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REMINDER: Drive Safe and Arrive Safe in Bruce County this Summer

The Transportation & Environmental Services Department of Bruce County reminds the public to practice road safety this summer. All roadway users must travel safely, share the road, and respect others.



August 01, 2023

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Stay informed on Road Conditions!

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Don't Text and Drive! Distracted driving is illegal and is a serious safety issue that has claimed lives. Every driver is required to focus on the changing road, traffic, weather, and driving conditions, not on electronic devices. If you need to communicate, pull over and put your vehicle in park. Don't put others at risk.

Penalties are increasing for speeding and stunt driving, and the Ontario Provincial Police are actively patrolling Bruce County for aggressive driving. You could lose your licence and your vehicle, and face heavy fines and imprisonment. Please do not put yourself and others at risk. It isn't about how fast you get to your destination, enjoy the journey and arrive alive.

Deciding to pass is a serious decision. Use your turn signals, consider conditions and obstacles, and look for approaching vehicles and vehicles passing from behind.

Don't veer for deer or other animals. Brake firmly but stay in your lane. Collisions occur when a driver swerves and loses control. Be on the lookout, prepare for the unexpected, and slow down in areas marked with animal activity signs.

Protect emergency services personnel on the roads. Slow down and proceed with caution when you encounter a first responder stopped with emergency lighting activated. This includes tow-trucks. Obey the law, move over, and stay safe! Offenders could be fined and assessed demerit points.

When you see a construction zone, take it slow. Reduce your speed, pay attention, obey signs, watch for workers, and be prepared to stop and follow directions given by traffic control persons. Drive with extra caution through construction areas during periods of rain and at night. If a detour route is posted, follow the directional signs to avoid the road construction zone. Use Municipal 511 to plan your route to avoid construction zones and delays. Road maintenance crews are your family, neighbours, and friends. They make our roads safe. Pay attention and slow down. Fines are doubled for speeding in construction zones and are strictly enforced when workers are present.

Slow-moving horse-drawn vehicles are common in our area, moving at an average speed of 14 km/h. When passing from behind or the opposite direction, slow down and create as much distance as possible. Don't use your horn or pass too closely. This may dangerously startle the horse. Expect the unexpected!

Farm vehicles travel at only 40km/hr and need to stay on the travelled portion of the road for optimal safety. Pass with caution, as large agricultural equipment could make left-hand turns or be going around cyclists, mailboxes, signs, or guardrails. Make sure the farm vehicle driver can see you before you pass. Don't expect a farm vehicle to pull over on the shoulder, this could be dangerous. Slow down and share the road. Farm vehicles are required to use lights at night and in inclement weather.

Motorists may encounter Off Road Vehicles on the roads, which are limited to 20km/hr in zones posted at 50km/hr or less. Off Road Vehicles are limited to 50 km/hr in zones posted at greater than 50 km/hr. For on-road usage, Off Road Vehicle riders must wear approved motorcycle helmets, be registered, plated, and insured, and be at least 16 years old with a G2 licence. Riders are to check with their local municipality to determine if usage is permitted. At all times, obey the laws, respect others property, and ride safely and responsibly.

Be extra vigilant when sharing the road with motorcyclists. Motorcycles are not as visible as other vehicles, so be sure to do frequent blind spot checks and be mindful when changing lanes, turning, and merging into traffic. Motorcyclists can enhance their safety by wearing highly visible clothing, properly positioning their motorcycle on roadways, reducing low light and night riding, not taking chances or making risky maneuvers, and riding at the appropriate speed and never in excess of the posted limit.

Under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, cyclists, motorists, and pedestrians have equal rights and access to our roadways. All users must share the road and share the respect. Drivers must leave a minimum of one-metre distance when passing a cyclist and not follow too closely behind cyclists. When turning, please check your mirrors and blindspots.

When parking on roadways, always watch for and obey signs, and be aware that not all parking by-laws are posted on signs. Never park on the travelled part of a road. Drive off the road onto the shoulder if you must stop for some reason. Never park on a curve, hill, or anywhere you do not have a clear view for at least 125 metres in both directions. Do not park near intersections, railway crossings, pedestrian crossings, or road entrances.

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Kincardine Community Days this August & October!

On Saturday, August 12, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, all Kincardine residents and ratepayers will receive free admission to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre as part of Kincardine Community Days.



August 02, 2023

On Saturday, August 12, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, all Kincardine residents and ratepayers will receive free admission to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre as part of Kincardine Community Days.

This is the first of two Kincardine Community Days this year and residents are invited to visit the Museum's summer exhibits - Teens: Creative Minds and Escarpment Roots: The Land, The People, The Story - as well as the Museum's many permanent exhibits, including Riding the Rails, Captivating Coastline, The Last Frontier, Bevan's General Store, Anishnaabwe Endaat: Where we live and lived. In the Museum's backyard, explore the one-room schoolhouse and look out over beautiful Fairy Lake; the range light from the Stoke's Bay lighthouse and a potash kettle are also on display.

Residents who are interested in attending are asked to register at brucemuseum.ca or show proof of residency at time of entry.

Kincardine Community Days are in recognition of the Municipality of Kincardine's support of the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre's plans to expand its Archives. A second Kincardine Community Day will be hosted at the BCM&CC on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

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NOTICE: Multi Sport Race Using County Roads and Trails near Wiarnton and Colpoy's Bay on August 12, 2023

Please take notice that a Multi Sport Race will be taking place in the Wiarnton and Colpoy's Bay area on Saturday, August 12, 2023. The event will run from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.



August 03, 2023

Please take notice that a Multi Sport Race will be taking place in the Wiarnton and Colpoy's Bay area on Saturday, August 12, 2023. The event will run from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Please expect cyclists on roadways heading in both directions north of Wiarnton through Colpoy's Bay to the Bruce Peninsula Mountain Bike Adventure Park following Highway 6, Bruce Road 9, Barfoot Crescent, and Purple Valley Road. Bicycles will also be active in the Mountain Bike Park north of Colpoy's Bay on the designated race route.

Please expect runners on the trail systems in Colpoy's Bay, including crossing Bruce Road 9 within the town.

Motorists and trail users will see athletes, volunteers, and “race in progress” signage along these routes. No road closures or trail closures will be in place. Please be mindful of racers and volunteers on roadways and trails.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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

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

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Council / Committee Meetings - Thursday, August 3, 2023

Bruce County Council and Committees met on August 3, 2023 beginning at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers and virtually through Teams. Video recordings of the meetings can be reviewed at www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes



August 03, 2023

Bruce County Council

Bruce County Councillor and Northern Bruce Peninsula Mayor, Milt McIver, was presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Coin for his many years of service and leadership in the community and the County. The award was presented by MP Alex Ruff.

Corporate Services Committee

Committee approved that the 2023 Non-Departmental budget be amended to reflect that the capital project ND-2023-002 Interior Hub Parking Lot Expansion & EV Charger Installation be amended to include an additional \$15,000 from Non-

Departmental Facilities Reserves to account for additional health and safety issues, revised quote for paving, and revised quote for electrical services. [Report](#)

Committee received a Q2 2023 Financial Statement Review. [Report](#)

Bruce County Housing Corporation

Committee received a building update on 308 John St., Walkerton. [Report](#)

Committee received the Q2 2023 Bruce County Housing Corporation Arrears Report. [Report](#)

Human Services Committee

Committee received the Q2 2023 Bruce County Community Housing Registry Waitlist Update. [Report](#)

Committee received the Q2 2023 Income and Support Services Update. [Report](#)

Committee received the Q2 2023 Licensed Child Care and Early Years Report. [Report](#)

Long Term Care Homes Committee of Management

Committee received the June and July 2023 Long Term Care Update Report. [Report](#)

Museum Committee

Committee receives a report on Museum initiatives. [Report](#)

Paramedic Services Committee

Committee approved that the 2023 Paramedic Services budget be amended to include funding for a generator, keyless entry system, and warning beacon, in the amount of approximately \$85,000 to be funded from the Paramedic Services Reserve and that the contractor be awarded the contract for the installation of the generator. [Report](#)

Committee received an update on the Port Elgin Paramedic Station Build. [Report](#)

This publication identifies highlights from recent Bruce County Council and Committee meetings. Bruce County's Office of the CAO maintains complete agendas and minutes from all Council and Committee meetings, which can be reviewed at www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes

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World class musicians take the stage at the BCM&CC August 20

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August 08, 2023

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Featuring the talent of New York City Ballet’s Sarah Pratt-Parsamian, Toronto Symphony Orchestra’s Shane Kim and JUNO nominated performing artist Caitlin Boyle, “Summer Symphony” is a chance for guests to indulge and immerse themselves in the rich history and tradition of classical music right here in Bruce County. A cash bar will be available.

The trio is organized by Sarah Pratt-Parsamian who hails from Listowel and is the founder and artistic director of Music on the

Bruce. This is the second year that the Museum will host the musicians after a successful concert last August.

This event costs \$15 for Museum members and \$20 for non-members.

Tickets can be purchased online at brucemuseum.ca or by calling 519-797-2080.

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2023 Scholarship Opportunity from the Bruce County Public Works Association

The Bruce County Public Works Association is offering a scholarship, valued at \$1,000, to be presented to an outstanding student in Bruce County enrolled in a program related to public works.



August 14, 2023

The Bruce County Public Works Association is offering a scholarship, valued at \$1,000, to be presented to an outstanding student in Bruce County enrolled in a program related to public works. This student must have completed one or more years of post-secondary education in the respective program. Selection is based on a combination of strong academic achievement, a demonstrated interest in public works at a municipal or county level, and leadership potential as evidenced through extracurricular or volunteer activities. Interested students from Bruce County who have completed at least one year are invited to apply.

Submit a completed [application](#), along with the other reward requirements, to the e-mail address of smcleod@arran-elderslie.ca no later than August 31, 2023. The successful candidate will receive confirmation of the

scholarship award by September 30, 2023. Any questions or inquiries can be directed to the e-mail address listed above.

[Apply Now!](#)

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Bruce County Seeks Public Feedback on Transit Needs and Priorities

Bruce County has been conducting a Transit Demand and Feasibility Study to get input on the need and demand for transit solutions for County residents, workers, students, and visitors.



August 14, 2023

Bruce County has been conducting a Transit Demand and Feasibility Study to get input on the need and demand for transit solutions for County residents, workers, students, and visitors. Input from the public through the Phase 1 survey, combined with valuable consultation with municipal partners and stakeholders, has identified key transportation needs across Bruce County.

The County is now looking for public feedback on the transportation needs identified across Bruce County in Phase 1 of the study, and to help prioritize those needs. Participating in the new [Phase 2 Survey](#) will help shape the kinds of services and solutions that will be considered for our region.

Submit the [Phase 2 Online Survey](#) by Friday, September 1, 2023. This opportunity to provide feedback will only take a few

minutes to complete. Responses will only be published in anonymous format to identify transit solutions and services that could be considered by Bruce County to address transit needs.

For those unable to complete the survey online,

Call or email to request a hardcopy of the survey be mailed to you:

1-519-881-1291

transit@brucecounty.on.ca

Fill in a hardcopy of the survey in-person at:

Walkerton Administration Centre (P.O. Box 70, 30 Park Street, Walkerton, ON)

Penetangore Hub (529 Gary Street, Kincardine, ON)

Lakeshore Hub (1243 MacKenzie Road, Port Elgin, ON)

Peninsula Hub (268 Berford St, Warton, ON)

Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre (33 Victoria Street North, Southampton, ON)

Any Bruce County Public Library Branch (see [Branch Locations](#))

“The input of residents, businesses, and visitors traveling in the communities of Bruce County is critical to understanding the need and demand for transit,” adds Warden Chris Peabody. “Council and Staff are eager to hear additional feedback from you as we consider the feasibility of different transit options to inform the future of transit in Bruce County.”

The objective of the Transit Demand and Feasibility Study is to review existing services, identify local travel needs, and present options for transportation solutions and services that could address identified needs across the County.

Thank you for participating in shaping the future of the County. We look forward to hearing your additional feedback in the Phase 2 Survey, available now!

Discover more about the Transit Demand and Feasibility Study at www.brucecounty.on.ca/TransitStudy.

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People's Choice Award to be announced at closing reception for Escarpment Roots, an exhibit by the Bruce Peninsula Society of Artists

Join us on Saturday, September 2, 2023 at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre for a last chance to view our summer exhibit Escarpment Roots: The Land, The People, The Story, where the winner of the People's Choice award will be announced.



August 21, 2023

Join us on Saturday, September 2, 2023 at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre for a last chance to view our summer exhibit Escarpment Roots: The Land, The People, The Story, where the winner of the People's Choice award will be announced.

During this free-to-attend closing reception from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, you will meet many of the artists from the Bruce Peninsula Society of Artists who have select pieces in this juried show, as well as enjoy light refreshments and a cash bar.

Closing remarks begin at 2:30 PM and will include the much-anticipated announcement of the People's Choice award. Throughout the summer visitors to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre have been casting their ballot for their favourite piece in this exhibition that explores the rich heritage and breathtaking landscapes of the Niagara Escarpment.

The show features captivating artworks created by talented local artists who draw inspiration from the unique essence of the region. Through various artistic mediums, the exhibition delves into the interplay between the land, its people, and the fascinating stories that shape the region's identity.

Admission to the exhibit closing reception event is free of charge and pieces from the collection are available for purchase. For full details and to RSVP, please visit brucemuseum.ca.

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About Bruce Peninsula Society of Artists

The Bruce Peninsula Society of Artists, established in 1997, is a renowned collective of local artists who are passionate about capturing the essence of the Bruce Peninsula through their creative endeavors. Through exhibitions, workshops, and community engagement, the society celebrates the region's natural beauty and cultural heritage. For more information, visit brucepeninsulaart.ca

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NOTICE: 2022 Audited Financial Statements Available for Public Review

Please take notice that Bruce County's 2022 Audited Financial Statements are available on the County website for public review.



August 28, 2023

Please take notice that Bruce County's 2022 Audited Financial Statements are available on the County website for public review. The 2022 Audited Financial Statements, as presented by B.D.O. & Company L.L.P., were approved by the Corporate Services Committee on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

Review Bruce County's [2022 Audited Financial Statements](#).

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Bruce County Apologizes For Offensive Comments Made By Councillor Michi

Bruce County Council would like to sincerely apologize to the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, and to all First Nations communities across our nation, for these unacceptable and hurtful comments.



August 28, 2023

Bruce County is aware of the audio clip that has been circulating online, which features offensive comments from South Bruce Peninsula Mayor Garry Michi. Mayor Michi is also a Bruce County Councillor; however, his comments do not reflect County Council's, nor County Staff's, position on capital projects and respectful relationship building. Bruce County will continue to review the situation.

Statement from Bruce County Warden Chris Peabody:

“Bruce County Council would like to sincerely apologize to the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, and to all First Nations communities across our nation, for these unacceptable and hurtful comments.

Bruce County is in full support of all federally-funded capital projects that support the Neyaashiingmiing community, including projects that will ensure access to safe drinking water for all First Nations People across Canada.”

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