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County Administration Buildings Closed for Labour Day Long Weekend

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August 29, 2023

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Bruce County Public Library Branches will be closed on Monday, September 4. Library Branches will be open for regular hours on Saturday, September 2 and Sunday, September 3. [Online resources](#) are available 24/7.

Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre will be open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, September 2, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 3, and 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Monday, September 4. The Museum Archives will be closed on Sunday, September 3 and Monday, September 4. www.brucemuseum.ca

EarlyON Child and Family Centre programming will be closed from Saturday, September 2 to Monday, September 4. EarlyON virtual programming and schedules are available [online](#).

For essential services, please call 211 to assist with accessing community services and support. The service is 24/7 and multilingual interpretation is available.

For emergencies, please call 911. For less serious incidents, report online by visiting opp.ca/reporting.

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Activity Assistance Program Gives More Children the Opportunity to Participate

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August 30, 2023

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The Child Activity Assistance Program (CAAP) is a fund available for families with a gross income of less than \$49,466.00. The fund assists families with the cost of activities such as school trips, school nutrition programs, extra-curricular activities, arts and cultural programs, Scouts/Embers, etc. This subsidy is available for dependent children, living at home, who are under the age of 18. The maximum CAAP funding is \$500.00 per year, per child.

Am I eligible?

You must be a Canadian Citizen and a resident of Bruce County. You must also provide verification of your gross income. Please forward all required application documents to CAAP@brucecounty.on.ca. You can also mail your documents to Bruce County Human Services at PO BOX 399, 30 Park Street, Walkerton, ON, N0G 2V0, or fax your documents to 519-881-4324.

“Bruce County’s Human Services department is here to help guide families through the subsidy application process,” said Tina Metcalfe, Director of Human Services, “When fees are a barrier for activities and programming, this assistance program can help give children the opportunity to participate.”

Discover more about the [Child Activity Assistance Program](#).

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Bruce County Seeks Public Input on 2024 Budget Priorities

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Each time you drive on the County roads and bridges, borrow a library book, use County trails, visit a loved one at the Brucelea Haven or Gateway Haven long term care homes, need planning services for your development, visit the Museum in Southampton, utilize employment or income support, or have paramedic services rush to your aid - you are using a Bruce County service.

Share input in the [2024 Budget Survey](#) by Sunday, September 17, 2023. This opportunity to provide feedback will only take a

few minutes to complete. Responses will only be published in anonymous format.

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

ehenley@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](#))

“In the upcoming Budget, we are looking to set collective goals and build a great County, together. The budget will help determine the level of service provided to Bruce County residents and will guide decisions on County infrastructure,” adds Warden Chris Peabody. “Council and Staff are eager to hear feedback from you as we consider key priorities that will be reflected in the 2024 budget.”

Thank you for participating in shaping the future of the County. We look forward to hearing your feedback in the [2024 Budget Survey](#), available now!

Discover more about the 2024 Budget Survey at www.brucecounty.on.ca/budget.

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Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Launches New Website

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Grey Bruce CSWBP

Community Safety & Well-Being Planning

September 05, 2023

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What is Community Safety and Well-Being Planning (CSWBP) Bruce-Grey?

The goal of CSWBP is to achieve sustainable communities where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging and opportunities to participate, and where individuals and families can meet their needs for education, healthcare, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression.

The ongoing work of CSWBP is supported by an advisory committee representing over 70 partners from across Bruce and Grey who are working together to address crime prevention by investing in social development, prevention and risk intervention. This upstream preventative model focuses on protecting individuals against risk factors that may make them vulnerable to crime and victimization.

The CSWBP website includes information about the history and goals of the planning process, the provincial framework and background of this work, and local resources focused on areas of priority. The updated website will make it easier for everyone to find information and learn about new developments as this work progresses. Regular updates will be shared on the website, and there is a call to action where anyone can reach out with a question, refer an issue of concern, or become more involved by participating in an Action Table.

Expanding our collective understanding of crime and crime prevention is an important part of this work. This updated website will continue to provide resources that will help identify where we need to advocate, build capacity, or shift approaches to meet identified needs. A collaborative, preventative approach to crime prevention encourages everyone in our community to work together as we address issues that are important to the safety and well-being of the residents of Bruce and Grey.

How Can I Learn More?

One of the goals of CSWBP is ensuring a coordinated approach that leverages existing work and expertise, avoids duplication, and identifies opportunities for further action. As we work together to ensure our communities meet the needs of safety and belonging for everyone who calls this region home, we always welcome ideas, suggestions, and feedback from members of the community.

If you have an issue you would like to see addressed as part of this planning framework, please visit:

<https://cswbp.brucecounty.on.ca/contact>

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Youth on Reconciliation exhibit opens at BCM&CC September 18

On September 18, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre will open an exhibition from the Legacy of Hope Foundation: Youth on Reconciliation. The exhibition is open to the public and runs until November 30, 2023.



September 06, 2023

On September 18, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, in partnership with the Legacy of Hope Foundation (LHF), Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON), Saugeen Advocacy for Healing, M'Wiwedong Indigenous Friendship Centre, Bruce Grey Catholic School Board, Bluewater District School Board, Grey Bruce Community Legal Clinic and Grey Bruce Health Services are pleased to open the exhibition from the Legacy of Hope Foundation: Youth on Reconciliation. The exhibition is open to the public and runs until November 30, 2023.

The exhibition from the LHF features artworks and poems by winners of the first Imagine a Canada competition (in March 2016) and explores the concept of Reconciliation through artistic expression and what that means to youth in Canada. The project committee members have been collaborating to ensure that additional components, programming elements and local

resources have been included to ensure a more localized and educational experience. 21 Things About the Indian Act, UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples), wellness and educational resources as well as weekly informal discussions / reflections with community members from Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation are some of the additional elements that will be available in the exhibition.

As a special addition to the exhibition, young people are encouraged to create an original artwork in any medium inspired by what the future of Canada can look like through the lens of hope, respect, and Reconciliation. Submitted artworks will be featured in the exhibit space. All art entries received by September 14 will be included in a draw for a chance to win a Nintendo Switch Lite. For full details on how to participate, visit brucemuseum.ca.

Proudly presented by Enbridge. Complimentary general admission applies to all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people during regular museum hours. Museum members free. General admission applies.

About the Legacy of Hope Foundation

The Legacy of Hope Foundation (LHF) is a national, Indigenous-led, charitable organization that has been working to promote healing and Reconciliation in Canada for more than 23 years. The LHF's goal is to educate and raise awareness about the history and existing intergenerational impacts of Residential School Systems (RSS) and subsequent Sixties Scoop (SS) on Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, and Metis) Survivors, their descendants, and their communities to promote healing and Reconciliation.

About Imagine a Canada

Imagine a Canada is an annual national art and essay competition sponsored by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation in collaboration with Rideau Hall. It asks young people to share their thoughts on what the future of Canada can look like through the lens of hope, respect, and Reconciliation.

About the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

The Bruce County Museum & 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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Council / Committee Meetings - Thursday, September 7, 2023

Bruce County Council and Committees met on September 7, 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



September 07, 2023

Bruce County Council

Council received a letter from Honourable Lisa Thompson regarding the Increasing Dead Stock Capacity Initiative. [Communication](#)

Council received communications from the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding Red Tape Reduction for Designated Broadband Projects. [Communication](#)

Council heard a delegation from Nuclear Innovation Institute (Chad Richards, Director Policy and Partnerships) regarding the Clean Energy Frontier Program. [Delegation](#)

Council heard a delegation update from Western Ontario Wardens Caucus (Kate Gallagher, Executive Director). [Delegation](#)

Council held a Public Meeting to provide a review of the Development Charges proposal and to receive public input on the proposed policies and charges. Bruce County's Development Charges Consultant, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd, presented their report with recommended charges. [Report](#)

Planning & Development Committee

Committee approved the Draft Plan of Subdivision S-2022-015 (Tidman), subject to the Conditions of Draft Approval and Draft Plan. [Report](#)

Human Services Committee

Committee approved the expenditure of the Home Repair Revolving reserve funds of the Ontario Renovates revolving fund up to a limit of \$90,000. [Report](#)

Committee received a report on Exploring Options & Opportunities for Home-Sharing in Bruce County. [Report](#)

Transportation & Environmental Services Committee

Committee approved that the ownership of Concession 7 Road between Sideroad 30 South and Bruce Road 1 be transferred to the Municipality of Kincardine and that a by-law be created to enable the transfer. [Report](#)

Committee approved that a by-law be introduced to establish and assume Bruce Road 6 East from Bismark Street North to Grey Road 10, in the Municipality of South Bruce, as a public highway under the jurisdiction of Bruce County. [Report](#)

Executive Committee

Committee approved support for the Grey Bruce Health Services Addictions and Mental Health Wellness and Treatment Centre by contributing \$500,000 to the project over a five-year period. Committee directed Staff to include the contribution in the 2024 to 2028 Budget and Forecast. The Committee also directed Staff to return with recommendations to create a special levy to support healthcare capital expenditures. [Report](#)

Committee approved the Community Development Office and directed staff to explore potential long-term funding opportunities. [Report](#)

Committee received the Q2 2023 Business Plan Update. [Report](#)

Committee received an update on the Bruce County Indigenous Reconciliation Planning Initiative. [Report](#)

Corporate Services Committee

Committee received the 2021 Annual Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report. [Report](#)

Committee received the 2024-2028 Budget Preliminary Presentation. [Report](#)

Information Technology Services Committee

Committee approved to have the County enter a ride-sharing system partnership with Bruce Power through contract for services with the RideShark corporation. Year 1 costs of \$38,000 paid by Bruce Power, year 2 and onward operating costs of \$16,000 funded at 50% by each party and that this be represented in the Transportation and Environmental Services budget effective September 2024 forward. [Report](#)

Human Resources Committee

Committee received the 2023 Non-Union Salary Market Review. [Report](#)

Museum Committee

Committee approved deaccession from the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre's collection the items listed in the "Archival Items Recommended for Deaccession September 2023". [Report](#)

Committee approved funding of \$37,894.85 plus HST, and any minor adjustments that have not yet been identified, to complete the Detailed Component Requirements and Implementation Plan for the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, financed from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (TSR). [Report](#)

Committee received the September 2023 Museum Report. [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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Bruce and Grey Counties Celebrate Welcoming Week: September 8 to 17

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September 08, 2023

Bruce County and Grey County are joining the Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership (GBLIP), and Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) in celebrating Welcoming Week 2023.

Welcoming Week, September 8 to 17, is a time to recognize and celebrate the people, places and values that help everyone feel welcome and give us a sense of belonging in their local community, no matter where we come from.

“By working together, we can achieve greater prosperity and make Bruce County the kind of place where diverse people from around the world feel valued and want to put down roots,” says Bruce County Warden Chris Peabody. “New residents are a vital part of our community — bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses and contributing to the vibrant

diversity that we all value.”

Bruce and Grey County’s success depends on making sure that all residents feel at home here, and that starts with welcoming newcomers into our communities.

“Our communities are growing and becoming more diverse. It’s important to be a good neighbour all year round, but Welcoming Week is a great opportunity to reach out to someone new in your community and introduce yourself and show them some Grey County hospitality,” says Grey County Warden Brian Milne.

Several activities are planned throughout the two counties during Welcoming Week. From Friday, September 8 to Sunday, September 17, GBLIP is collaborating with community partners on a variety of in-person and virtual activities for both new and long-time residents.

On Friday, September 8, at 11:00 AM, attend [a presentation about the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Ontario Human Rights Code](#) at the Chesley, Kincardine and Port Elgin libraries. Refreshments provided.

On Tuesday, September 12, newcomers to Canada, to Grey, Bruce, or the Municipality of Kincardine are invited to a meet and greet from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Kincardine Welcome Centre (707 Queen Street). Drop in at any time and enjoy some light refreshments, connect with others and learn about services in your community.

On Wednesday, September 13, join the Owen Sound Police Service for an Open House and Information Night for Newcomers. Drop by at 6:00 PM for a guided tour, and learn about common frauds and scams, personal and community safety, and more. Coffee, tea and snacks provided.

During Welcoming Week (September 8 to 17), from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily, the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre extends a warm welcome to newcomers in Canada by [offering free admission](#) via the [Canoo App](#). On Friday, September 15, enjoy a free guided tour; please contact Evan Vatri at evatri@brucecounty.on.ca to reserve your spot.

On Saturday, September 16, Grey Roots Museum and Archives is open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with entry by donation. See the [full list events](#).

In addition to the planned events, all community members and business owners are also invited to participate in Welcoming Week by renewing a commitment to our core values as Canadians and by taking action in the spirit of welcoming.

Ten Ways to Welcome a Newcomer to Your Community:

1. Ask questions and listen to others.
2. Diversify your news sources.
3. Volunteer to become a newcomer host in your community.
4. Support a small business run by a newcomer.
5. Attend a diversity workshop or a training on inter-cultural awareness.
6. Bring a small gift of homemade food to the home of a newcomer and introduce yourself.
7. Attend a cultural activity or event.
8. Donate to an immigrant settlement agency.
9. Form a refugee sponsorship group.
10. Be willing and interested in incorporating new things into your community to create a welcoming, all inclusive community for everyone!

To stay up to date on all programs, events and initiatives offered by GBLIP, visit greybrucelip.ca.

About Welcoming Week

Welcoming Week is an annual campaign and celebration to showcase the movement of communities striving to be more welcoming places for all, including immigrants.

About Welcoming International

Welcoming International is an initiative that consists of several programs: the Welcoming International Alliance of peer national networks supporting local actors to advance immigrant inclusion at the community level across the world, local-to-local learning exchanges, and technical assistance to national institutions on welcoming standards and strategies. Learn more at welcominginternational.org.

About Grey-Bruce Local Immigration Partnership:

The GBLIP recognizes that immigration will continue to play a key role in the economic future of Grey and Bruce Counties. To support better immigration outcomes, the Partnership administers the GBLIP – a collaborative, community initiative designed to improve the integration of newcomers in Grey Bruce. Launched in June 2020, the GBLIP works at the local level to foster a community that is welcoming and inclusive and to support newcomers in becoming fully engaged in the social, economic, political, and cultural life of Grey and Bruce Counties.

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Applications Open for Business Grant Programs in Bruce County

Aspiring entrepreneurs can successfully start or expand a business in Bruce County. Our diverse economy helps set the stage. And Business to Bruce offers financial support through two grant programs now open for applications: the Starter Company Plus program and the Tourism Innovation Lab Spark Mentorship and Grants program.



September 11, 2023

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The [Starter Company Plus program](#) is a training and mentorship program that gives entrepreneurs the resources, knowledge, and guidance for starting or expanding a business in Bruce County.

The [Tourism Innovation Lab Spark Mentorship and Grants program](#) supports Bruce County residents (full or part-time),

entrepreneurs, small businesses, non-profits, and community groups to come forward with creative ideas that will generate sustainable tourism opportunities, experiences, and partnerships.

About Starter Company Plus

Starter Company Plus is a business development program that helps entrepreneurs develop the skills you need to run your business with confidence and create a solid plan for a business to reduce the risk. When enrolled in the Starter Company Plus Program, entrepreneurs work one on one with a business advisor and mentor every step of the way. The program is administered by Business to Bruce, on behalf of the Government of Ontario.

Our workshops and training sessions provide entrepreneurs with the resources, knowledge and tools they need, from business fundamentals, marketing and market research, and finances to operations and human resources.

Knowledge share and learn from like-minded people while networking with other entrepreneurs in Bruce County. Once training is complete, the applicant is invited to present their completed business plan and financial forecast to a grant panel to be eligible for a micro-grant of up to \$5,000.

Important Considerations for Starter Company Plus:

Register for an [Orientation Session](#) to learn more about the Starter Company Plus program and how to apply.

Applications will be accepted until October 13, 2023.

[Learn more about eligibility.](#)

Since its launch in 2017, the Starter Company Plus program, delivered through Bruce County's Business to Bruce program, has provided grant funding to 54 entrepreneurs.

About Tourism Innovation Lab

The [Tourism Innovation Lab Spark Mentorship and Grant program](#) supports ideas that will create new opportunities for the tourism industry and address gaps in our current offerings to make tourism in Bruce County more innovative, accessible, diverse and sustainable.

The Program is a partnership between the Government of Ontario, Tourism Innovation Lab, Bruce County, Bruce Power, and Bruce Grey Simcoe (Regional Tourism Organization 7).

Whether you are an individual, a start-up or an established small business or non-profit organization, there can be many challenges and barriers to bringing a new tourism idea, experience or partnership to fruition.

The Spark Program will match selected candidates with a tourism **mentor** and provide a source of **financial support** to help take your new tourism idea to the next level of development.

“Supporting tourism innovation is critical to the long-term sustainability, competitiveness and success of this important economic sector in Canada,” says Justin Lafontaine, program lead, Tourism Innovation Lab.

Important Considerations:

Register for virtual [Launch Event](#), taking place on September 19 at 11:00 AM.

Register for the [Program Information Session](#) on October 4 from 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM.

Applications will be accepted from September 19 to October 19, 2023

[Learn more about the program.](#)

About Business to Bruce

Business to Bruce, operated by Bruce County Economic Development, provides information and support to entrepreneurs during start-up and growth stages of business operation. Seminars, workshops, and special events are held throughout the year, on topics of interest to various types of businesses. Funded in part by the Government of Ontario, Business to Bruce attracts

the attention of entrepreneurially-minded individuals within specific target audiences and connects them with local entrepreneurial leaders. [Business to Bruce](#) administers the popular [Summer Company program](#) for student entrepreneurs, [Tourism Innovation Lab](#) and the highly successful [Starter Company Plus program](#).

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Bold colours and big scale inspire in new Heather Lynne Travis art exhibit opening September 16

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre welcomes guests to the opening of This Must Be the Place, an art show by local artist Heather Lynne Travis, on Saturday, September 16 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.



September 11, 2023

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre welcomes guests to the opening of This Must Be the Place, an art show by local artist Heather Lynne Travis, on Saturday, September 16 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Attendees of this free event will have a first look at the exhibit, which uses bold colours, big scale and creative storytelling to invite new conversations around childless heroes – including pop culture icons like Dolly Parton, Ina Garten, Missy Elliott, and others – and to facilitate positive discourse on a sometimes-taboo topic.

Opening remarks for this free event will take place at 2:30 PM. A cash bar and light refreshments will be available. To attend, please RSVP at brucemuseum.ca.

This exhibit is supported by the [Canada Council for the Arts](#).

As part of the Museum's Culture Days initiatives, additional free programming for the exhibit will take place this fall, with a guided tour led by Heather Lynne Travis on October 5 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Guests will have a chance to view the collection of over 30 artworks on display through the lens of the artist's own perspective and get creative by contributing to a special art community canvas. Registration can be found at brucemuseum.ca.

About Heather Lynne Travis

Bruce County-based artist Heather Lynne Travis is known for her bold use of colour in her large scale, and often whimsical abstracts. A lifelong artist selling mainly to family and friends, Heather has been exhibiting professionally (and selling art to strangers) since 2018 and in that short time has gathered a community of fans and collectors. Heather's work has been featured at the TOM Thomson Art Gallery, LOFT Gallery, and others.

About Culture Days

Culture Days is a national celebration of arts and culture. At the end of each September, millions of people attend thousands of free participatory arts and culture events across the country both in-person and online. Culture Days programs invite the public to get hands-on and behind-the-scenes to highlight the importance of arts and culture in our communities.

About the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

The Bruce County Museum & 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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Bruce County Seeking Registered Nurses for Long Term Care Team in Wiarton!

Bruce County is seeking Part-Time and Full-Time Registered Nurses, and a Clinical Care Coordinator (RN) at Gateway Haven in Wiarton. Successful hires may be eligible for a \$1,000 signing incentive. Newly graduated RN's are eligible for \$25,000 in grant funding, in exchange for a two-year commitment to Gateway Haven.



September 12, 2023

Bruce County is now recruiting Registered Nurses for our wonderful long term care home in Wiarton.

Long Term Care RNs do very important work in our community, caring for our senior residents. Their efforts ensure Bruce County's long term care homes are where residents live with dignity, safety, security, and comfort. Join our amazing team and help us put Residents First, Every Day, Every Way.

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grant funding, in exchange for a two-year commitment to Gateway Haven.

Explore RN opportunities to fit your lifestyle at www.brucecounty.on.ca/jobs.

Registered Nurses that join Bruce County’s amazing long term care team enjoy a new work environment, new equipment, competitive wages, incentives, employer paid health benefits, and a great union (ONA) and pension (OMERS).

RN Wage Range: \$35.00 – \$50.12* per hour

*Gateway Haven recognizes previous experience to elevate hourly wage.

Apply online: www.brucecounty.on.ca/jobs.

Apply via email: Send your resume to employment@brucecounty.on.ca

Additional Information about Living and Working in Bruce County:

Find what you’ve been looking for: <https://living.brucecounty.on.ca/newcomer>

Make Bruce County your home: <https://living.brucecounty.on.ca/relocate>

Your adventure with Bruce County starts here!

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Request For Tender: Seeking Snow Removal Contractors for the County's Housing Facilities

Please take notice of the Request For Tender (RFT) posted where Bruce County is seeking qualified Snow Removal Contractors for snow removal at the County's Housing Facilities in Tobermory, Tara, Chesley, Paisley, Mildmay, Teeswater, Lucknow, and Ripley.



September 13, 2023

Please take notice of the Request For Tender (RFT) posted where Bruce County is seeking qualified Snow Removal Contractors for snow removal at the County's Housing Facilities in Tobermory, Tara, Chesley, Paisley, Mildmay, Teeswater, Lucknow, and Ripley.

This RFT closes on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

The Request for Tender document and more information can be found on Bruce County's Bids and Tenders site at www.brucecounty.on.ca/bruce-county-bids.

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Bruce County Public Library's TD Summer Reading Club Continues to Break Records

Bruce County Public Library (BCPL) is thrilled to announce the outstanding success of its 2023 Summer Reading Club, which shattered all previous years' records with an incredible 280,142 minutes of reading logged.

BCPL held their annual Summer Reading Club kick-off event at the Lucknow Branch on June 17 this year. This much-anticipated event started with the always entertaining Magic of Scott Dietrich and author readings with Dorothy Ladd and Doug Archer. Throughout the day, families could experience science through STEAM activities with NII while being transformed into mythical creatures through the face-painting talents of Wyllow's Whimsies. It was a perfect way to start summer.

Branches hosted weekly Summer Reading Club meetings all summer long based on a theme that fell under the summer heading of 'Check It Out!' Each meeting included staff-created programs with literacy-focused activities, games, and Story Times. There were also many special programs and visits to the Branches all through the summer. Canadian Raptor Conservatory brought their Birds of Prey show to Tobermory and Port Elgin Branches, and an incredible 173 people came out to visit the Scales Nature Reserve's reptiles and amphibians presentation at Chesley Park.

This year, the Summer Reading Club introduced BINGO through the online reading challenge platform Beanstack. Beanstack auto-filled the reader's card as they earned virtual reading and activity badges. Kids who finished the entire card by completing 40

hours of reading and all eight activities received an additional book prize. Forty-four children across Bruce County reached this milestone!

‘The response from the community has been truly heartwarming, as we all worked together to combat the summer slide. We couldn’t be prouder of our readers for their enthusiasm and our Library staff who promoted the magic of reading weekly through their Summer Reading Club meetings,’ said Program Coordinator Nancy Kuhl.

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!



Summer Reading Club Kick-Off at the Lucknow Branch



! Show Me How

A very excited SRC prize winner from our Teeswater 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.

 Show Me How

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Bruce County Celebrates Residents' Council Week – September 11 to 17, 2023

Bruce County is celebrating all residents that live in the Brucelea Haven and Gateway Haven long term care homes during Residents' Council Week, from September 11 to September 17.



September 13, 2023

Bruce County is celebrating all residents that live in the Brucelea Haven and Gateway Haven long term care homes during Residents' Council Week, from September 11 to September 17.

Residents' Councils play an important role in shaping the place residents call home. These Councils bring residents together as peers to discuss issues of importance, and to stay connected and engaged in home operations and decision-making. The Council is designed to form the collective voice of all residents who reside in the long term care home, whether or not they attend meetings. All residents have the right to participate in the Residents' Council.

"We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to our Residents' Councils at Brucelea Haven and Gateway Haven. The

Residents' Council in both homes provide active and valuable advice to the home management teams to ensure that Bruce County's long term care home motto of Residents First, Every day, Every way is being fulfilled", said Megan Garland, Director of Long Term Care and Senior Services.

Discover [education supports](#) designed to strengthen and build capacity for Residents' Councils in long term care homes.

Discover more about [Long Term Care in Bruce County](#).

Join our team! Explore a mix of great LTC career opportunities at www.brucecounty.on.ca/jobs

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UPDATE: Paisley Bridge Replacement Project Progresses On Budget

The Paisley Bridge replacement project, located on Bruce Road 3 in Paisley, Ontario, began in May 2022 and continues to successfully progress on budget. Motorists can continue to drive to and through Paisley while bridge construction is underway. Paisley businesses are open.



September 18, 2023

The Paisley Bridge replacement project, located on Bruce Road 3 in Paisley, Ontario, began in May 2022 and continues to successfully progress on budget. Motorists can continue to drive to and through Paisley while bridge construction is underway. Paisley businesses are open.

The new bridge being constructed will allow for more river

flow clearance and will have a service life of 75 years. The culvert abutments and retaining walls have been poured. The remaining work includes parapet walls, approach slabs, backfill, waterproofing, and paving.

This construction project also includes work by the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie on Queen Street, north of the bridge. The sanitary mainline is finished, sanitary services and water services are completed, and watermain installation is nearing completion. The concrete curbs and sidewalks are underway and storm sewer installation is expected to be completed within the next couple weeks.

It is anticipated that the bridge and roadwork will be completed in late October of 2023, with top lift paving being completed in the summer of 2024. Once the new bridge and road are open to traffic, the temporary bridge removal will begin.

The temporary bridge in-town detour for motorists and pedestrians continues to successfully connect Goldie Street and Church Street, over the Saugeen River. Semi-trucks, tractor trailers, and agricultural equipment are to avoid crossing at the bridge in Paisley during the construction period due to the tight turns of the in-town detour. Alternate Truck Routes have been established and signage is in place. Businesses using large trucks for shipments and deliveries are encouraged to make alternative route plans to avoid the in-town detour. View the Alternate Truck Route Map at www.brucecounty.on.ca/paisleybridge

Projected Timeline

Temporary Bridge in Operation - August 2022 to Late October 2023

New Bridge Construction - August 2022 to Late October 2023

New Infrastructure Construction North of New Bridge - Started in 2023

Temporary Bridge Demolition - Starting in Late October 2023

Need Support?

For Business Support, contact Business to Bruce at 1-800-268-3838 or info@businesstobruce.com

For Construction Inquiries, contact Bruce County Transportation & Environmental Services at 519-881-2400 or transportationinfo@brucecounty.on.ca

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete this important infrastructure work in Bruce County.

Additional Information

The Teeswater River Bridge in Paisley was constructed in

1935 and provided over 85 years of service to the community. Looby Construction Ltd. is the contractor for this construction project and BM Ross is the Project Engineer. Partial funding for this project is provided by the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF).

Discover more at www.brucecounty.on.ca/paisleybridge.

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Bruce County Recruiting Plow Drivers and Road Patrollers for the Winter Season!

Bruce County is now recruiting experienced Truck and Plow Drivers and Road Patrollers for the winter patrol in Lucknow, Walkerton, Paisley, and Warton.



September 18, 2023

Bruce County is now recruiting experienced Truck and Plow Drivers and Road Patrollers for the winter patrol in Lucknow, Walkerton, Paisley, and Warton.

Bruce County's seasonal patrol does very important work to improve the safety and efficiency of our communities and road networks. Available jobs will involve operating snow plows and sanders, and coordinating road maintenance in

the winter months.

These are great opportunities for motivated, local residents looking for independent, seasonal work and competitive wages. Positions will get started on November 1, 2023 and go until mid-April 2024.

Explore Winter Patrol opportunities at www.brucecounty.on.ca/jobs.

Important Information:

DZ or AZ license, a clean driving record, and experience driving in winter conditions are required.

Applicants must also be able to report to their local patrol shop within thirty minutes of call-ins.

Weekday-guaranteed hours in some roles.

Weekend-only hours in some roles.

Apply by phone: Call Tanya in Human Resources at 226-909-3184

Apply online: www.brucecounty.on.ca/jobs

Apply via email: Send your resume to employment@brucecounty.on.ca

Join our Team! Your adventure with Bruce County starts here!

The Bruce County Transportation and Environmental Services Department has approximately 650 km of road and approximately 148 bridges under its jurisdiction. The department administers a road system composed of 'collector and arterial' roads, and this system provides a consistent level of service between local urban, industrial, commercial, and recreational centres.

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Program Offers Grants and Mentorships to “Spark” New Sustainable Tourism Ideas for Bruce County

A fifth round of the “Spark” Mentorship & Grants Program has been launched to encourage Bruce County entrepreneurs, small businesses, and non-profit organizations to create new sustainable tourism ideas for the region.



September 19, 2023

A fifth round of the “Spark” Mentorship & Grants Program has been launched to encourage Bruce County entrepreneurs, small businesses, and non-profit organizations to create new sustainable tourism ideas for the region.

The program provides selected applicants with a \$3,000 grant, mentorship and additional partner support to help get them started. Previous Bruce County participants were selected for forest bathing experiences, guided land-based

and on-water ecotours, mobile SUP Board rentals, Indigenous tourism experiences, wellness retreats, transparent kayak adventures, dog-sledding tours, and winter glamping retreats.

Organizers are looking for sustainable tourism ideas that will enhance Bruce County's current tourism offerings, create high-quality, low impact tourism experiences, address gaps in tourism products and services, motivate longer stays and repeat visits, and increase shoulder season visits and tourism spending.

The Bruce County "Spark" Mentorship & Grants Program is a partnership between Bruce County, Bruce Power, Regional Tourism Organization 7 (RTO7) and the Tourism Innovation Lab.

"Bruce County is proud to partner with Tourism Innovation Lab, Bruce Power and Regional Tourism Organization 7 (RTO7) to offer mentorship and grants to innovative entrepreneurs through the "Spark" Program. This partnership aims to encourage and support entrepreneurs to offer sustainable tourism experiences in Bruce County," says Bruce County Warden Chris Peabody.

"The "Spark" Mentorship and Grants Program rewards innovation within our community, and we are excited to continue to support this project and its goals," said John Peevers, Bruce Power's Director of Community and Media Relations, and Economic Development. "Innovation is a part of our company culture and this program aligns with our approach to acknowledging and rewarding the development of new ideas and promoting economic growth in our community."

"RTO7 is pleased to continue to partner on the launch of the 5th Edition of the Bruce County Innovation Lab. We feel that this program creates a fantastic support system for people with new and innovative ideas that help build a sustainable tourism industry" said Bill Sullivan, CEO, RTO7.

"Since 2019, we have been inspired by the creativity, passion and innovative spirit of our Bruce County "Spark" Program winners. We are excited to continue to spark and support new sustainable tourism ideas across the region," said Justin Lafontaine, Program Lead, Tourism Innovation Lab.

Applications will be accepted from September 19th to October 19th, 2023. Following a juried review process, finalists will be invited to a Pitch Session where three winners will be selected.

For more information on the Bruce County "Spark" Program and to register for an upcoming Info Session visit

Bruce County is an upper-tier municipality in Southwestern Ontario, Canada, made up of 8 lower-tier municipalities and 68,423 residents. The explorers who visit, live, and work here are the dreamers who take roads less travelled and see tried and true as an invitation to try something new. Be an Explorer and call Bruce County home.

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Temporary Closure at Carrick Tract for Parking Expansion

Carrick Tract trail users are advised that the parking area and trails will be closed from Tuesday, September 26, 2023 to Friday, September 29, 2023 for tree removal and parking expansion.



September 20, 2023

Carrick Tract trail users are advised that the parking area and trails will be closed from Tuesday, September 26, 2023 to Friday, September 29, 2023 for tree removal and parking expansion.

This closure is necessary to keep the public safe while improvements are taking place. The expansion of the parking area will improve public access to the property. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Bruce County apologizes for any inconveniences that these restrictions may have.

The Carrick Tract property is located at 732 Huron-Bruce Road, east of Bruce Road 28, within the Municipality of South Bruce.

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Temporary Closure of Bruce County Rail Trail from Sideroad 30 to Sideroad 35 (South Bruce)

Please take notice that the Bruce County Rail Trail between Sideroad 30 and Sideroad 35 in the Municipality of South Bruce will be closed for one day on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 for culvert replacement work. There will be no trail access in this location and no bypass will be placed during the closure.



September 21, 2023

Please take notice that the Bruce County Rail Trail between Sideroad 30 and Sideroad 35 in the Municipality of South Bruce will be closed for one day on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 for culvert replacement work. There will be no trail access in this location and no bypass will be placed during the closure.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Bruce County apologizes for any inconveniences that these

restrictions may have.

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Council / Committee Meetings - Thursday, September 21, 2023

Bruce County Council and Committees met on September 21, 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



September 21, 2023

Planning & Development Committee

Committee members welcomed Mayor Jay Kirkland, who represented South Bruce Peninsula at the Bruce County Council and Committees table.

Committee members highlighted that they are wearing Every Child Matters pins as part of Bruce County's Truth and Reconciliation efforts. The pins feature artwork designed exclusively for Bruce County by Taylor

Cameron, an emerging woodland artist from Saugeen First Nation No. 29.

After a public meeting, Committee deferred to a later date a decision on Bruce County Official Plan Amendment Application C-2022-016 for lands described as Part Lots 18 & 19, Concession 2 (Amabel) in the Township of South Bruce Peninsula. [Report](#)

After a public meeting, Committee approved Official Plan Amendment Number C-2022-003 (Noah Martin). [Report](#)

After a public meeting, Committee approved Bruce County Official Plan Amendment C-2023-006 (Goetz). [Report](#)

Committee approved Consent B-2023-030 (Korpikoski), subject to conditions. [Report](#)

Committee received an update on the 2023 Summer Company Program. [Report](#)

Committee received an update on the Incentives and Community Improvement Plan. [Report](#)

Transportation & Environmental Services Committee

Committee received the Bruce County Active Transportation and Recreational Trails Master Plan. [Report](#)

Committee recommended approval of a by-law to regulate the use of lands known as the Bruce County Rail Trail and County Forests. Committee approved to repeal By-law Number 2022-066. [Report](#)

Committee approved to reallocate \$75,000 from the 2023 Capital project 2021-050 Anti-icing Equipment Purchase to fund the purchase of two snow-blowers and the refurbishment of a V-plow. [Report](#)

Human Resources Committee

Committee received the 2023 Health and Safety Review. [Report](#)

Corporate Services Committee

Committee referred Development Charge recommendations to a staff report for an upcoming meeting. [Agenda](#)

Bruce County Council Meeting

Council approved:

a by-law to Establish a Portion of Land, known as Bruce Road 6 East, as Part of the Public Highway System for Bruce County and to Assume and Dedicate the said Lands for Road Purposes.

a by-law to Remove Certain Roads and Road Widening Lands from the County Road System for the purpose of transferring part of Concession 7 Road to the Municipality of Kincardine.

a by-law to adopt Amendment Number C-2022-003 to the Bruce County Official Plan.

a by-law to adopt Amendment Number C-2023-006 to the Bruce County Official Plan.

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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Notice: Intersection Closure in Walkerton on Tuesday, September 26

Please take notice that there will be a complete closure of the Jackson Street and Durham Street intersection in the Town of Walkerton on Tuesday, September 26, beginning at 7:00 AM.



September 22, 2023

Please take notice that there will be a complete closure of the Jackson Street and Durham Street intersection in the Town of Walkerton on Tuesday, September 26, beginning at 7:00 AM.

This closure is to carry out maintenance and upgrade work on traffic light poles within the intersection.

Traffic will be detoured on Scott Street over to McNab Street.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete this important infrastructure work in Bruce County.

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Innovative tech in Healthcare and Maritime industries the topic of upcoming talk at BCM&CC

The Muse-Talks series continues at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre on October 11 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM with a double-feature presentation on new technologies that are revolutionizing both the healthcare and maritime industries, featuring guest speakers from Georgian College.



September 25, 2023

The Muse-Talks series continues at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre on October 11 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM with a double-feature presentation on new technologies that are revolutionizing both the healthcare and maritime industries, featuring guest speakers from Georgian College.

Dr. Treva Job, manager of the Simulation Centre for Health, Wellness, and Sciences at Georgian College, will guide

guests through a hands-on demonstration with hi-tech nursing manikins—the latest in educational healthcare technology.

In this talk, Dr. Treva will show guests the real-life scenarios that manikins are able to simulate to prepare nurses for a wide variety of medical situations, how the virtual feedback they produce can prevent future errors, and how this technology is evolving as a result of AI.

In the second half of the evening, Captain Colin MacNeil, an instructor in Georgian College's Marine Navigation and Marine Engineering advanced diploma program, will present his talk on how technology is revolutionizing the maritime world.

Captain MacNeil will be joined by team members at the Centre for Marine Training and Research (CMTR), recognized as Central Canada's marine centre of excellence, and will discuss the significance of the marine sector in everyday life and how simulation of live-fire and in-water training is helping to prepare mariners for emergency events on the open water.

Tickets are available at brucemuseum.ca and are \$10 for Museum Members and \$20 for Non-Members.

Grade 11 and 12 students enrolled in Health and Wellness Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSMs) or Marine Navigation and Marine Engineering Programs will receive FREE admission to this event at the door. All other students receive special admission price of \$6.

The Muse Talks program is proudly presented by Georgian College.

About the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

The Bruce County Museum & 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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