario), to attract visitors and support future growth. (Note that this funding has already been allocated and applications are closed). [Read the News Release.](#)

- **Free Training Programs for BruceGreySimcoe Tourism Operators**

- ***Typsy***

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A Message from the Ministry of Health

Update on COVID-19 rapid antigen testing programs: Provincial Antigen Screen Program (PASP)

The temporary Provincial Antigen Screening Program (PASP) played a pivotal role in the province's emergency pandemic response by providing people with easy access to free rapid antigen tests (RATs) when COVID-19 infection volumes were at their peak and extensive access to testing was essential to stopping its spread.

With the lower rates of COVID-19, high vaccination rates, and demand for RATs consistently decreasing, the province will be winding down its RAT programs on June 30, 2023.

In advance of the June 30, 2023, program end date, participants from the tourism,

culture and sport sectors are encouraged to place final orders. These orders should consider historical usage rates and preparedness for the upcoming fall/winter respiratory season. The last order date will be June 16, 2023.

- Final order volumes would be subject to any maximum amounts specified in your organization's agreement, if applicable, or otherwise left to the Ministry's discretion.
- After June 30, 2023, program participants are expected to distribute all remaining RATs received through their respective programs free of charge.

Unused or expired tests cannot be returned to any central government warehouse due to quality control considerations. Program participants are encouraged to review [the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks \(MECP\) guidelines](#) regarding the proper and safe disposal of waste from RATs, including unused and/or expired RAT kits. Information on manufacturer [expiry date extensions](#) can be found on the Ontario Health website.

Ontario's COVID-19 testing strategy will increasingly focus on molecular testing tools, which can be accessed at pharmacies and many other locations across Ontario. [Individuals who qualify for testing](#) can find a location close to them at <https://www.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations>.

Program participants can contact the ministry at PASP@ontario.ca for more information about the wind down of the programs.

Thank you again for your support to these important provincial initiatives. These efforts were a significant part of our COVID-19 response, and we extend our thanks to the program partners, administrators, and staff who supported this work.

Sincerely,
Neeta Sarta

View [and download the complete Memo](#).

Events

- **June 8, Demystifying ChatGPT: unlocking the potential of AI technology, 10 am**
Join this Zoom call for an introduction to the power of ChatGPT. Hosted by The Hub in Huron-Kinloss, it's free to attend – register in advance through their [website](#).
- **June 8, Destination Bike – Welcoming Cyclists in Grey County Webinar, 10 to 11 am**
This free webinar will help Grey County tourism professionals, managers, and owners of tourism-oriented businesses learn how to tap into the rapidly growing cycle tourism market in the county and in Ontario by becoming a certified bicycle friendly location with Ontario By Bike (OBB). Current members of the OBB network will also find this webinar beneficial. For more info and to register, click [HERE](#).
- **June 12, South Bruce Peninsula MATA Stakeholder Meeting, 7 pm**
Tourism operators, businesses and organizations in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula are invited to attend one of two virtual stakeholder meetings regarding a new 5-year tourism strategy and 1-year action plan currently under development by the new Municipal Accommodation Tax Association (MATA) in association with RTO7. Second date is June 15th, 9:30 am. To choose your date and to register, [click on this link](#).
- **June 13, A Blended Workforce, 12 to 1 pm**
A webinar held as part of TIAO's "Forward Motion" series. Participants will learn the best practices and strategies for recruitment. With the tourism sector facing a serious staffing crisis, employers need to get creative – and smarter – in how they build and sustain their workforce. **Free to attend. Register on the [website](#).**
- **June 15, South Bruce Peninsula MATA Stakeholder Meeting, 9:30 am**
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- **June 20, Your Numbers...Your Story, 10 am to 1 pm**

Calling all women entrepreneurs! Register now to better understand your business financials to make informed decisions about your business. Cost is \$30, lunch is included and click [HERE](#) to register.

- **June 27 to 28, Taste of Place Summit**

Held at George Brown College in Toronto, this is a global summit where destination and economic developers, managers, thought leaders and marketers meet to build their tastes of place, unlocking the positive power of growing culinary tourism. Learn more about the summit's speakers, schedules and [register on the website](#).

- **June 28, QuickBooks Online Basics**

This 4-hour, in-person workshop is hands-on and takes you through QuickBooks Online from start to finish. Held in the Orillia Area CDC Boardroom, cost to attend is \$55 and [pre-registration is required](#).

- **October 24 to 25, Ontario Tourism Summit**

Save the date and register by visiting [TIAO's website](#).

- **October 24 to 26, 2023, Xcelerate Summit, Save the Date!**

Visit the [website](#) to take advantage of [Early Bird Registration rates](#) and for more details on this annual event.

In Case You Missed It

- Read [RTO7 staff's Typsy Picks of the Month for May](#).

Interesting / Must Reads

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- Have trouble writing content for your social media posts, website, newsletters and more? ChatGPT can help get you started. Read “[16 awesome prompts for your ChatGPT marketing](#)”.

IN EVERY NEWSLETTER:

RTO7 Programs and Resources

RTO7 has other programs and resources to help your business recover from the effects of COVID-19, create video and image libraries and more! Click on the links below for more info:

- **Programs**
 - **Partnership Programs**
 - **BruceGreySimcoe Free Training** (click on the image below to learn more about Typsy)
 - **Tourism SkillsNet RTO7** (TSN7)
 - **Free 2SLGBTQ+ Training**
 - **T3 Accelerator**
 - T3 Accelerator Podcast
 - **Tourism Biz Bites from the 7**
 - **Implementation Programs**
 - Festival Implementation Program (See Operations Implementation Program)
 - **Operations Implementation Program** (OIP)
 - **Recruitment Implementation Program** (RIP)
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- **Resources**
 - **Careers in Tourism**

- [RTO7 Industry Events Calendar](#)
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 - [FREE Tourism Operator Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com](#)
- Add Your Festival or Event!
 - [FREE Festivals and Events Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com](#)
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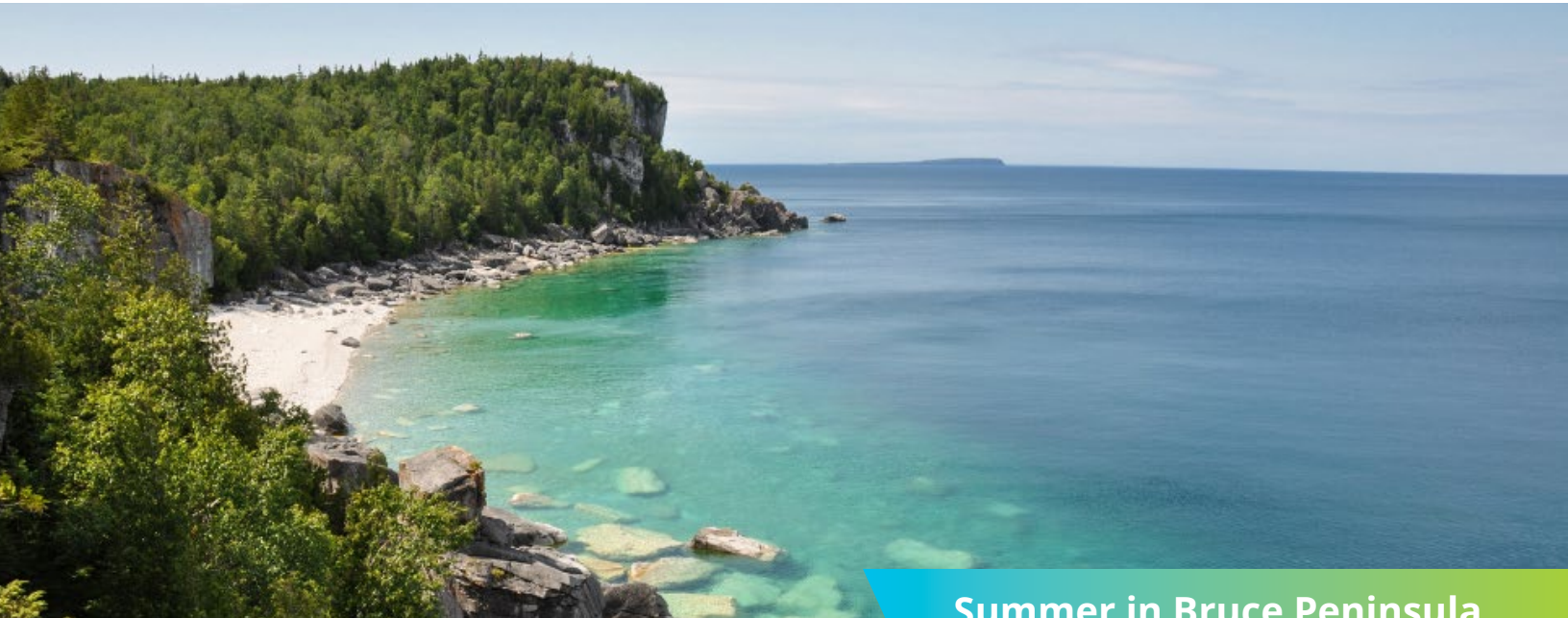
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Summer in Bruce Peninsula

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

June 2023

It's hard to believe we're six months into the year. Just a few months ago the Clean Energy Frontier program opened a conversation about nuclear sector retention and expansion. I'm pleased to say the Nuclear Sector Sustainability and Growth Study is now complete, and reports have been delivered to two stakeholders: Bruce Power and economic development leaders for the tri-counties of Bruce, Grey and Huron.



During the process of interviews and roundtable discussions, suppliers were asked about workforce, business development, and their experience of doing business in the region. And the results reminded us there are a lot of **advantages** to doing business in the Clean Energy Frontier region. There are barriers, too—and this is where we can get to work.

Bruce Power and the tri-counties have an opportunity to continue our collaborative effort. The barriers identified in the study will **need the time and attention** of the nuclear industry, elected officials and municipal staff. There are action items coming from this study that **align** with what we heard at the 2023 Clean Energy Frontier Summit event in Walkerton this January. With these findings in hand, we are informed and willing to take action toward **retention and expansion** efforts for the nuclear sector.



Beyond the sector study...

The Clean Energy Frontier program is pleased to continue engagement with elected officials. On June 28th, we will welcome elected officials from Bruce, Grey and Huron and Regional Steering Committee members to the Bruce Power Visitors' Centre. The group will experience the always-informing Bruce Power Bus Tour and hear a presentation from the Clean Energy Frontier Program. If you have not RSVP'd, it's not too late—send Jessica an email at Jessica.Linthorne@nii.ca.

DON'T FORGET!

The Bruce Power Bus Tours are offered all summer, and they're free! To sign yourself and your family and friends up for a tour, visit brucepower.com/bustours.



Wishing you an incredible summer!

JESSICA LINTHORNE, DIRECTOR

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NII **has announced plans** to turn an existing building in Kincardine's Bruce Energy Centre into a state-of-the-art technology hub that will expand the region's ability to deliver high-quality educational programs.

Bruce Power supplier Sargent & Lundy has become the **first company to join NII in its newly created "Supporters" category**, strengthening NII's ability to deliver community programming, from STEM education classes to local environmental projects and skilled trades development.

STEM at work in our region: the first-ever NII Explore Science Olympics recently brought together teams of exceptional high school students from across Bruce and Grey counties to compete at Georgian College's Owen Sound campus.

UPCOMING DATES

- JUN 28** Clean Energy Frontier Program Bus Tour and Presentation, Bruce Power Visitors' Centre
- AUG 20-23** Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference, London
- SEPT 22** Regional Steering Committee Meeting

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- Learn more about the program on the [T3 Accelerator page](#). If you have questions, email t3@rto7.ca.
- Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to learn more about the program, its participants and meet the coaches.

- o [Apply now for the program](#)
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Attention Entrepreneurs! Biz Tech Boost Program

Are you struggling with implementing new technology in your business or want to maximize the current technology you use? We have a solution for you!

Introducing the Biz Tech Boost program for small businesses. This FREE program will help you address technology opportunities and challenges specific to your business. The program starts with a detailed tech assessment followed by customized recommendations, an action plan, plus tips and training resources.

Only 10 spaces available so apply now!

APPLY NOW



TIAO Launches Tourism Workforce Sustainability Program

Information Session for RTO7: July 5, 11 am to noon

TIAO has launched a new project to expand and retain a diverse and sustainable workforce for the tourism industry.

We invite you to attend one of four upcoming Regional Information sessions to learn more about the **Tourism Workforce Sustainability Program**.

This program provides **direct support to tourism employers to hire 200 new employees** across the province. In alignment with our values of partnership and collaboration, this program complements and aligns with other existing workforce development projects.

Who Should Attend?

This webinar is for RTOs, DMOs, partner organizations, and all tourism employers who are invested in improving our industry's reputation and becoming the industry of choice for youth, New Canadians, those seeking second careers, **EVERYONE!**

Info Session Dates and Times

Each Info Session will have a regional focus, but please register for the date and time that best fits your schedule.

RTO7's scheduled session is on July 5 at 11 am.

Register for Session 1: Southwest ON: Monday, June 26th 12pm - 1pm

- RTO 1 Ontario's Southwest
- RTO 2 Niagara
- RTO 3 Hamilton, Halton, Brant
- RTO 4 Huron, Perth, Wellington, Waterloo

Register for Session 2: GTA/Central: Thursday, June 29th 11am - 12pm

- Greater Toronto Area
- Mississauga
- Brampton
- RTO 6 Central Counties Tourism

Register for Session 3: North: Wednesday, July 5th 11am - 12pm

- RTO 7 Bruce, Grey, Simcoe
- RTO 12 Explorer's Edge

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- RTO 13 Destination Northern Ontario

Register for Session 4: East: Thursday, July 6th 3pm - 4pm

- RTO 8 Kawartha Northumberland
- RTO 9 Southeastern Ontario
- Ottawa Tourism
- RTO 11 Ontario's Highlands

For more info, contact TIAO at 416-483-1691 or email info@tiaontario.ca.

Events

- **June 27 to 28, Taste of Place Summit**

Held at George Brown College in Toronto, this is a global summit where destination and economic developers, managers, thought leaders and marketers meet to build their tastes of place, unlocking the positive power of growing culinary tourism. Learn more about the summit's speakers, schedules and [register on the website](#).

- **June 28, Create Buzzworthy Social Media, 10 am**

In this webinar, learn how to use creative thinking to develop interesting and eye-catching content, plus more tips on making your social media a more effective tool. Presented by the Business Enterprise Centre – Grey County and Small Business Enterprise Centre. Free to attend, [register HERE](#).

- **June 28, QuickBooks Online Basics**

This 4-hour, in-person workshop is hands-on and takes you through QuickBooks Online from start to finish. Held in the Orillia Area CDC Boardroom, cost to attend is \$55 and [pre-registration is required](#).

- **October 24 to 25, Ontario Tourism Summit**

Registration opens as of June 5th, register by visiting [TIAO's website](#).

- **October 24 to 26, 2023, Xcelerate Summit, Save the Date!**

Visit the [website](#) to take advantage of [Early Bird Registration rates](#) and for more details on this annual event.

Nominations Now Open for Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence

Submissions for the 2023 Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence are now open. The awards are jointly presented by the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO), the Culinary Tourism Alliance, and Attractions Ontario, and the Ontario Tourism Education Corporation (OTEC):

- Tourism Industry Awards of Excellence
- Tourism Marketing & Travel Media Awards of Excellence
- Culinary Tourism Awards of Excellence (CTA)
- Ontario's Choice Awards (Attractions Ontario)
- Workforce Innovation and Collaboration Awards (OTEC)

[Visit the website](#) to see all categories, eligibility criteria and to submit a nomination.

In Case You Missed It

- **RTO7 Partners with South Bruce Peninsula Municipal Accommodation Tax Association (MATA)** for 5-year tourism strategy and 1-year action plan. [Read the RTO7 Connection post.](#)
 - **Important Information from Smart Serve Ontario on Upcoming Recertification Deadline**
Did you know? All Smart Serve Ontario certificates issued BEFORE July 1, 2018 expire on June 30, 2023 at 11:59 pm. Learn more in [RTO7's June 16, 2023 Newsletter](#).
 - **Forward Motion: Webinar Highlights & Recordings**
If you missed any of the 'Building A Resilient & Vibrant Workforce' webinars hosted by TIAO and Tourism HR Canada, click on the links below to watch the recordings:
 - Session 1: [Building A Seasonal Workforce](#)
 - Session 2: [Building A Team That Stays](#)
 - Session 3: [How Much Should I Pay](#)
 - Session 4: [Attracting, Building, and Retaining an Indigenous Workforce](#)
 - Session 5: [A Blended Workforce](#)
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News From Around the Region

- **Bruce County Maps Back in Stock**

Bruce County maps are back in stock, and can be ordered for free by tourism operators. Explore the Bruce trails, paddling and visitor maps can be shipped directly to your business. [Simply log in HERE](#) or click "new user" to set up a business account and order your maps today. Need more info or help? Phone 1-800-268-3838 or email info@explorethebruce.com.

IN EVERY NEWSLETTER:

RTO7 Programs and Resources

RTO7 has other programs and resources to help your business recover from the effects of COVID-19, create video and image libraries and more! Click on the links below for more info:

- **Programs**

- **Partnership Programs**
- **BruceGreySimcoe Free Training** (click on the image below to learn more about Typsy)
- **Tourism SkillsNet RTO7** (TSN7)
- **Free 2SLGBTQ+ Training**
- **T3 Accelerator**
- T3 Accelerator Podcast
 - **Tourism Biz Bites from the 7**
- **Implementation Programs**
 - Festival Implementation Program (See Operations Implementation Program)
 - **Operations Implementation Program** (OIP)
 - **Recruitment Implementation Program** (RIP)
 - **Sustainability Inclusivity Program** (SIP)
 - Tourism Implementation Program (See Operations Implementation Program)

- **Resources**

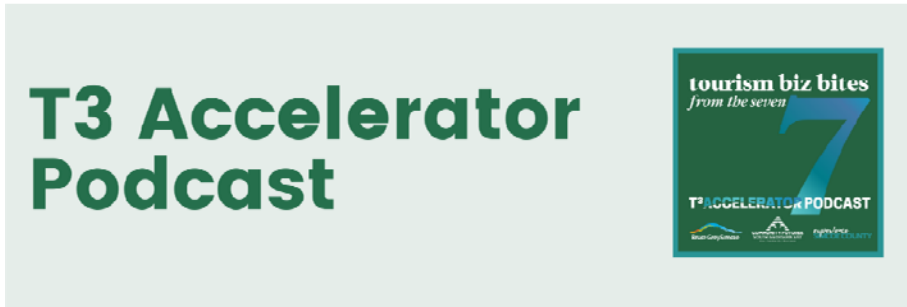
- **Careers in Tourism**
- **RTO7 Industry Events Calendar**

- Are You Listed?

- [FREE Tourism Operator Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com](#)
- Add Your Festival or Event!
 - [FREE Festivals and Events Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com](#)
- Need Help Pushing Out a Promotion?
 - [FREE Promotions Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com](#) (complete and up-to-date operator profile required)







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Media Release

June 23, 2023

GBPH issues opioid alert following series of drug poisonings

Grey Bruce Public Health is urging people to exercise extreme caution when using unregulated street drugs after receiving reports of four suspected opioid overdoses – including a fatal overdose – over a recent six-day period.

An individual in their 50s died June 21, 2023, of a suspected fentanyl overdose, while non-fatal overdoses were reported between June 16 and 21, 2023. Each of the overdoses occurred in the Owen Sound area.

All unregulated street drugs carry a high risk of toxicity, posing a potential threat to life. These drugs may be unknowingly adulterated or mixed with hazardous substances, such as fentanyl or carfentanil, both of which lack odor and taste. Even a minuscule amount of fentanyl or carfentanil can have lethal consequences.

“In order to prioritize the well-being and safety of individuals, it is crucial to address the significant risks associated with the use of unregulated substances, which can lead to drug poisoning due to the inherent toxicity of the local drug supply,” says Dr. Rim Zayed, Physician Consultant at Grey Bruce Public Health.

“We urge individuals who engage in the consumption of street drugs to exercise utmost caution and take proactive measures to ensure their awareness of the substances they are consuming. This includes being well-informed about the type, dosage, and origin of the substances.”

GBPH is also emphasizing that drug toxicity can affect individuals from all walks of life, irrespective of their age, gender, or prior history of drug use. The risks associated with unregulated substances transcend demographic boundaries and should be approached with utmost care and concern.

People who use drugs should **never use alone** and always carry a naloxone kit. If it's not possible to use with someone present, call the National Overdose Response

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Service at **1-888-688-6677**. A NORS operator will stay on the line while the drug is being used. In the event the caller becomes unresponsive, the operator will call 911.

If you suspect someone is experiencing a drug poisoning, administer naloxone. This may improve breathing, but may not help the individual regain consciousness. It is important to call 911 and continue to monitor breathing until medical help arrives.

Free naloxone kits are available at participating pharmacies in Grey-Bruce, Grey Bruce Public Health, and via GBPH's community partners.

Public Health advises people who use drugs to:

- **Go Slow.** Always start with a low dose and increase slowly, especially if trying something new or restarting use.
- **Take extra caution if mixing substances.** Mixing substances can increase the risk of harm and drug poisonings.
- **Use only new supplies.** This reduces the risk of getting or passing on an infectious disease. Supplies are available at GBPH and community partners.

Overdose is a medical emergency. Call 911 or go to the Emergency Department. The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act provides protection from simple possession charges when 911 is called for an overdose.

GBPH urges community partners and the public to report unexpected bad reactions to non-prescribed drugs. Reports can be made over the phone by calling 211 or online using the [211 Report a Bad Drug](#) web form. Reporting drug overdoses/poisonings enables Grey Bruce Public Health to issue timely alerts to its partners and people who use drugs about potential hazards.

For additional Addiction Services:

- ConnexOntario 1-866-531-2600
- Withdrawal Management/Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic 519-376-3999
- G&B House 519-371-3642 ext. 1580
- Ontario Addiction Treatment Centre 519-371-0007
- CMHA Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addiction Services 519-371-3642
- Mental Health Crisis Line Grey Bruce 1-877-470-5200
- If unsure – call 211

For More Information:

To connect with the Medical Officer of Health or the Program Manager, please contact:
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Communications@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca



Media Release

June 21, 2023

Public Health holding clinics to help students get up to date on routine vaccines

Grey Bruce Public Health will be holding vaccination clinics this summer for students who are entering senior kindergarten to Grade 5 in September and require one or more publicly funded, routine vaccines.

The clinics, which will be held in Owen Sound and Hanover, are part of Public Health's ongoing and focused efforts to support students in getting up to date on routine vaccines, prevent school suspensions, and increase the percentage of students meeting the requirements of Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA).

"Vaccines are a safe, effective way to protect students, their families, and communities from potentially serious infectious diseases. Having high vaccination rates among students is also the best way to prevent outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases at our schools," says Dr. Rim Zayed, Physician Consultant at GBPH.

"During the COVID-19 emergency, many students fell behind on routine vaccines. While we encourage students to get any overdue vaccines from their primary care provider, Public Health will be holding clinics to assist students who may not have a provider or are experiencing challenges with getting an appointment so they can catch up on the vaccines they need before school resumes."

Vaccine clinics for students born between 2013 and 2018 will be held July 27 and Aug. 23 at the Grey Bruce Public Health building in Owen Sound and July 19 and Aug. 17 at the P&H Centre in Hanover. Clinics will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To assist parents who work during the day, Public Health will also be extending to 6 p.m. the hours of its June 22 vaccine clinic at the GBPH building in Owen Sound.

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[Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule](#) outlines the routine vaccines that all children and adolescents without a valid exemption must receive to attend primary or secondary school. The ISPA mandates Public Health Units to maintain and review immunization records for every student attending school within their jurisdiction and enforce a suspension for students with incomplete vaccine information or overdue immunizations unless a medical or non-medical exemption is in place.

Grey Bruce Public Health is making every effort to assist parents in preventing their child from being suspended from school due to a missed vaccine or incomplete record. Letters with information on any missed vaccines and how to update immunization records were sent to parents whose children require vaccinations. Public Health is also using social media, its website, and other communication tools to advise parents of ISPA requirements and where routine vaccines are available.

Parents/guardians whose children are up to date on all required vaccines are asked to ensure their immunization records with Public Health are also updated. Immunization information can be accessed and updated using the online ICON tool: [ICON Link](#).

Along with the student clinics, GBPH will be holding regular vaccine clinics throughout the summer for anyone needing a publicly funded vaccine. A [calendar of clinics](#) is available on the GBPH website.

Appointments, which are required for GBPH vaccine clinics, can be made by emailing immunization@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca or calling 519-376-9420 or 1-800-263-3456 (Press 2).

For More Information:

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UPDATE

June 23, 2023

June ROMA Board Meeting Highlights

The ROMA Board met in Prince Edward County this month, providing an opportunity to learn about creative local initiatives that are helping to address challenges like housing, economic development and social services:

- [Thrive Prince Edward County](#) shared how it is working to revitalize community and economic development initiatives in the County through strong partnerships and a collaborative organization.
- Representatives from the [Prince Edward County Affordable Housing Corporation](#), which has a community-driven Board, spoke to how the organization is spearheading a number of creative rural housing solutions and developments.
- The Board toured [Base 31](#), a decommissioned WWII air training base that has been transformed into a community and arts hub. A community partnership bought the 70-acre site to create a mixed-use development with living art installations and an events space. This partnership bring together a broad array of local experts from affordable housing, and commercial and retail to infrastructure and adapting heritage sites.

The AMO Conference is just around the corner and ROMA is looking forward to hosting a booth. Please come by for a visit.

To learn more about the June meeting, please watch the ROMA Board Chair [Video](#)

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To: Jennifer White <jwhite@huronkinloss.com>; Shari Flett <sflett@huronkinloss.com>
Subject: URGENT: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Hello Municipal Clerk White,

Please add this as ACTION CORRESPONDENCE to your next council meeting agenda as a matter of urgency and notify us of the outcome. Thank you!

Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement:

Many councillors will know that on May 31st, 2023, the government voted down Bill 5 – The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act. We are writing to call on your municipality to be an active and engaged voice in our own workplace safety and that of the municipal staff by joining 166 other Ontario municipalities in supporting legislation to hold municipally elected representatives accountable for violence and harassment. In 2021, the Association of Municipalities Ontario recommended changes to strengthen municipal codes of conduct for elected officials. Those recommendations to strengthen legislation have still not been implemented. [Codes of Conduct, Changes to Visible Fees, and Fees Charged to Beverage Producers | AMO](#)

We are asking council to pass the attached motion of March 27, 2023, issued by AMO, calling for government legislation on this issue. We are requesting the motion include the communication that this legislation be prioritized for the fall of 2023 given the urgency of this issue. We are asking that a letter expressing support for the motion be sent to: The Premier, Local MPPs, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Associate Minister of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity, AMO and local municipalities.

This request is from The Women of Ontario Say NO. A grassroots advocacy effort comprised of officials, organizations, and community groups. We are committed to ensuring that locally elected are held accountable for violence and harassment in municipal workplaces. This advocacy stems from a individuals number of egregious cases throughout the province including Ottawa, Barrie, and Mississauga. You can learn more on our website [THE WOMEN OF ONTARIO SAY NO \(squarespace.com\)](https://www.squarespace.com)

We are counting on you as a leader to ensure your municipal workplace is safe and that there is basic human rights protection for all persons. This cannot wait any longer. This legislation needs to move ahead without any further delay.

Thank you in advance for being open to advocating for legislative change that will help ensure workplaces and community spaces are safe for everyone!

Sincerely,

Brenda Pufek

On Behalf of

The Women of Ontario Say NO