



Media Release

Sept. 29, 2023

GBPH honouring National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Grey Bruce Public Health will join its Indigenous partners, local communities, organizations, and residents on Sept. 30, 2023, in commemorating the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

"On the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Grey-Bruce, we unite in the pursuit of understanding, healing, and justice as we honour the resilience and heritage of Indigenous people. We hope to forge a path of genuine reconciliation – honouring the past, embracing the present, and forging a future built on understanding, respect, dignity, and unity," says GBPH Physician Consultant Dr. Rim Zayed.

Public Health has accepted an invitation from Saugeen First Nation for staff from various GBPH teams to attend and set up an information booth at the community's Truth and Reconciliation Day event on Sept. 30.

The [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) recognizes the tragic history of residential schools and the inter-generational harm they caused to Indigenous families and communities and honours survivors and the children who never returned home.

Establishing a statutory holiday to "honour survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process" was one of the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's](#) 94 Calls to Action.

Each year, Grey Bruce Public Health observes the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a statutory holiday. Because the day falls on a Saturday this year, GBPH's offices will be closed on Monday, Oct. 2, 2023.

GBPH is encouraging staff to attend National Truth and Reconciliation Day events and wear orange on Orange Shirt Day, also Sept. 30, to help raise awareness of the intergenerational impacts of residential schools and promote the concept of "Every Child Matters." Public Health also encourages staff to learn about the rich and diverse cultures, voices, and histories of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

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Grey Bruce Public Health is deeply committed to reconciliation with Indigenous people and values its important, ongoing partnerships and collaborative work with local Indigenous communities.

GBPH reads a land acknowledgment at the beginning of community meetings and includes it, in written form, at the front of major reports and publications. Public Health is working with a local videographer to create, with the help and participation of local Indigenous communities and residents, a land acknowledgment short film that will aim to share Indigenous stories about and showcase the importance of our local landscape and its deep meaning to our Indigenous partners and neighbours in Grey-Bruce.

As part of its reconciliation journey, GBPH is encouraging staff to take and include in annual performance development plans Indigenous-led anti-racism cultural safety training. The organization is covering the cost of core and advanced training, which aims to foster health equity and mitigate the effects of systemic racism experienced by Indigenous people in health and other sectors.

The 94 Calls to Action urge all levels of government to provide cultural competency training for healthcare professionals and provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples.

GBPH also partners with local First Nations communities to provide and support the provision of services related to sexual health, harm reduction, vaccine-preventable diseases, oral health, and health promotion.

GBPH also collaborates with the M'Wikwedong Indigenous Friendship Centre in Owen Sound and the Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre.

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Media Release

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GBPH launching new service to ensure equitable access to well water testing program

Grey Bruce Public Health is pleased to announce that it will launch on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, a locally developed service that will ensure all Grey-Bruce residents have equitable, timely access to Public Health Ontario's free well water testing program.

The new service, developed in collaboration with area municipalities, will allow residents on private drinking water systems to pick up sample collection kits and drop off water samples at 14 locations throughout Grey-Bruce.

The locations will form two routes, which will be serviced one day a week by a local courier contracted by GBPH. A Bruce County route will be serviced on Wednesdays, while a Grey County route will be serviced on Fridays.

A Public Health Ontario courier will continue to pick up samples at both GBPH in Owen Sound and in Walkerton five days a week. On Wednesdays and Fridays, the PHO courier will also take samples collected by the local courier to a London lab for testing.

"This made-in-Grey-Bruce service will put PHO's complimentary well water testing program within a 30-minute drive of nearly every household in Grey-Bruce," says Grey-Bruce Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arra.

"We would like to sincerely thank each of our partners, particularly local municipalities, for assisting us in creating a fair and accessible service that adheres to our collective mission of protecting the health of everyone in Grey-Bruce."

GBPH's goal, when developing the new service, was to maintain water sample drop-off locations in existing communities, while re-establishing locations in place before the COVID-19 pandemic. That included restoring a site in Saugeen Shores. With the local service, there are now drop-off locations in more Grey-Bruce communities than were in place before the pandemic. New locations have been established in Chatsworth, The Blue Mountains, Southgate, and Chesley.

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Details of the new routes – including a list of drop-off locations and information on when residents must collect and drop off samples to ensure they adhere to required timelines for testing – are available at the following link: [Well Water Testing Service](#). A [map](#) of the drop-off locations has also been developed.

Public Health Ontario's [private drinking water testing program](#) analyzes samples for the presence of bacterial indicators of contamination, specifically E. coli and total coliforms. Residents receive test results directly from PHO.

GBPH recommends households that draw their drinking water from wells or other private systems test their water at least three times a year, after any work is done to their system, and after significant weather events, such as a fast thaw or severe rain.

GBPH has long collaborated with PHO and other partners to make the well water testing program available free of charge to Grey-Bruce residents. Key to the program's success in Grey-Bruce – due to the region's size and rural nature – is having multiple locations where people can drop off water samples.

In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, policy changes by Grey-Bruce hospitals resulted in a reduction in the number of available pick-up/drop-off locations in Grey-Bruce. Several grocery stores, which had been deemed essential businesses, stepped up to serve as temporary locations.

Following the COVID-19 emergency, GBPH began discussions with PHO in hopes of not only re-establishing permanent locations but increasing the number of locations to ensure all Grey-Bruce residents had equitable access to the program. However, PHO informed GBPH that it did not intend to increase the number of locations and was considering eliminating most local drop-off sites.

GBPH then decided to create a local solution to ensure the program remained equitable and accessible throughout Grey-Bruce.

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Mosquitoes in Grey-Bruce test positive for West Nile Virus

Grey Bruce Public Health is encouraging residents to continue taking steps this fall to prevent insect bites after mosquitoes collected from a trap in southern Bruce County tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV).

A microbiology laboratory in St. Catharines notified Public Health of the positive test result this week. The positive mosquito pool had been retrieved from Brockton and sent for testing on Sept. 26, 2023.

This is the first mosquito trap to test positive for WNV this year in Grey-Bruce.

As of Sept. 23, 2023, [304 mosquito pools had tested positive for WNV](#) in Ontario. That's the highest year-to-date total since 2017.

Thirty-three people have tested positive for the mosquito-borne virus in Ontario so far this year. Grey-Bruce hasn't had a lab-confirmed human case of WNV since 2018.

In early August, GBPH received confirmation that a crow, found dead in Grey-Bruce, had [tested positive](#) for WNV.

WNV circulates between birds and some species of mosquitoes. The virus can be transmitted to humans by a mosquito bite if the mosquito has first bitten an infected bird.

GBPH sets mosquito traps monthly, from May to September, throughout Grey-Bruce. About 85 traps are set up each year in Grey-Bruce. They are later sent to a laboratory for species identification and viral testing.

The risk of contracting WNV from an infected mosquito is very low, but is usually highest in late summer; towards the end of the mosquito season.

The best way to prevent WNV is to protect yourself from mosquito bites by:

- Using insect repellent containing DEET or Icaridin;

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- Wearing light-coloured long pants and long sleeves, socks, and a hat when outdoors;
- Reducing mosquito habitats near the home by eliminating standing water in flowerpots, eavestroughs, etc.; and
- Ensuring door and window screens fit securely and are free of holes.

Most people infected with WNV [do not experience any symptoms](#). Others see symptoms two to 15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Symptoms are usually mild and can include a fever and headache; however, serious symptoms can occur.

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GBPH reporting series of drug overdoses in recent days

Grey Bruce Public Health is issuing an alert after receiving reports of four drug overdoses, including a probable fentanyl-related death, within the past five days.

While toxicology results are still pending, fentanyl is the suspected substance in three of the four overdoses. In one of the non-fatal overdoses, the suspected substance was methamphetamine, but signs of opioid overdose were present.

Naloxone, the fast-acting medication that temporarily reverses the effects of an opioid poisoning, was used successfully as an intervention in three of the overdoses.

“Grey Bruce Public Health is issuing an alert to the public and community partners about the recent series of overdoses. This alert is intended to advise people to use extreme caution when using unregulated street drugs and follow harm reduction strategies, in particular avoiding using drugs alone or calling or texting NORS if you are using drugs alone,” says Monica Blair, Program Manager of GBPH’s Harm Reduction Program.

NORS, the National Overdose Response Service, can be reached by calling or texting 1-888-688-6677. A NORS operator will stay on the line with the person while the drug is used. In the event the person becomes unresponsive, NORS will call 911 to ensure help arrives.

Public Health advises that all street drugs should be deemed highly toxic and potentially fatal. People who use drugs are a high risk of overdose due to the local street drug supply containing the highly toxic drug fentanyl.

“Seconds matter when it comes to responding to an overdose. It is critical that 911 is called and naloxone administered without delay to prevent possible brain damage and death,” says Blair.

Other harm reduction recommendations include:

- Take extra caution if mixing drugs. Mixing drugs, including alcohol, increases the risk of harm and overdose.

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- Go slow. Always start with a low dose and increase slowly, especially if trying something new or restarting use.
- Get overdose prevention training and carry a Naloxone kit. Naloxone is available for free at most local pharmacies and at GBPH, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4 pm, no appointment or prescription needed.

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

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

For additional supports and services:

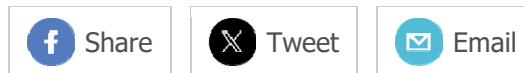
- Mental Health Crisis Line Grey Bruce: 1-877-470-5200
- Connex Ontario: Call 1-866-531-2600 or text 247247
- Ontario Addiction Treatment Service (OATC): 519-371-0007
- Withdrawal Management: 519-376-5666
- G&B House: 519-371-3642 ext.1580
- CMHA Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addiction Services: 519-371-3642
- Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Clinic: 519-376-3999
- Overdose Prevention Line (NORS): 1-888-688-6677
- If unsure – call 211

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From: Community Living Kincardine & District <aswan@clkd.ca>
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Subject: CLKD's October 2023 newsletter is here!



October 2023 Newsletter

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An inclusive caring community.



October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month!

ENGAGE TALENT!

Almost **1 in 4** (22%) Canadians have a disability.¹

91%
of Canadian
Senior Leaders
say diversity & inclusion
is a mission they value
and are committed to.²



78%
of Canadians
are more likely to buy
from a business that
hire people who have
a disability.³



63%
of consumers
surveyed globally
prefer to buy from
companies that reflect
their personal
values and avoid
brands that
don't.⁴



#NDEAM #NDEAM2023 #DISABILITYINCLUSIONCONNECTION #ENGAGETALENT

1. Statistics Canada, 2017 Canadian Survey on Disability. 2. Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (CCDI) report, National Diversity and Inclusion Benchmarking Study, Senior Leaders and Diversity Personnel - <https://ccdi.ca/media/1979/20190715-research-national-diversity-and-inclusion-benchmarking-study.pdf>. 3. A hidden market: The purchasing power of working-age adults with disabilities, American Institutes for Research, April 2018. 4. 2018, Accenture Strategy Consumer Pulse Research – Firm Me to We: The Rise of the Purpose-Led Brand <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20180505006/en/Majority-Consumers-Buying-Companies-Stand-Issues-Care>

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) was established to increase awareness of the positive outcomes of hiring persons with disabilities in Canada. Throughout the month of October, we will be sharing facts, statistics and information about our JobsWork Employment Supports on our social channels. Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) through the month of October to learn more.

10 Qualities of an Inclusive Employer

Does your place of business check these boxes? If so, you are an employer with Inclusive Practices which make your business approachable to all jobseekers. These simple strategies create an environment that can help people with disabilities achieve success in their jobs, while supporting your business operations.

1. Have multiple ways for people to apply to and approach your business – Website, Email, Social Media, In-person, etc.
2. Train your hiring managers to use non-biased interviewing processes; these can help highlight the potential a future employee might bring to the business.
3. Work with your local Disability Employment agencies to find pre-screened potential employees who may be the perfect match for your business.
4. Engage in educational sessions on inclusion and diversity best practices to start thinking about how those practices could be incorporated into the framework of your business.
5. Start the conversation; start to look at your business through the eyes of someone with a disability, spot the barriers and work to remove them where you can.
6. Look at your list of Job Requirements and spend time thinking about how many of those things are truly necessary to have on the first day of work, and adjust your job posting accordingly.
7. Find a mentor – look to a business that is already demonstrating a culture of inclusivity and use them as your example. There is no need to re-invent the wheel!
8. Use the pillars of inclusive business to guide you: Fairness and Respect. Value and Belonging. Safe and Open. Empowered and Growing. **See [Deloitte, High-impact diversity and inclusion](#).*
9. Know that Leadership matters – fostering an inclusive environment where people feel valued is created from the top down.
10. Follow-up, check-in and re-visit! Not everyone with a disability who is experiencing a barrier will tell you; they will sometimes just leave. Foster an attitude of openness with your employees and a willingness to listen and resolve issues as they come up. Check in with people often – even if things appear to be going well, this will help you get ahead of any issues that might come up.

Community Living Kincardine & District Inclusion Award Nominees



CONGRATULATIONS NOMINEES!

Every year, Community Living Kincardine and District is honoured to be sponsor of the Inclusion Award through the Kincardine Chamber of Commerce. This award is presented to an employer or organization that demonstrates an inclusive hiring practice by employing people with disabilities and celebrating diversity in their workforce. This year's nominees have shown, beyond a doubt, their dedication to inclusion and diversity in their practices. They have shown how an inclusive mindset can open the door to the creative removal of barriers and the practice of finding the right fit for the right person.

Since 2012, **McDonalds in Kincardine** have actively worked with CLKD's employment program to find the right employees for them. Through the years, they have hired multiple people with disabilities to work in every department. At McDonalds, they work with individual strengths and talents to find that perfect job fit, all while providing a supportive work environment where people can feel valued and included. They have never shied away from modifying tasks to suit abilities, and this has benefitted both the business and their employees.

The owners of **Bar Down** have been so enthusiastic and open to providing valuable work experiences to our JobsWork participants. They have participated in several work placement contracts for students with disabilities and have worked to create valuable and needed work experiences for people, regardless of their previous involvement in employment or known abilities. The provided learning opportunities have a value beyond measure as these students transition out of high school and can put these experiences on their resumes and use their transferable skills in finding new opportunities.

Weekin's clothing shop in the downtown core of Kincardine is a wonderful example of how dedication to inclusive practices can result in an amazing experience for jobseekers, employees and customers. The owners of Weekin's offer flexibility in the hours that they offer, and the job tasks that need to be completed, in order to carve out an opportunity for their employee. This

enables their employee to thrive in an environment where they are valued and appreciated exactly as they are. All people need meaningful opportunities to participate fully in their community in order to thrive.

At CLKD, we value all of our partnerships with local employers, organizations, and businesses and hope to see many more nominated to receive this award in the future.

Celebrating 4 Years of Business!



Dwayne and Katrina started their window washing business, D & K Window Washing, in September of 2019. The Community Living Kincardine and District's JobsWork program was able to connect them to several businesses who were requesting this service, and they felt this would be a great way to earn some income, get out of the house, interact with people downtown and get some exercise. Dwayne and Katrina have been steadily growing their business ever since adding new clients as word of mouth spreads on their excellent work.

Even with the Downtown Dig making accessibility tricky at times they are out, without fail, every single week making the downtown windows shine for all of their clients. They take great

pride in a job well done and hope to continue growing their business for many years to come.

Congratulations on over 4 years in business!

Shopping Local



Rick is pictured here showing off his new dresser and the couch that is part of his new furniture set.

"I love it so much!" says Rick about his new furniture pieces purchased at Lake Huron Home in Kincardine last month. Rick went on to talk about how "comfy the couch is" and how soft the new fabric felt.

When Rick was in the market for new furniture he shopped around and found the perfect pieces right here in Kincardine. "The staff were friendly and helpful" said Rick who was happy to support local.

Baby & Me



The Community Living Kincardine & District Infant and Child Development Program is pleased to share that the Baby and Me Groups will be continuing through the fall and winter. These free, inclusive, developmentally-rich groups will run the **FIRST THREE Thursdays of the month, at the Knox Presbyterian Church Kincardine.**

Please join us from 10-11 am as we rotate through programs devoted to Music, Gross Motor and Movement, and Messy Art.

This group is **open to all** babies, toddlers and preschoolers along with their caregivers and is a judgement-free program for **all abilities.**

[Click here](#) to view the Baby and Me Group calendar on our website. Add the event to your calendar by clicking the Thursday Group Title on the calendar or the blue dot if you are on a mobile device.

Stay tuned for NEW groups in the new year!

Thank You!



We would like to extend a **huge thank you to Rona Kincardine** for hosting their Home Sweet Home Campaign BBQ on Saturday September 30th to help enhance our supports and services.

Thank you to the Kincardine Lions Club for BBQing the food and to **each and every community member** who stopped in for a hamburger/hot dog!

Rona Kincardine started the Home Sweet Home campaign this year to continue to support non profits in our community. Funds were raised throughout the month of September through a silent auction and the community BBQ to be donated to Community Living Kincardine and District.

Thank you Rona Kincardine, for naming us as the recipient of your Home Sweet Home fundraising campaign.

Upcoming Events & Activities



CLKD Community Christmas Party!

November 25th, 2023

Kincairdine Davidson Centre

We are happy to announce the date of CLKD's 2023 Christmas party! Please join us at the Davidson Centre on Saturday November 25th for a fun day of Kindergym, crafts, cookie decorating, skating, hot chocolate, snacks, and more! This free event is our way to celebrate with you all and give back to the community who supports us all year long.

Everyone is welcome and we know it will be another amazing holiday party!

Please visit our [website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for more details as we get closer to the date.



Giving Tuesday in Support of JobsWork

November 28th, 2023

This year, CLKD is raising funds through Giving Tuesday, a one-day online donation event that kicks off the giving season, to help support JobsWork.

JobsWork supports people with a disability to find and maintain competitive employment while supporting businesses to be inclusive employers and fill open positions in their businesses and organizations.

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FALL 2023



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(Warton, On) - Police are seeking any available video surveillance footage in connection with a mischief complaint in Warton.

Major theft of sports medals & memorabilia

(Chatsworth, On) - Police are investigating after a thief stole at least 13 medals and countless Olympic memorabilia from a Canadian gymnast.

Graffiti mischief must be removed quickly

(Brockton, On) - On September 15, 2023, at 3:35 p.m., Police received a report about graffiti that was applied to an outbuilding at the soccer fields along East Ridge Road in Brockton.

Side By Side Stolen

(Grey Highlands, On) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police is investigating after receiving information that a side by side was stolen from a property in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

Mount Forest Trailer Theft

(Mount Forest, On) - On July 17, 2023 Police responded to a report of a theft of a trailer.

1999 Toyota Camry Stolen

(Saugeen First Nation, On) - Police are investigating after receiving information that a motor vehicle was stolen from a property on the Territory of Saugeen First Nation.

Multiple Break, Enter and Thefts

(Grey Highlands, On) - The Police, are seeking any available video surveillance footage in connection with a break and enter at a business in Markdale.

Police looking for Stolen Truck

(Brockton, On) - On July 25, 2023, at 10:17 a.m., Police received a stolen vehicle report from an address on Sideroad 10 South in the Municipality of Brockton.

ATV Stolen in Flesherton

(Grey Highlands, On) - Police are investigating after receiving information that on July 31, 2023, at 8:25 a.m., an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) was stolen from a property in the community of Flesherton in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

(LUCKNOW, ON) - Some time between 9:00 p.m. on September 28, 2023, and 8:00 a.m. on September 29, 2023, a Red Ford F250 pickup truck was stolen from an address along Campbell Street in Lucknow.

Break & enter to business

(SAUGEEN FIRST NATION) - On September 19, 2023, at 1:42 a.m., Police, responded to a break and enter on Saugeen First Nation. Approximately \$15,000 worth of property was stolen.

Hate is not anonymous... *But your call is!*

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce are doing their part to eliminate hate and racism in the communities they serve. Moving forward Crime Stoppers has decided to institute a promotional campaign across the twin counties that will encourage people to anonymously call in information about racist or hate spreading groups or individuals.

When a person spreads hate they do not wish to be anonymous regarding the targets of their hatred. Their intent is to instill fear in an individual or group they target as well as sway the opinions of others. But the more they pass along this hate the less anonymous they become. Some times all it takes is one tip to put an end to it.

For those wishing to put an end to this type of activity, but do not wish to become publicly involved, Crime Stoppers offers you the opportunity to make a difference. By calling Crime Stoppers your identity is secure and confidential. The information passed along will be forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency for follow-up and Crime Stoppers will even pay you a cash reward if it leads to an arrest.

The first arrest in North America for a hate crime, which was not as a result of an anonymous tip, was on March 27th, 1996 when a youth was charged for hate speech over the Internet. A Winnipeg teenager was arrested by police for sending an email to a local political activist that contained the message; " 'Death to homosexuals' - it's prescribed in the Bible! Better watch out next Gay Pride Week.' "

Police traced the email back to a youth and seized his computer that showed a large amount of hate messages. They also found a cache of weapons indicating his desire to inflict harm and seek help from others to do likewise.

A hate crime is a criminal offence and Under

Canada's Criminal Code are described as follows;
319 (1) Every one who, by communicating statements in any public place, incites hatred against any identifiable group where such incitement is likely to lead to a breach of the peace is guilty of (an offence punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment)

(2) Every one who, by communicating statements, other than in private conversation, willfully promotes hatred against any identifiable group is guilty of (an offence punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment).



Incidents may involve physical assault, homicide, damage to property, bullying, harassment, verbal abuse (which includes slurs) or insults, letters, emails or other forms of communication, and even offensive graffiti. The intent of the offender must be to instill fear in

their victim.

If you have been victimized by a hate crime or have witnessed a hate crime we encourage you to do the following:

If you feel threatened physically call police emergency at 9-1-1. If you witnessed the incident and have information regarding the perpetrator call 9-1-1.

The Crime Stopper Option

If you wish to report information that may lead to an arrest, but wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or use the P3 App on your android device. Your identity will be kept completely confidential and the information supplied handed off to the appropriate law enforcement agency. No one can ever know your identity.



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Police-reported hate crime... ... we can do better



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The number of hate crimes reported by police in Canada rose from 2,646 incidents in 2020 to 3,360 in 2021, a 27% increase. This finding follows a 36% increase in 2020.

The number of police-reported hate crimes rose by 72% from 2019 to 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated experiences of discrimination in Canada - including hate crimes - and underscored an increase in discourse around issues of systemic discrimination.

Higher numbers of hate crimes targeting a given religion (+67%; 884 incidents), sexual orientation (+64%; 423 incidents), and race or ethnicity (+6%; 1,723 incidents) accounted for most of the reported increase from 2020 to 2021.

All provinces and territories reported increases in the number of hate crimes in 2021, except for Yukon, where it was unchanged. When population size is accounted for, the rate of police-reported hate crime in Canada rose 26% in 2021, to 8.8 incidents per 100,000 population. As in previous years, more than half (56%) of police-reported hate crimes were non-violent offences, primarily mischief.

Hate crimes targeting a race or ethnicity increase for a third straight year

From 2020 to 2021, much of the rise in hate crimes targeting a race or ethnicity (+6%) was the result of more reported hate crimes targeting the Arab and West Asian populations (+46%; +58 incidents), the East and Southeast Asian populations (+16%; +42 incidents), and the South Asian population (+21%; +29 incidents).

Number of police-reported hate crimes motivated by race or ethnicity, Canada, 2018 to 2021

Hate crimes targeting the Black population dropped by 5% in 2021, following a 96% increase in 2020. There were 642 incidents targeting the Black population in 2021, corresponding to the highest rate among specific racialized groups (41 incidents per 100,000 population).

The next highest rates were among hate crimes against the Arab and West Asian populations (17 incidents per 100,000 population), the East and Southeast Asian populations (9 incidents), and the South Asian population (6 incidents). See the Note to readers for limitations on interpreting hate crime rates for specific populations.

Following a large increase (+169%; +49 incidents) from 2019 to 2020, the number of police-reported hate crimes targeting Indigenous people - First Nations people, Métis or Inuit - dropped by 1 incident in 2021, totalling 77 incidents. The number of hate crimes targeting Indigenous people rose significantly during the pandemic compared with previous years (2017 to 2019).

Hate crime incidents targeting the Indigenous population continue to account for a relatively small proportion (2%) of police-reported hate crimes (4 incidents per 100,000 population in 2021). Self-reported data indicate that rates of violent victimization among Indigenous people were more than double that among non-Indigenous people. Furthermore, among people who were discriminated against, the proportion who said it occurred when dealing with the police was five times higher among Indigenous

people than among non-Indigenous, non-racialized people.

There are many factors that can impact the likelihood that a given crime is reported to the police and subsequently reflected in police-reported statistics. General awareness among the community and the expertise of local police, and the relationship between a given community and the police, can play a role in how or if a crime is reported.

Due to the historical and intergenerational trauma resulting from colonialism and related policies, as well as individual and systemic racism, many Indigenous people face deeply rooted social and economic challenges, including higher rates of criminal victimization, discrimination, representation in the criminal justice system, and lower levels of confidence in the police and other institutions. These and other factors can impact whether a hate crime comes to the attention of the police.

Following three consecutive years of decline, religious hate crimes peak

The number of police-reported hate crimes targeting a given religion rose from 530 in 2020 to 884 in 2021, representing a 67% increase. This finding marked the highest number of hate crimes targeting a religion since comparable data have been recorded and followed three consecutive years of decreases. Police-reported hate crimes targeting the Jewish (+47%), Muslim (+71%) and Catholic (+260%) religions were up in 2021 compared with the previous year.

When religious affiliation among Canadians was controlled for through the census, the rate of police-reported hate crimes targeting the Jewish population (145 incidents per 100,000 population) was highest, followed by the Muslim population (8 incidents per 100,000 population) and the Catholic population (1 incident per 100,000 population). See the Note to readers for

limitations on interpreting hate crime rates for specific populations.

Increase in hate crimes targeting a sexual orientation

The 423 hate crimes targeting a sexual orientation recorded in 2021 rose above the previous peak of 265 in 2019. Nearly 8 in 10 (77%) of these crimes specifically targeted the gay and lesbian population, while the remainder targeted the bisexual population (2%) and people of another sexual orientation that is not heterosexual, such as asexual and pansexual people (11%). An additional 10% were incidents where the targeted sexual orientation was reported as unknown.

Non-violent and violent hate crimes are up

The number of non-violent (+26%) and violent (+29%) police-reported hate crimes increased in 2021. Similar to previous years, more than half (56%) of all hate crime incidents were non-violent, while the remaining 44% were violent. Also aligning with previous years, the increase in non-violent hate crime in 2021 was largely the result of more incidents of general mischief (+26%; +260 incidents).

The rise in violent hate crime was the result of more incidents of several violations, including uttering threats (+30%; +98 incidents), common (level 1) assault (+23%; +81 incidents), criminal harassment (+51%; +61 incidents), and major (levels 2 and 3) assault (+35%; +58 incidents).

Like in previous years, police-reported mischief (general mischief and mischief towards property used primarily for worship or by an identifiable group) was the most common hate crime-related offence, accounting for 45% of all police-reported hate crime incidents.

Compared with 2019 (before the pandemic),



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hate crimes increased to a greater extent than non-hate-motivated crimes for a subset of offences (+65% versus +7%) in 2021, including general mischief (+63% hate crime incidents versus +8% non-hate crime incidents), common assault (+50% versus -2%), major assault (+113% versus +18%), uttering threats (+45% versus +11%) and criminal harassment (+169% versus +17%); these offences accounted for the majority of hate crimes.

Victims are most often men and boys, except for those targeting sex or gender

Among victims of police-reported violent hate crimes from 2018 to 2021, 62% were men and boys and 38% were women and girls. More specifically, victims of hate crimes targeting sexual orientation (72%), race or ethnicity (63%), and religion (55%) were more likely to be men and boys. In contrast, nearly three-quarters (74%) of victims of hate crimes targeting sex or gender were women and girls.

Victims of violent hate crimes targeting religion

(median age of 36 years) and race or ethnicity (33 years) tended to be older compared with victims of violent hate crimes targeting sexual orientation (27 years) and sex or gender (28 years).

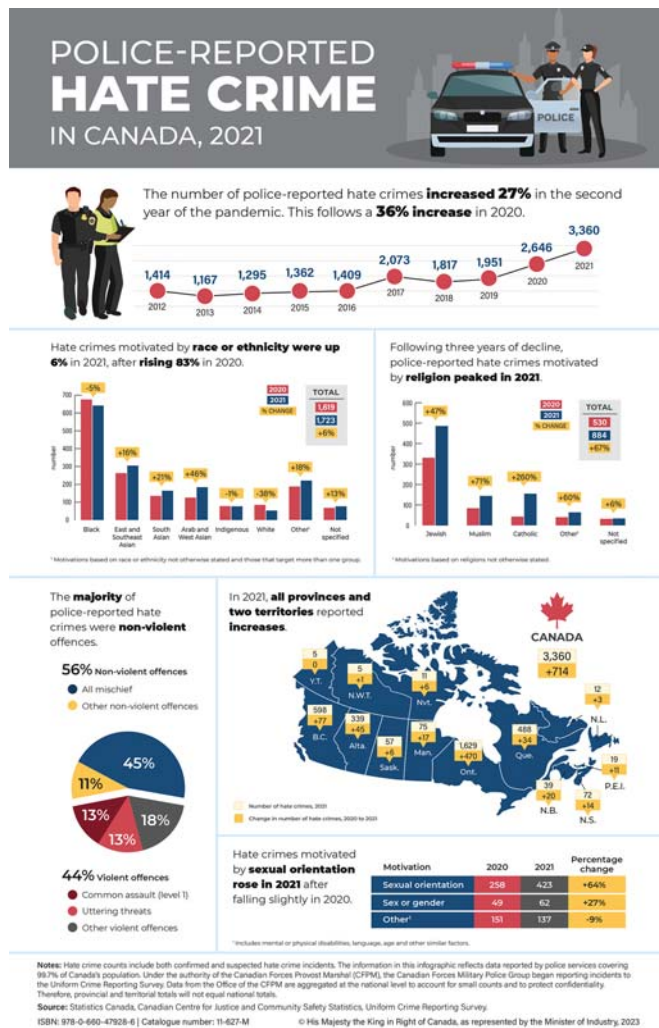
Victims of violent hate crimes typically sustained no injuries (76%) or minor physical injuries (21%). That said, 3% of victims sustained major injuries or were killed. Men and boys were more likely to sustain an injury regardless of the motivation for the hate crime compared with women and girls.

The relationships between the victim and the accused were similar between genders. Unlike crime in general, a large proportion of violent hate crimes were committed by strangers. Victims of hate crimes targeting sexual orientation (52%) and sex or gender (40%) were more likely to know the accused compared with victims of hate crimes targeting religion (34%) and race or ethnicity (33%).

Nearly half of those accused of a hate crime had prior contact with the police

Based on linked incident and accused records from the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey, 2,872 people accused of at least one hate crime from 2012 to 2018 were identified. Among these people, 49% had been accused in at least one police-reported incident (not necessarily hate crime-related) in the three years preceding their first hate crime. For those with prior police contact, 32% were accused in one prior incident, 40% were accused in two to five prior incidents, and 28% were accused in six or more prior incidents. Among all prior incidents, 28% were for violations against a person (violent).

Similarly, 54% of the people accused of a hate crime in the linkage came into contact with police again within the three years following their initial hate crime violation. Among these people, 27% were accused in one subsequent incident (not necessarily hate crime-related), 40% were accused in two to five subsequent incidents, and 33% were accused in six or more subsequent incidents. Among all subsequent incidents, 30% were violent violations.



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Numbers don't say it all

Since the inception of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce, numbers have been the telling story. Unless you take a deeper look, however, numbers don't tell the whole story.

By its very nature Crime Stoppers is a subterranean program. It can not divulge much about specific benefits it has made toward healthier communities or crime reduction. Its purpose is to be confidential in every respect. The program can not shout out to the community that because of this program a specific crime was solved or a wanted individual was arrested. To do so could put a tipster in jeopardy because the program's success is built upon its ability to keep informants identity confidential. Even the Supreme Court of Canada has stated that information supplied to Crime Stoppers is completely confidential and no police, lawyers or courts can force them to reveal their sources.

So trying to convince the public that this is a worthy charitable program to make a donation to is challenging. This means the organization must simply fall back upon statistics to tell their story and for many years this has been the case.

But let's take a closer look at those numbers that crowd the charts. What is it really saying?

In the case of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce the bare facts are not hard to interpret. In the past 12 months, for instance, 770 people in the community have seen a crime or incident they feel is important for authorities to know about. The information supplied by these 770 people has resulted in the arrest of 25 individuals and the laying of just under 100 charges. If not for their tips these people would have remained at large in our communities to wreak further havoc.

The folks calling in anonymously do so for a wide array of reasons. For whatever reason they are members of our community and have given information that encourages Crime Stoppers to offer them a cash reward. Many, if not most, refuse the reward and, in effect, this contributes to the program's financial success.

The good news does not stop there. Since the inception of the program, covering our 17 municipalities and First Nations territories, 31 fugitives have been located and 120 weapons seized. Fugitives are people known and wanted by police and secretly live among us. The fact they have been captured and taken out of the communities is a reassurance to everyone living here.

	Stat Totals Previous 12 Months	Stats Since Inception In 1987
Tips Received	770	18,379
Arrests	25	1,777
Cases Cleared	17	2,744
Charges Laid	99	2,492
Fugitives	1	31
Rewards Approved	7	749
Value of Rewards Approved	\$1,550	\$287,385
Rewards Paid	6	286
Value of Rewards Paid	\$1,400	\$151,460
Weapons Recovered	10	120
Vehicles Recovered	3	20
Total Property, Cash, and Drugs	\$613,846	\$55,040,951

Simple statistics do not reveal the reduction in community victimization. The numbers of tips received, cases cleared, and charges laid in the last 12 months have victims on the other side of the equation. Potential victims of maltreatment, misadventure, fraud, theft, and addictions have been reduced.

Our quality of life and peace of mind in our communities benefits greatly by a local charity that runs on an annual budget of around \$60,000. The return on this investment is astronomical. In the past 12 months alone the total dollar value of the property, cash and illicit drugs seized is well over \$600,000. This force multiplier from investment shows both the efficacy as well as the dedication of those involved in the program.

Given more funding Crime Stoppers can do so much more. It recently started initiatives that focus on hate crimes, and human trafficking. It has expanded its ability to communicate with the public through initiatives such as TIPSTER Magazine and attending many functions to spread awareness of the program and its benefits to the community. Crime Stoppers mandate to reduce crime and victims is worthy of your attention.

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Graffiti Mischief

(WIARTON, ON) - Police are seeking any available video surveillance footage in connection with a mischief complaint in Wiarton.

On July 20, 2023, at approximately 9:51 p.m., a resident observed two individuals spray painting the Peninsula Shores District School at 115 George Street in Wiarton. Prior to police arrival the youth departed the area.

On July 24, 2023, at approximately 11:46 a.m. school employees contacted police advising that the

school was spray painted again in a similar manner.

The OPP is asking anyone in the area of 115 George Street, Wiarton to check their video surveillance on July 20, 2023, between 9:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and between July 21, 2023 - July 24, 2023. If any member of the public has information about the meaning or significance of these symbols you are asked to pass that information in confidence to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce at 800-222-TIPS or use the P3 App on your Android Device.

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Major theft of sports medals & memorabilia



(CHATSWORTH, ON) - Police are investigating after a thief stole at least 13 medals and countless Olympic memorabilia from a Canadian gymnast.

Police say they were notified on July 4 about the theft from a home in the Township of Chatsworth, Ontario.

Among the items stolen are several Canadian national championship medals for gymnastics, other international competition medals, and some for Ontario provincial championship awards.

Police say the thief also took memorabilia, including national and Olympic Gymnastics team clothing and uniforms for Team Canada, framed enlargements of the 1992 Olympics, and national souvenirs from several international competitions between 1982 to 1993, among other items taken.

Police would not confirm whether the victim was a former Team Canada gymnastics team member but did confirm all of the items taken were for gymnastics and belonged to the person whose home they were stolen from.

The list of missing items include a large quantity of medals and memorabilia from various gymnastics competitions:

Stolen Medals

- 1988 Canadian National Championship
- 1986 Elite Canada Competition
- 1984 Ontario Provincial Championships

- 1989 National Championships
- 1992 Yeomen Gymnastics Classic
- 1987 Canadian National Gymnastics Championships (Winnipeg)
- 1991 Canadian National Gymnastics Championship (Saskatoon)
- Queens University Golden Gales
- 1985 National Championships (Vancouver)
- 1989 LJUBLJANA Yugoslavia Beam
- 1992 Ontario Gymnastics Championships
- 1990 Canadian National Championships (Halifax)
- 1988 Kraft international Competition London England

Stolen Memorabilia

- National and Olympic Gymnastic Team clothing and uniforms
- T-shirts, track suits, winter coat, red and white Canadian track suit (arena brand)
- Light blue long coat and a long red coat
- Framed enlargements 1992 Olympics
- Wood burned gymnast wood plate from Ljubana, Yugoslavia
- National Souvenirs from China, Hong Kong, Korea, Macau, Australia, Austria, France, Belgium, Germany, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, England, Lichtenstein- 1982-1993
- 1-whole box of 1992 Olympic memorabilia

Graffiti mischief must be removed quickly

(BROCKTON, ON) - On September 15, 2023, at 3:35 p.m., Police received a report about graffiti that was applied to an outbuilding at the soccer fields along East Ridge Road in Brockton.

Sometime between September 8, and September 14, 2023, the offensive graffiti was applied using green spray paint. The graffiti has since been removed by staff.

Graffiti is any writing, symbols or drawing applied to any surface without the property owner's consent. Most acts of graffiti refer to hip-hop culture, but graffiti is also used by gangs and other extremists.

The removal or repair costs can be expensive, but it must be removed. Graffiti left unchallenged suggests a community that is apathetic about its appearance and most often leads to more graffiti being applied.

Applying graffiti is considered Mischief under the Criminal Code of Canada. Mischief carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in jail upon conviction.

Stolen Pickup Truck



(ARRAN TWP, ON) - On September 22, 2023, at 1:10 p.m., the Police received a theft report from an address along side road 25 in Arran Township. Approximately 1:00 p.m. on September 22, 2023, a White Dodge Ram 2500 diesel with license #**604 7FR** was taken. At the time of the theft, the truck had back racks, push bars, an aluminum toolbox and a Masonic Lodge sticker affixed.

Side By Side Stolen



(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police is investigating after receiving information that a side by side was stolen from a property in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

On August 18, 2023, at 8:05 a.m., the OPP responded to a report of a theft of a side by side. It was determined that between August 17, 2023, at 8:30 p.m., and August 18, 2023, at 7:15 a.m. that the side by side was taken from a property on Grey Road 30 in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

The side by side is described as a red and white 2021 Can-Am Maverick X3 side by side, bearing ON licence **3SD70**.

Mount Forest Trailer Theft



(MOUNT FOREST, ON) - On July 17, 2023 Police responded to a report of a theft of a trailer. It was reported that between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., a silver utility trailer with license plate "**L1303V**" was stolen from a residence on Byeland Drive, Mount Forest.

1999 Toyota Camry Stolen



(SAUGEEN FIRST NATION, ON) - Police are investigating after receiving information that a motor vehicle was stolen from a property on the Territory of Saugeen First Nation.

On August 11, 2023, at 11:08 a.m., police investigated the theft of a motor vehicle from a Bruce Road 13 address.

It was determined that sometime between 2:30 a.m. on August 11, 2023, and 6:30 a.m. on August 11, 2023, unknown individual(s) attended the address and stole the motor vehicle.

The motor vehicle is described as a 1999 Toyota Camry beige/tan in colour. The vehicle has drivers side damage, bumper stickers of the following: Toronto Raptors We the North, Toronto Blue Jays, and a Canadian Flag.

Police Seeking Video Surveillance for Multiple Break, Enter and Thefts

(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - The Police, are seeking any available video surveillance footage in connection with a break and enter at a business in Markdale.

Between March 22, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., and March 23, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., unknown individual(s) attended the business and stole a 2017 Stirling 4X7 trailer with plate **N36623**.

On June 2, 2023, between 1:30 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., unknown individual(s) attended the same business and stole gas and a fuel pump with serial number **FS200162S**.

On June 8, 2023, between 12:50 a.m., and 1:20 a.m. unknown individual(s) attended the business and stole a golf cart which has since been recovered.

Between June 23, 2023, at 9:00 p.m., and June 24, 2023, at 5:45 a.m., unknown individual(s) attended the business and stole 2030A John Deere ProGator Utility Vehicle.

South Bruce Police looking for Stolen Truck



(BROCKTON, ON) - On July 25, 2023, at 10:17 a.m., Police received a stolen vehicle report from an address on Sideroad 10 South in the Municipality of Brockton.

It was determined an unknown suspect(s) entered the property sometime around 10:00 a.m., and proceeded to steal a blue 2008 Toyota Tundra 2-door pick-up truck with licence # **BL43157**.



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ATV Stolen in Flesherton



(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - Police are investigating after receiving information that on July 31, 2023, at 8:25 a.m., an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) was stolen from a property in the community of Flesherton in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

It was determined that sometime between July 21, 2023, and July 30, 2023, unknown individual(s) attended the address and removed the ATV.

The ATV is described as a black CFMOTO-CFORCE 400L with plate **7WT04** and the VIN of **LCELDZ4XN6000451**. A photograph of the ATV is attached for reference.

Theft from local business

(BROCKTON, ON) - The Police are investigating after receiving information that items were stolen from a storage trailer.

On August 28, 2023, at 5:24 p.m., police were called to a property on Bruce Road 4 in the Municipality of Brockton for a theft. Sometime between August 27, 2023, at 11:00 p.m., and August 28, 2023 at 5:24 p.m. an unknown individual attended the property and entered the storage trailer

and stole approximately \$500 worth of property.

Stolen items are:



- Fish lures
- 3/8" coil of winch cable
- Antique leg traps
- MOOG squirrel cage fan (blue)
- Buddha statue
- Ontario Sires Stakes metal plaque (silver)
- 3D horse face (bronze)

Break-In to local Business



(CHATSWORTH, ON) - On September 26, 2023, Police responded to a break and enter to a business on Highway 6 and 10 in Meaford (Chatsworth).

It was determined that sometime on September 26, 2023, between 4:00 a.m., and 6:00 a.m., 2 individuals broke a metal gate and entered the property. Approximately \$2,000 worth of property was stolen. Police have not reported the property that was stolen.



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ATV Stolen



(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - Police are investigating after receiving information that an ATV was stolen from a property in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

On October 1, 2023, at 10:34 a.m., police responded to a report of a theft of an ATV. It was determined that between September 30, 2023, at 10:00 p.m., and October 1, 2023, at 10:20 a.m. that the ATV was taken from a property on Grey Road 4 in the Municipality of Grey Highlands. The ATV is described as a 2022 Green Arctic Cat Alterra with a VIN of **4uF1A4GB2NT201560**.

Multiple B&E's in Markdale

(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - Police are seeking any available video surveillance footage in connection with a series of break-ins at a business in Markdale.



with plate **N36623**.

On June 2, 2023, between 1:30 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., unknown individual(s) attended the business and stole gas and a fuel pump with serial number FS200162S.

Between June 23, 2023, at 9:00 p.m., and June 24, 2023, at 5:45 a.m., unknown individual(s) attended the business and stole 2030A John Deere ProGator Utility Vehicle.

Break & enter to business

(SAUGEEN FIRST NATION) - On September 19, 2023, at 1:42 a.m., Police, responded to a break and enter to a business on Saugeen First Nation.

It was determined approximately \$15,000 worth of property was stolen. Stolen property included chewing tobacco, vapes and cigars. There is no description of the suspect(s).

Stolen Pick-Up Truck



(LUCKNOW, ON) - On September 30, 2023, at 3:43 p.m., the Police received a theft report from an address along Campbell Street in Lucknow.

Some time between 9:00 p.m. on September 28, 2023, and 8:00 a.m. on September 29, 2023, a Red Ford F250 pick-up truck with license # BW89137 was taken. The value of the truck is estimated to be more than \$52,000.

Attempted theft investigation

(MEAFORD, ON) - Police are investigating after receiving information that an ATV was attempted to be stolen from a property on Grey Road 11 in the Municipality of Meaford.

On October 2023, at 11:50 a.m., the owner arrived home to find an individual attempting to steal his ATV. The individual fled the scene north on Highway 26.

The suspect is described as:

- Male
- Caucasian
- 5'10" tall
- Brown hair
- Beard
- Wearing a long sleeve shirt
- Blue jeans
- Black baseball cap
- Tattoo on his cheek (unknown which side)

2023 Classic car tours show off back roads beauty beyond compare



Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce presented a series of three classic car scramble tours throughout the warm weather months which introduced people to the varied geography and back roads of Grey and Bruce Counties. This was the fourth year for these events put on with the assistance of Sauble Beach and Saugeen Shores Sunset Cruisers along with Saugeen Shores Corvette Club.

The three Classic Car Tour maps, given out by Crime Stopper Volunteers at the beginning of each event, were the keys to beauty beyond compare. Motorists were not expected to cover all these roads in one afternoon but were encouraged to retain the maps as their invitation to return many times throughout all the seasons to take in the local colour and vistas of which this part of Ontario is famous.

With each tour motorists were encouraged to travel on their own or in groups. To make many stops along the way and keep their cameras ready as surprise opportunities abound everywhere. The maps provided show several stop points of particular interest and motorists were encouraged to linger a little longer to take in the views. Organizers also ensured the maps included refreshment and washroom facilities along the way while Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce provided a tad bit of intrigue and excitement with their 50/50 draws.



What follows is a run-down on these activities.



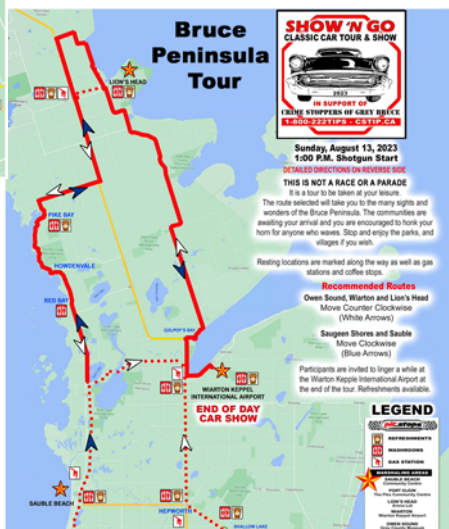
The Bruce County Tour

On Sunday June 25th, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce presented their south Bruce County Tour and show which centred on the town of Paisley. About 110 classic, hobby and antique vehicles were on display on the grass of the Paisley Palace Park. Many toured the back roads of Bruce County that fan out to the surrounding rolling hills and farm land.

This spirited, picturesque river community of about 1000 people is located at the confluence of the Teeswater and Saugeen Rivers. Paisley is known for a more relaxed lifestyle and vibrant community. Paisley offers a varied selection of retail and service-based businesses, several of which fea-



ture the work of local artists and artisans. Paisley has a substantial number of designated heritage buildings and four re-purposed mills as well as the local *Treasure Chest Museum* which adds to the village's unique character. This Museum provides visitors a great insight into Rural Ontario in the late 1800's and early 1900's. It has something for everyone from china to World War 1 memorabilia and old farm implements. Just south of town is the Bruce County Heritage Farm Museum.



The Bruce Peninsula Tour

On Sunday August 13th, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce hosted their Bruce Peninsula Classic Car run. This circle route tour took participants on a scenic tour of the west and east sides of the Bruce Peninsula. It included the west road which follows Lake Huron north to Red Bay, Howdenvale, Pike Bay and Lion's



Head and then the East road leading down to Cape Crocker, Colpoys Bay and Wiarnton. The west side was full of vacationers and year-round residents who sat by the roadside cheering on the cars as they trekked past. Pike Bay and Lion's Head provided great refreshment stops and the East Road revealed its rugged beauty and picturesque villages and fields. The Wiarnton Keppel International Airport hosted around 170 cruisers with ample space to show off their classic, hobby and antique vehicles.



The Fall Colours Classic Car Tour

The lands on the Keppel peninsula are a very storied part of Grey County. From the initial 1857 purchase from the Chippewa (Ojibway) Nation to the sale of the 100 acre parcels of surveyed lands

the township has slowly revealed the colourful scenic vistas we see today. With Colpoys Bay to the west, Georgian Bay to the north and Owen Sound harbour to the east this peninsula boasts the most breathtaking and varied scenery in the least amount of space in the province. It is this condensed beauty we encourage you to appreciate on this tour.

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce welcomed participants to stop off and display their vehicle at the Wiarnton

Keppel International Airport beginning from noon to 5:00 p.m. or take part in the tour beginning at 1:00 pm and return to the show later. This year, under favourable weather conditions, they hosted almost 200 classic, hobby and antique cars.

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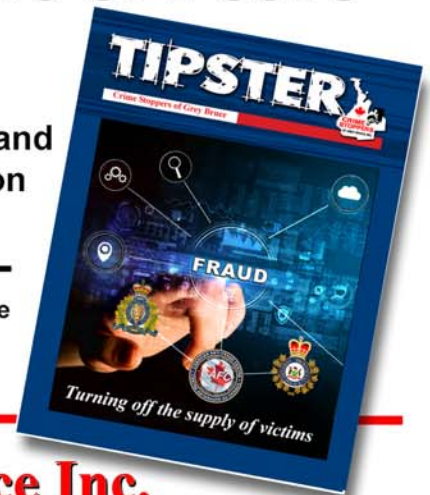
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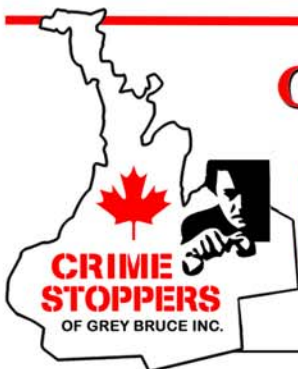
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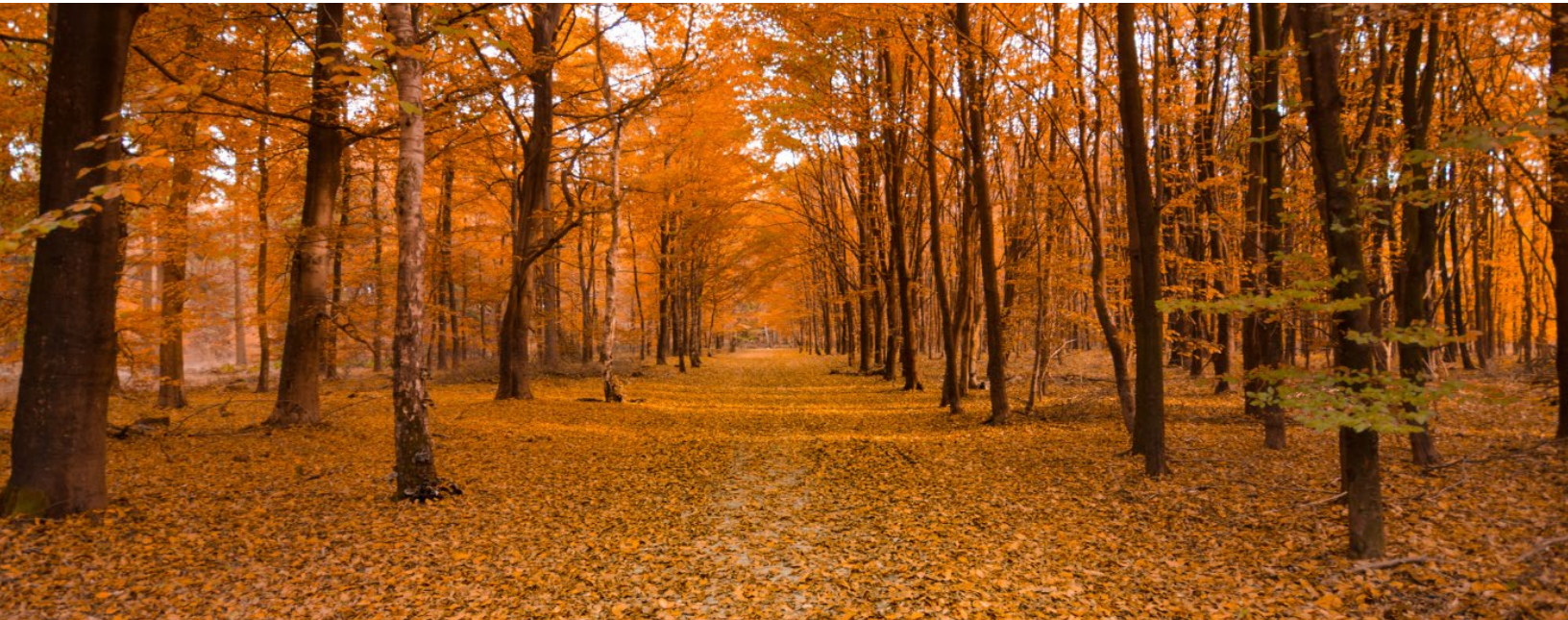
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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

October 2023

It's hard to believe that summer has come and gone! I hope that you all had the opportunity to rest and enjoy time with friends and family over the summer months. Now into Fall, as pumpkin spice pops up seemingly everywhere, we're hard at work ensuring that we continue to advance important initiatives through the Clean Energy Frontier program.



It has also dawned on me that this is the first time that I am addressing you (in this format) as the Director responsible for the Clean Energy Frontier program. As such, I'd like to thank my talented colleague, Jessica Linthorne, for the incredible work that she has done to advance the program. The program has undoubtedly benefited immensely from Jess' leadership. Thankfully, Jessica is not going far. She is staying with the Nuclear Innovation Institute as Chief Operating Officer and will continue to be a resource for the program moving forward (thank goodness—no one loves census data more than Jess!).



The program will now be overseen by NII's division of Policy and Partnerships which includes myself and Jordan Durrer (Program Specialist, Policy and Partnerships) who is incredibly talented and an excellent resource for the program. Both Jordan and I have enjoyed the work we've done to date, including being active at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in August, supporting local municipalities with advocacy work and engaging directly with local councils on the Nuclear Sector Sustainability and Growth Study.

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The Clean Energy Frontier created a **Plain Language Toolkit** for local elected officials. The toolkit contains quick facts about:

- The Clean Energy Frontier program hosted at the Nuclear Innovation Institute.
- Lifesaving medical isotopes created right here in our region.
- How the industry accounts for all its waste.
- The role of energy storage in a clean energy Ontario.



Furthermore, late last month we were pleased to welcome the Regional Steering Committee to NII for a very insightful meeting and discussion. As mentioned during the meeting, one of the significant strengths of the program is that it draws on an excellent cross-section of local expertise. We very much value your insights and have already been hard at work implementing your vision for program activities in the months ahead. Stay tuned for more updates!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Jordan. We're always happy to engage and support you.

Wishing you a very happy (and pumpkin spice-filled) fall season!

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OVER THE PAST MONTH

- SEPT 7** Bruce County Delegation
- SEPT 20** Huron County Delegation
- SEPT 22** Regional Steering Committee Meeting
- SEPT 28** Grey County Planning and Economic Development Committee Delegation
- OCT 3** Energy Storage Canada Conference

UPCOMING DATES

- OCT 26** NWMO Bus Tour
- JAN 2024** Clean Energy Frontier Summit

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