



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – An opportunity for education and reflection

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September 28, 2023

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education and to wear an orange shirt in honor of the survivors and in memory of those who did not.

Throughout September, the "Every Child Matters" flag has been flown at prominent County locations. On Saturday, September 30, it will be respectfully lowered to half-mast.

In pursuit of our ongoing reconciliation efforts, Bruce County is committed to an Indigenous Reconciliation Planning Initiative. This initiative seeks to promote Indigenous cultural awareness and intercultural competency within the County, with the goal of developing a collaborative Indigenous Reconciliation Plan.

In September, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, in partnership with various organizations, facilitated several impactful initiatives. These efforts included hosting Kairos Blanket Exercises with the support of Canadian Heritage (September 21, 22 & 23), the creation of a special ribbon skirt display for Orange Shirt Day, donated by Saugeen First Nation Library, and active participation in Truth and Reconciliation activities at GC Huston Public School and Saugeen First Nation's Minjimendaamin (We Remember) bridge gathering event. Furthermore, the museum collaborated with organizations such as the Legacy of Hope Foundation, Saugeen Ojibway Nation, and more to unveil the compelling '[Youth on Reconciliation](#)' exhibition, showcasing artistic works and poems from Imagine a Canada competition winners, offering valuable insights into the significance of Reconciliation for Canada's youth. This exhibition is further supported by community members from the Chippewas of Saugeen and Chippewas of Nawash for a more personal perspective on the exhibit and deeper insights through conversation to better understand Truth before Reconciliation – each Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Additionally, the Bruce County Public Library is honoured to have Priscilla Yellowhead Tobey at the Warton Branch at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 28 and at the Tobermory Branch at 1:00 PM on Friday, September 29 for an excellent opportunity to learn more about the local Indigenous communities and the meaning behind reconciliation. Residents are also welcome to visit any of the 17 BCPL branches to add orange shirt-themed activities to the interactive displays outlining several calls to action taken from the Truth and Reconciliation report. Works by Indigenous authors will be showcased in the branches and can be borrowed with your BCPL Library card.

Learn more about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation online at the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

“September 30 marks National Day for Truth and

Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day, a time for Bruce County residents, businesses and staff to pause, reflect, and stand in solidarity with the worldwide discourse,” said Bruce County Warden Chris Peabody, “Orange Shirt Day is our chance to raise awareness, build pathways to reconciliation, and reaffirm that Every Child Matters.”

About Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is a movement to recognize the colonial legacy of residential schools and commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. Observed since 2013, Orange Shirt Day recalls the experience of residential school survivor Phyllis Webstad, who at six years old was stripped of her brand-new bright orange t-shirt, in favour of mandatory uniforms, on her first day at a residential school in 1973. [Ms. Webstad’s story](#) is the nucleus for what has become a national movement to recognize the experience of survivors of Indian residential schools, honour them, and show a collective commitment to ensure that every child matters. The initiative calls for every Canadian to wear an orange shirt on September 30 in the spirit of healing and reconciliation. The date of September 30 was chosen because it was the time of year when Indigenous children were removed from their families and forced to attend residential schools.

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Bruce County Public Library Celebrates Canadian Library Month

Celebrate Canadian Library Month and Ontario Public Library Week with Bruce County Public Library! This year's theme is "Libraries for Life." From newborn to school-aged, new adult to senior, libraries have something for everyone. Rediscover your library by visiting any BCPL branch in October. Sign up for a program to earn a ballot for a gift bag containing a BCPL-branded picnic blanket, a \$10 gift card to Indigo and a book-themed ornament.

Libraries truly do have something for everyone and offer many services and programs that may come as a surprise. From fishing rods to snowshoes, Museum passes to robots, libraries now offer more than books. BCPL offers a conversion station to digitize old VHS tapes, photos, and slides, as well as 3D printers and Cricuts.

BCPL also supports lifelong learning through programming, collections, and digital databases, providing valuable resources and initiatives that enrich the lives of their patrons. In October, attend one of their Local Author Events. Barry Robinson, author of *A Seagull Named Papa*, an inspiring and fascinating read that will change the way you see yourself and the world around you, will be visiting the Lion's Head Branch on Friday, October 13 at 11 am, and the Tobermory Branch, Tuesday, October 17 at 11am. Another highly anticipated event is a sit-down discussion with Katherine Martinko about her book *Childhood Unplugged*, as she offers practical advice on getting your children off screens & finding balance. This event will occur at the Port Elgin Branch on Saturday, October 21, at 2pm.

Library Director Brooke McLean said "Libraries level the playing field by providing free access to all. This access to information, to services such as free internet and digital literacy training, and to educational programming, leads to opportunity. Our local libraries are one of the last free community spaces, places where social inclusion and cultural awareness thrive."

We encourage everyone to take time to visit their local library in October. Visit the [Bruce County Public Library website](#) to stay up to date on programs and special events happening in your area.

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So what is there to discover?

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



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Bruce County Creates Community Development Office

There are several large-scale and complex projects emerging within Bruce County that require coordinated, strategic County leadership and focused resources. Over the next two years, the new Community Development Office will focus on projects like Housing Supply in Bruce County, Growth of the Clean Energy and Medical Isotope Sectors, the Deep Geological Repository in South Bruce, and Pre-Development of the New Nuclear Reactor at Bruce Power.



October 02, 2023

On Thursday, September 7, 2023, Bruce County Council approved the creation of the new Community Development Office, which is a key piece in Bruce County's organizational restructuring and strategic planning.

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the next two years, the new Community Development Office will focus on projects like Housing Supply in Bruce County, Growth of the Clean Energy and Medical Isotope Sectors, the Deep Geological Repository in South Bruce, and Pre-Development of the New Nuclear Reactor at Bruce Power.

Each of these projects has the potential to positively impact the growth, development, and economic well-being of the County and its residents. The success of each of these projects requires significant and coordinated effort between County Programs and municipal partners, to create the right environment for achieving project and community success, and to prepare for the service delivery demands each project generates.

Current Director of Planning & Development, Claire Dodds, will become Bruce County's Commissioner for the new Community Development Office. Claire will lead cross-functional, multi-disciplinary teams drawing on existing staff resources to ensure strategic oversight, with the coordination of input, execution of projects, and alignment of services to support projects. The Community Development Office will also take on delivery of the important Economic Development portfolio, focus on partnership strengthening with Chippewas of Saugeen, Chippewas of Nawash, the Historic Saugeen Metis, and the Metis Nation of Ontario, and collaborate with Bruce County's Intergovernmental Office to advocate for support from provincial and federal levels of government. Jack Van Dorp, on secondment, will become Bruce County's Director of Planning and Development for the next two years. The Planning portfolio will continue to focus on Development, Land Use Planning, and Employment Services.

“Large-scale projects, like increasing housing supply or growing our nuclear industry, will positively impact community development in Bruce County,” said Warden Chris Peabody. “Through the new Community Development Office, we will be at the table early and actively, engaging with project proponents, developers, and municipal partners to prepare the right environment to achieve positive community outcomes.”

Discover more about [Planning & Development](#).

Discover more about [Economic Development](#).

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County Administration Buildings Closed for Thanksgiving Long Weekend

Please take notice that the Bruce County Administration Centre in Walkerton, the Lakeshore Hub in Port Elgin, the Peninsula Hub in Wiarton, and the Penetangore Hub in Kincardine will be closed from Saturday, October 7 to Monday, October 9 (Thanksgiving Long Weekend). Virtual customer service and in-person service will be available again on Tuesday, October 10 at 8:30 AM.



October 04, 2023

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again on Tuesday, October 10 at 8:30 AM.

Bruce County Public Library Branches will be closed on Monday, October 9. Library Branches will be open for regular hours on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8. [Online resources](#) are available 24/7.

Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre will be open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 7 and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Sunday, October 8, and closed on Monday, October 9. The Museum Archives will be closed on Sunday, October 8 and Monday, October 9. www.brucemuseum.ca

EarlyON Child and Family Centre programming will be closed from Saturday, October 7 to Monday, October 9. EarlyON 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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Donation Supports Child Activity Assistance Program in Bruce County

Bruce County Human Services would like to thank the organizers and participants of the Kincardine Yoga Fest for their generous donation of \$1305.00 to support the Child Activity Assistance Program (CAAP).



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October 05, 2023

Bruce County Human Services would like to thank the organizers and participants of the Kincardine Yoga Fest for their generous donation of \$1305.00 to support the Child Activity Assistance Program (CAAP).

The Child Activity Assistance Program (CAAP) is a fund that 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.

The annual Kincardine Yoga Fest started 6 years ago as a way to connect those looking to continue their wellness journey and get participants active in the region's beautiful local environments. Kincardine Yoga Fest offers several classes on the Pier, meditations, and nature experiences. All funds are donation-based from the participants and 100% of the proceeds go to a local charity or organization.

"Bruce County is very honoured to have the Kincardine Yoga Fest join us in supporting activity subsidy for local children," 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."

CAAP Eligibility:

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, NoG 2Vo, or fax your documents to 519-881-4324.

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

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Council / Committee Meetings - Thursday, October 5, 2023

Bruce County Council and Committees met on October 5, 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



October 05, 2023

Bruce County Council Meeting

Council received communications from Enbridge on Notice of Study for Battery Energy Storage Project.

[Communication](#)

Council received communications about a Brockton Resolution on Durham Street Pedestrian Safety.

[Communication](#)

Council received communications about an Arran-Elderslie Resolution on Safe & Inclusive Community. [Communication](#)

Council appointed Councillor Jay Kirkland to fill the vacancy on the Bruce County Public Library Board. [Report](#)

Council approved a by-law to regulate the use of lands known as 'The 'Bruce County Rail Trail' and 'County Forests'. [By-law](#)

Museum Committee

Committee received the October 2023 Archives Report. [Report](#)

Committee received the October 2023 Museum Update. [Report](#)

Corporate Services Committee

Committee deferred decision on the Development Charges Background Study and draft Development Charges By-law to a future meeting. [Report](#)

Committee approved that the funding of the Bruce County Health Care Reserve Fund be set at 0.5% of levy annually and directed staff to develop a Health Care Reserve Fund policy which identifies eligibility criteria, timelines, and standards for implementation, as well recommend any necessary updates to By-law 3710. [Report](#)

Human Services Committee

Committee received a report on the Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priority Housing Initiative Transfer Payment Agreement & Investment Plan. [Report](#)

Paramedic Services Committee

Committee approved the 2024 Canadian Triage Acuity Scale (CTAS) Response Time Performance Plan Report. The report will be submitted to the Ministry of Health on or before October 31, 2023. [Report](#)

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

Long Term Care Homes Committee of Management

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

Executive Committee

Committee directed staff to prepare a response to the Minister of Municipal Affairs that shares the top 5 recommendations identified by County Staff and the County's willingness to engage the Ministry in support of addressing the Housing Crisis, as it relates to the MMAH Priorities from Provincial Housing Affordability Task

Force Report. Council directed the Clerk to circulate this report to municipal CAOs and Clerks in Bruce County.
[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 County Thanks Retiring CAO Derrick Thomson for his Leadership and Vision

After 43 years of public service, Bruce County's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Derrick Thomson, has officially announced his intention to retire. CAO Thomson's retirement date is set for December 15, 2023.



October 06, 2023

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Warden Chris Peabody says, "On behalf of the entire County, I would like to thank CAO Derrick Thomson for his public service and guiding leadership. Derrick has helped

build a foundation of good governance and modernization, elevated key community growth projects, and pushed Bruce County to be an employer of choice. We wish Derrick all the best in his retirement.”

CAO Thomson began managing Bruce County in April of 2022. He has successfully guided the municipality through several key projects, including the creation of the Intergovernmental Office and Community Development Office, the completion of the new strategic plan, and the right-sizing the County budget to handle real-time pressures on service and infrastructure needs.

CAO Derrick Thomson adds, “Thank you to my Bruce County colleagues. It has been a real privilege to serve with Council and Staff, supporting healthy and strong communities that are preparing for future growth. Under Bruce County’s talented leadership team, I see continued success and a bright future.”

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Temporary Closure of Bruce County Rail Trail from Bruce Road 3 to Concession 2A-Elderslie (South of Paisley)

Please take notice that the Bruce County Rail Trail will be closed for one day on October 12, 2023, between Bruce Road 3 and Concession 2A-Elderslie south of Paisley, so that the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie can conduct water main line work on the trail corridor.



October 11, 2023

Please take notice that the Bruce County Rail Trail will be closed for one day on October 12, 2023, between Bruce Road 3 and Concession 2A-Elderslie south of Paisley, so that the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie can conduct water main line work on the trail corridor.

There will be no trail access for users while work is

underway, and no detour will be placed during the construction period. For your safety, please stay off the trail while work is in progress. See map for the areas impacted during construction.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Bruce County apologizes for any inconveniences that this closure is causing.

Questions, concerns, or comments about the closure can be directed to Andrew Beumer, Bruce County's Trails Manager, at 519-881-2400 or email abeumer@brucecounty.on.ca.

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BCPL Bookmobile Launch Party

The moment we have all been waiting for has finally arrived! Bruce County Public Library would like to officially announce the Launch Party for the BCPL Bookmobile! This exciting event promises to be filled with fun, music and laughter as we celebrate the community's newest treasure.

Patrons, families, and everyone in the community are invited to join them for a fun, joyful event celebrating the Bookmobile. The Bookmobile aims to enhance community access to Library services and promote a love of reading among children and adults alike.

The launch party will occur on Saturday, October 21, from 10am to 1pm, at the Port Elgin Branch. BCPL has planned an unforgettable day of events for the entire family. This celebration promises to be a memorable experience for all ages, including remarks and ribbon cutting with esteemed guests from Bruce County, the Library Board, and Bookmobile sponsors. Get ready to be transformed into the magical and mythical through the face painting art of Willows Whymysies. Panzerotti and Sunshine will bring the music with their unique Folk Rock style for kids, while a special Little Mermaid will make a grand appearance.

"We're thrilled to invite the community to our upcoming launch party of the new Bookmobile! It's not just a vehicle, it's a gateway to knowledge and adventure. We have been patiently waiting for the chance to celebrate and are overjoyed to watch the Bookmobile become a reality," said Library Director, Brooke McLean.

The Bruce County Public Library Bookmobile is in its first week of travel that kicked off in Tobermory and Lion's Head on Tuesday, October 10. To get the Bookmobile's schedule, visit our website at library.brucecounty.on.ca.



BOOKMOBILE LAUNCH PARTY

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 21**

Port Elgin Branch
708 Goderich St.
10am - 1pm



**REMARKS AND RIBBON CUTTING AT 10:30AM
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NOTICE: SSASO Event on Brant Tract Trails on October 14, 2023

Brant Tract trail users are advised that the Sleddog Sports Association of Southwestern Ontario (SSASO) is holding a dry-land training event at Bruce County's Brant Tract on Saturday, October 14, 2023. The event will run from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Brant Tract Trails that will be affected by the event will include the West Road and Red Pine Loop. If you plan to visit the Brant Tract, please avoid these trails and respect event participants.



October 12, 2023

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visit the Brant Tract, please avoid these trails and respect event participants. Please keep your dogs on a leash at all times.

The Brant Tract property is located between Concession 12 and the Brant-Elderslie Townline, east of Bruce Road 3, within the Municipality of Brockton.

For more information about the SSASO training event, please visit:

<https://ssasoinfo.wixsite.com/ssaso/other-events-fundraisers>

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Bruce County's Annual Bridges to Better Business Event: Where Creative Entrepreneurship Takes Centre Stage

Bruce County entrepreneurs and business owners are invited to Bruce County's annual Bridges to Better Business event. This year the theme is Creative Entrepreneurship: the art of innovation, a transformative networking event designed to inspire growth as an entrepreneur. This event has been curated to go beyond traditional networking.

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October 12, 2023

Bruce County entrepreneurs and business owners are invited to Bruce County's annual Bridges to Better Business event. This year the theme is [Creative Entrepreneurship: the art of innovation](#), a transformative networking event designed to inspire growth as an entrepreneur. This event has been curated to go beyond traditional networking. Our lineup features captivating speakers who understand the pulse of entrepreneurship.

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Time: 4:30 to 9:00 PM (doors open and networking at 4:30 PM; program starts at 5:30 PM)

Venue: The Club at Westlinks, Port Elgin

Tickets: \$25 per person

(Includes complimentary non-alcoholic beverages and a buffet of appetizers)

“Bruce County’s economic development team is excited to offer this event, bringing business owners together to create new connections and opportunities for business in our area,” says Jeff Loney, manager of economic development at Bruce County. “All entrepreneurs need a community. This event offers an opportunity for business owners to build relationships with other business-minded people.”

Speakers: We are thrilled to host Rosita Hall, an entrepreneur, speaker, coach and best-selling author, as keynote speaker. Rosita will empower guests to embrace their authentic truth, seize opportunities and navigate challenges with resilience. She will share strategies on how to reboot, recharge and reinvest in oneself to thrive in an everchanging business landscape.

Local entrepreneur Edison Vargas, proud owner of Mi Hermano Barbershop in Southampton, will delve into his own personal journey towards entrepreneurship, offering invaluable insights and inspiration.

Bridges to Better Business is an annual event run through the County’s Business to Bruce Program, bringing entrepreneurs together to learn and network. This year’s event will be moderated by local Bruce County Playhouse director Natalie Robitaille. This is not just another networking event; it’s a unique convergence of business minds keen on fostering genuine, long-term connections.

Register Now: Discover the essence of creative entrepreneurship. Secure your seat [online today](#).

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October 13, 2023

Corporate Services Committee

Committee received the 2024-2028 Proposed Corporate Budget and Forecast. [Details](#)

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Renowned author Tim Cook to speak on Canada's role in the Invasion of Sicily ahead of Remembrance Day

As we approach Remembrance Day, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre welcomes back acclaimed author Tim Cook, who will shed light on Canada's significant contributions during the Invasion of Sicily in World War II. This compelling talk, scheduled for November 2 at 1:00 PM, will delve into the often-overlooked role that Canadian forces played in this historic campaign, which marks its 80th anniversary this year.



October 16, 2023

As we approach Remembrance Day, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre welcomes back acclaimed author Tim Cook, who will shed light on Canada's significant contributions during the Invasion of Sicily in World War II. This compelling talk, scheduled for November 2 at 1:00 PM, will delve into the often-

overlooked role that Canadian forces played in this historic campaign, which marks its 80th anniversary this year.

During the Invasion of Sicily, which took place from July 9 to August 17, 1943, Canadian troops made significant contributions alongside their Allied counterparts. Tim Cook will explore the challenges they faced, the sacrifices they made, and the impact they had on the overall success of the campaign. The presentation will include rare photographs and historical context, offering a comprehensive view of this crucial chapter in Canadian military history.

This event provides a unique opportunity for attendees to gain insights into the untold stories of courage and resilience displayed by Canadian servicemen and women during World War II.

Proudly presented by Judy Rich. Members and Veterans free; general admission applies. Visit brucemuseum.ca to register.

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NOTICE: Alternating Lane Closures on Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton

Please take notice that there will be an alternating lane closure on the Durham Street Bridge in the Town of Walkerton on October 23 and October 27, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.



October 16, 2023

Please take notice that there will be an alternating lane closure on the Durham Street Bridge in the Town of Walkerton on October 23 and October 27, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. (Rain dates identified as October 24 and October 26).

This alternating lane closure is to carry out further bridge inspection.

One lane of traffic will be maintained at all times.

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

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October 20, 2023

Executive Committee

Committee received the Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership (GBLIP) Year Three Review. [Report](#)

Committee received the Integrity Commissioner Service Proposal. [Report](#)

Committee directed staff to prepare a response to the Minister of Municipal Affairs that are supportive of the changes to the definition of Affordable Residential Unit introduced under Bill 134, the Affordable Homes,

Good Jobs Act and directed the Clerk to circulate this report to municipal CAOs and Clerks in Bruce County.

[Report](#)

Committee authorized the Warden and CAO to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bruce Power and the Nuclear Innovation Institute related to staffing and structure for the Clean Energy Frontier Program. The necessary By-law will be forwarded to County Council for adoption and By-law 2021-048 will be repealed. [Report](#)

Committee recommended approval of revisions to the Procedural By-law. [Report](#)

Council announced the appointment of Christine MacDonald as the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), effective December 16, 2023. [News Release](#)

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Bruce County Supports Brightshores Health System Wellness & Recovery Centre

Bruce County Council has approved financial support for the Brightshores Health System Wellness & Recovery Centre project in the amount of \$500,000 over a five-year period, from 2024 to 2028.



October 23, 2023

Bruce County Council has approved financial support for the Brightshores Health System Wellness & Recovery Centre project in the amount of \$500,000 over a five-year period, from 2024 to 2028.

Brightshores Health System's Wellness & Recovery Centre, located at 6th A Street East in Owen Sound, is the first of its kind in this region and is unique in Canada. Based on harm reduction and recovery principles, the Wellness & Recovery Centre will provide a safe environment for

individuals in need of support and management of their substance use and mental health concerns. Benefits to the region include reduced healthcare costs, reduced use of hospital emergency services, and destigmatizing mental health and substance use. Discover more about the [Wellness & Recovery Centre](#).

Bruce County Warden Chris Peabody says, “Bruce County recognizes the importance of providing programs and services for community members living with mental health concerns and addictions. Partnering with Brightshores Health System is a unique opportunity to support the complex needs of individuals we mutually serve and will address service gaps and pressures in our region. The support for those experiencing addictions and mental health concerns offered through this new Wellness & Recovery Centre will contribute to sustaining communities where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging, and has opportunities to participate.”

Brightshores Health System CEO Gary Sims adds, “Our region has seen a significant increase in opioid-related hospitalizations, and our Emergency Department visits have tripled in the past few years. This new Recovery Centre will be the largest of its kind in our region and will be able to treat people from across Grey Bruce. Brightshores is thankful for Bruce County’s support as we serve the community.”

Discover more about [Bruce County Human Services](#).
Discover more about [Brightshores Health System](#).

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Dress Purple Day in Bruce County

On Friday, October 27, Bruce County is supporting Bruce Grey Child and Family Services and Children's Aid Societies across the province in the Dress Purple Day Campaign that raises awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families.



October 25, 2023

On Friday, October 27, Bruce County is supporting Bruce Grey Child and Family Services and Children's Aid Societies across the province in the Dress Purple Day Campaign that raises awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families.

Get involved by dressing in purple on October 27 and sharing your supporting photo or video on social media. Use the hashtag #DressPurpleDay2023.

“Bruce County’s Human Services Department shares in the mandate to support vulnerable children, youth, and families in our community,” adds Tina Metcalfe, Bruce County’s Director of Human Services. “We want all children, youth, and families to know that help is available no matter the challenge they are facing. Please join us in bringing awareness to this important initiative.”

Discover more about [Dress Purple Day](#).

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Safety First during Hunting Season in Bruce County

Trail users in Bruce County are reminded that long gun (rifle) season for deer hunting is Monday, November 6 to Sunday, November 12. Hunters and recreational users should take steps to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. Everyone using County forests must ensure they are visible and must be aware that others may be nearby.



October 25, 2023

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Trail Users should:

Avoid using trails from dawn and dusk, and anytime that visibility is limited.

Wear “hunter orange” (hat, vest, scarf, etc.). Put “hunter orange” on your pets as well. Avoid beige, brown, white, or green clothing.

Keep pets on a leash.

Hunters should:

Avoid hunting along trails and in areas with active trail use.

Be aware that you may be sharing the forest with other hunters and trail users.

Hunters must never shoot unless they are absolutely sure of their target and what is beyond it.

Be familiar with rules and bylaws for hunting in County forests.

Discover more about [Hunting Regulations in Ontario](#).

Discover more about [Hunting & Fishing in Bruce County](#).

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

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New Paisley Bridge to Open with Ribbon Cutting on Friday, November 3

Bruce County and the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie are excited to invite the public to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, November 3 at 2:00 PM to celebrate the grand opening of the new Paisley Bridge. A short ceremony will take place on the north side of the Paisley Bridge, followed by a procession across the bridge.



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October 26, 2023

Bruce County and the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie are excited to invite the public to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, November 3 at 2:00 PM to celebrate the grand opening of the new Paisley Bridge. A short ceremony will take place on the north side of the Paisley Bridge, followed by a procession across the bridge. The bridge will officially open to traffic and pedestrians shortly

thereafter. Following the bridge opening, a celebration will take place at the Paisley Legion (event details on the [Arran-Elderslie Facebook Page](#)). Event attendees are also encouraged stay after the ceremony to enjoy the new sidewalks, and everything local businesses have to offer.

The Paisley Bridge replacement project, on Bruce Road 3, began in May 2022 and has successfully progressed on budget. The new bridge allows for more river flow clearance and will have a service life of 75 years. The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie will have also completed road, sidewalk, water, and sanitary construction on Queen Street, north of the new Paisley Bridge, by the November 3 reopening.

Bruce County Warden Chris Peabody highlights, “With great excitement, we are pleased to announce the grand opening of the Paisley Bridge on November 3. Bruce County successfully collaborates with our municipal partners to provide necessary infrastructure enhancements to support shared industries and our growing economy. The new Paisley Bridge on Bruce Road 3 will provide improved safety, services, and accessibility for the public long into the future.”

Arran-Elderslie Mayor Steve Hammell adds, “Arran-Elderslie is a municipality rooted in collaboration. Our community consistently cooperates to produce celebrated fall fairs and other flagship events throughout the year. This bridge represents another core collaboration between the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and the County of Bruce. We are grateful for the County’s leadership in this project. Infrastructure enhancements like the new Paisley bridge and the Queen Street upgrades, will have long-term benefits for our residents, industries, and visitors. Please join us in the beautiful village of Paisley to explore the new Bridge and our fantastic downtown, as we get back to business.”

While the bridge and roadwork will be substantially completed by November 3, 2023, the top lift paving will occur in the summer of 2024. There may be daytime temporary closures to facilitate some final restoration work into November while the temporary bridge and detour are still available for use. The temporary bridge, which successfully served as an in-town detour for motorists and pedestrians, will be removed later in November 2023.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we finalize this important infrastructure work in Bruce County. Motorists can continue to drive to and through Paisley while bridge construction is being completed. Paisley businesses are open.

Semi-trucks, tractor trailers, and agricultural equipment are asked to continue following the identified Alternate Truck Routes until the Paisley Bridge has officially opened. View

the Alternate Truck Route Map at www.brucecounty.on.ca/paisleybridge.

Projected Timeline

- New Bridge Opening to Traffic – November 3, 2023 at 2:30 PM
- New Infrastructure Construction North of New Bridge – Completed by November 3, 2023
- Temporary Bridge Demolition – Starting November 2023
- Top Lift Paving – Occurring in the Summer of 2024

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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

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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