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Bruce County Public Library will host a virtual workshop on fraud protection for Seniors. This event will take place on Tuesday, November 7 at 2pm. You have the option to attend online from your home or watch the presentation in person from the Port Elgin and Chesley Branches. A representative from the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada will host the workshop.

The Fraud Protection workshop is an excellent addition to BCPL's lineup of seniorfriendly events. It will equip seniors with the knowledge and tools to protect themselves from common scams and fraud in an increasingly digital world. The representative facilitating the program brings a wealth of experience to ensure that participants receive accurate and up-to-date information on fraud prevention strategies.

Registration is not required, and the workshop can be experienced from the comfort of your own home. Email Libraryinfo@brucecounty.on.ca for a meeting link. Alternatively, if you wish to attend the program in person, you can pop into the BCPL Chesley and Port Elgin Branches. With a diverse range of programs, services, and materials, BCPL plays a big part in community growth. Library programs are always free, which helps overcome barriers that seniors may experience in gaining the valuable education needed to stay safe online.

Digital connection is increasingly important to Canadians' lives; BCPL has taken the initiative to provide ongoing valuable resources and programs that help empower seniors to stay safe online. In addition to the fraud prevention workshop, BCPL offers

other programs designed to enhance digital literacy. These programs include Tech Coach, which provides one-on-one sessions with Library Staff on how to use online Library Resources or to gain help with everyday tech issues. BCPL asks that you contact your local Branch to discuss your concern and book a time. Another popular series of programs is Digital Literacy, which can cover various topics around tech, from smartphones, tablets and internet basics, and additional Break the Fake classes. These programs occur in a group setting and aim to help seniors and adults become more comfortable with today's technology. Visit their <u>online events calendar</u> to find a program near you and pick up a paper calendar on your next visit to your local Branch.





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NOTICE: Temporary Daytime Closures on Paisley Bridge for Final Restoration Work

Please take notice that there will be temporary daytime closures on the Paisley Bridge from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM from November 6 to November 10, 2023, to facilitate final restoration work. The temporary bridge and detour will be available for use during the daily road closures. There may also be temporary lane closures from November 13 to November 17, 2023 to complete minor works while the bridge will be open to vehicular and pedestrian use.



November 03, 2023

Please take notice that there will be temporary daytime closures on the Paisley Bridge from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM from November 6 to November 10, 2023, to facilitate final restoration work. The temporary bridge and detour will be available for use during the daily road closures. There may also be temporary lane closures from November 13 to November 17, 2023 to complete minor works while the bridge will be open to vehicular and pedestrian use. The new sidewalk on the bridge will be closed to pedestrian use from November 3 to November 17, 2023. The temporary bridge, which successfully served as an in-town detour for motorists and pedestrians, will be removed later in November 2023 once the remaining work is completed.

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 <u>http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/paisleybridge</u>.

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 Removal – Starting November 2023 Top Lift Paving – Occurring in the Summer of 2024

Need Support?

For Business Support, contact Business to Bruce at 1-800-268-3838 or info@businesstobruce.com For Construction Inquiries, contact Bruce County Transportation & Environmental Services at 519-881-2400 or transportationinfo@brucecounty.on.ca

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 about <u>Road Construction in Bruce County</u>.

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NOTICE: Bruce County Rail Trail Closure from Sideroad 40 to Sideroad 45 (South Bruce)

The Bruce County Rail Trail will be closed between Sideroad 40 and Sideroad 45 in South Bruce from Monday, November 6, 2023 to Thursday, November 9, 2023 for the development of a parking area within the trail corridor adjacent to Sideroad 40. This new parking area will provide staging for vehicles and trailers at the south end of the Bruce County Rail Trail.



November 02, 2023

The Bruce County Rail Trail will be closed between Sideroad 40 and Sideroad 45 in South Bruce from Monday, November 6, 2023 to Thursday, November 9, 2023 for the development of a parking area within the trail corridor adjacent to Sideroad 40. This new parking area will provide staging for vehicles and trailers at the south end of the Bruce County Rail Trail. 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 area impacted during construction.

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

Discover more about <u>Bruce County Trails</u>. Discover more about <u>Transportation & Environmental Services</u>.

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Bruce County Appoints Sean Morphy as Deputy CAO

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The Deputy CAO position is the second most senior staff position within the County, is an integral part of the Senior Management Team, and is the designate to act as the CAO in the CAO's absence. The Deputy CAO is responsible for a variety of support and operational departments within the organization, with the Directors of those departments reporting directly to the Deputy. Deputy CAO Morphy is Bruce County's current Director of Human Resources. He is a dynamic and experienced municipal leader with a demonstrated history of managing responsive and innovative services in both the private and public sectors. Sean has over fifteen years of management, labour relations, organizational development, and project and change management experience. He also holds a Master of Business Administration and the Certified Human Resources Leader (CHRL) designation.

"I am very pleased to offer congratulations to Sean Morphy on his appointment as our new Deputy CAO. Sean is a talented senior leader for Bruce County and I look forward to working with him to have Bruce County's voice heard and expertise showcased," said Warden Chris Peabody.

Discover more about the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Bruce County is an upper-tier municipality in Southwestern Ontario, Canada, made up of 8 lower-tier municipalities and 73,396 residents. The explorers who visit, live, and work here are the dreamers who take roads less travelled and see tried and true as an invitation to try something new. Be an Explorer and call Bruce County home.

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Bruce County Council Approves 2024 Capital and Operating Budget

At the Thursday, November 2, 2023 Corporate Services Committee Meeting, Bruce County Council approved the 2024 Capital and Operating Budget, which will see final by-law adoption later this year.



November 07, 2023

At the Thursday, November 2, 2023 Corporate Services Committee Meeting, Bruce County Council approved the 2024 Capital and Operating Budget, which will see final by-law adoption later this year. The 2024 budget supports people and capital assets, continues to build our financial foundation by building reserves and establishing a positive net financial position, and focusses on a long term outlook through strategic and asset management planning. Council and Staff would like to thank all residents and stakeholders that participated in our successful budget survey that provided feedback through the budget review process.

The approved 2024 budget is comprised of \$22.5 million in capital expenditures and \$140 million in operating expenditures funded by \$67 million in property tax levies, which is a 6.16% increase in 2024. The County is making key investments in Infrastructure, Paramedic Services, Long Term Care and Senior Services, and Housing and Community Development. The approved budget will see Bruce County provide Housing and Homelessness Supports for up to an additional 515 households, address community growth by increasing Paramedic Services resources, and develop a strategy for supporting local health care.

Warden Chris Peabody commented, "Thank you again to everyone that participated in our recent Budget Survey. Your feedback was extremely valuable to our budget process. The 2024 Budget continues Bruce County down a fiscally responsible path and dedicates significant funding to infrastructure, social support, and community development needs. I would like to thank County staff for their hard work and careful planning that went into building the 2024 budget."

Discover more about the 2024-2028 draft corporate budget and forecast at <u>www.brucecounty.on.ca/budget</u>. Multi-year budgeting is a best practice for municipalities, and encouraged by the Province, ensuring adequate resources for fulfilling the County's strategic plans and goals.

For more information on the 2024 Bruce County Budget, please contact Director of Corporate Services Edward Henley at <u>ehenley@brucecounty.on.ca</u>.

Proposed Key Initiatives for 2024:

Local Health Care Infrastructure Levy \$0.15M Enterprise Resource Planning Software \$0.4M GIS Modernization \$0.2M Bridge and Culvert Projects \$2.6M Road Projects \$2.5M Transfers to Transportation Infrastructure Reserves \$2.5M Winter Road Maintenance \$3.9M Housing Facilities Repairs and Replacements \$3.0M Housing and Homelessness Programs, Supports, and Services increased spending of \$0.6M Paramedic Services Vehicles \$0.8M Paramedic Services Port Elgin Station Staffing increase \$0.5M

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County Administration Buildings Closed for Remembrance Day 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, November 11 to Monday, November 13 (Remembrance Day Long Weekend). Virtual customer service and in-person service will be available again on Tuesday, November 14 at 8:30 AM.



November 08, 2023

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, November 11 to Monday, November 13 (Remembrance Day Long Weekend). Virtual customer service and in-person service will be available again on Tuesday, November 14 at 8:30 AM.

Bruce County Public Library Branches will be closed on Saturday, November 11. Library Branches will be open for regular hours on Sunday, November 12 and Monday, November 13. Online resources are available 24/7. <u>library.brucecounty.on.ca</u>

Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre and Archives will be closed from Saturday, November 11 to Monday, November 13.

www.brucemuseum.ca. For more information about Bruce County Veterans, please visit www.bruceremembers.org.

EarlyON Child and Family Centre programming will be closed from Saturday, November 11 to Monday, November 13. EarlyON schedules are available <u>online</u>

Please remember with your local Royal Canadian Legion, www.legion.ca.

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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Help Support Families this Holiday Season through Bruce County's Dorrell Young Christmas Program

Until December 8, 2023, Bruce County is accepting gift donations at the Bruce County Administrative Centre in Walkerton, the Lakeshore Hub in Port Elgin, the Peninsula Hub in Wiarton, and the Penetangore Hub in Kincardine.



November 16, 2023

Give the gift of hope and inclusion for children and families in need this holiday season. Bruce County's Human Services Department seeks the community's support with donations to the annual Dorrell Young Christmas Program.

Until December 8, 2023, Bruce County is accepting gift donations at the Bruce County Administrative Centre in Walkerton, the Lakeshore Hub in Port Elgin, the Peninsula Hub in Wiarton, and the Penetangore Hub in Kincardine.

You may consider supporting the Dorrell Young Christmas Program in one of the following ways:

- A monetary donation, which can be made online at <u>https://payment.psps.ca/county-of-bruce/index.php/</u> (any amount \$20 or greater is eligible for a tax receipt).
- An unwrapped gift suitable for a child or teenager.
- Sponsor a family (County Staff will provide gender and ages of family members).

Annually, the Dorrell Young Christmas Program provides a gift, often a toy, book, or article of clothing, for children and teenagers served by Bruce County's Human Services department, whose families and caregivers struggle during the holiday season. The program supports approximately 400 children within Bruce County, as well as supporting adult members of households through sponsorship. The program relies solely on donations, through the support of generous individuals and organizations in our community.

"Thank you so much for your generosity and meaningful contributions to the Dorrell Young Christmas Program this holiday season," says Tina Metcalfe, Director of Human Services. "Your support is making a real difference for children and families in communities across Bruce County."

Discover more about the Dorrell Young Christmas Program.

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Get ready for holiday fun at the BCM&CC!

This week, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre opens registration for its holiday events taking place throughout the month of December.



November 15, 2023

This week, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre opens registration for its holiday events taking place throughout the month of December.

On the upcoming November 24th PA Day, the Museum will host a holiday-themed "Maker Day," where kids will enjoy making a variety of beautiful winter-inspired creations, spending time in the exhibits, and watching a holiday movie on the big screen in the Bruce Power theatre.

On December 8, preschoolers taking part in the holiday edition of the Museum's Merry Munchkins program will 'shop' in Bevan's General Store for ingredients to create a meal kit they can donate to an area food bank all while learning about the spirit of giving.

On December 15, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, the third annual Light Up the Holidays event returns to the BCM&CC with festive fun for the whole family! During the evening, guests will enjoy hands-on crafts, snacks, live music, holiday story time

aboard the HMS General Hunter, and a visit with Santa himself! In the spirit of the season, there will also be a Grinchthemed scavenger hunt throughout the museum, sugar cookie decorating, and a Victorian magic show. This event is proudly presented by Tina Blair Law Firm and media partner 97.9 the Bruce.

Winter fun continues with the Museum's "Not on Netflix" movie series, featuring everything from heartwarming kid-friendly flicks, to thrilling new releases. Movie tickets will include access to the entire Museum. The Museum will also have drop-in crafts happening from December 27 to January 6. Members free; General Admission applies.

If you're looking for the perfect gift for your loved ones this holiday season, give the gift of time travel by purchasing or renewing your Museum membership between November 13 and December 20 for a chance to win a \$200 Blue Mountain gift card.

For full event listings, details, and registration, visit brucemuseum.ca.

About the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre offers adult and children's programming, special events, and is home to the Bruce County Archives & Research Room. Our mandate is to preserve and make available the documentary heritage of Bruce County.

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Bruce County Public Library is delighted to announce its participation in two innovat programs this holiday season that are open to public support: Food for Fines and the Tree of Warmth.

Tree of Warmth is offered in all 17 Branches on Monday, November 13, and will run until Friday, December 1. The public can participate in the program by donating new unwrapped, warm articles of clothing for children ages 0-18. The clothes will then be donated to the Dorrel Young Fund, ensuring that kids in need stay warm during winter.

Food for Fines is a popular, long-running Library initiative and will be returning on Monday, November 27 and running until Friday, December 8. This year, they are excited to add the Bookmobile to the list of branches collecting donations. This is an excellent opportunity for Library patrons to make a positive impact by donating nonperishable food items. For every food item donated, \$5 will be applied to overdue fines, up to a maximum of \$25. This helps clear overdue fines and contributes to local food banks and assisting families in need.

These programs reflect the library's commitment to the communities they serve, spreading joy and helping those in need. Join them in making a difference and sharing in the spirit of giving this holiday season.



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BCM&CC Launches Expansion Survey to Shape Future Growth

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre has launched a public survey aimed at engaging the community to gather insights that will help to inform the museum's plans for expansion of its facilities and services to accommodate for the needs of a growing and diversifying County.



November 17, 2023

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre has launched a public survey aimed at engaging the community to gather insights that will help to inform the museum's plans for expansion of its facilities and services to accommodate for the needs of a growing and diversifying County.

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, known for its commitment to preserving and promoting the rich history and culture of the region, has embarked on this survey to ensure that the future Museum expansion aligns with the needs, desires, and expectations of the local community and visitors.

The survey is 5-10 minutes in length and is confidential. It is available now online at <u>brucemuseum.ca</u> and in physical format by request at the Museum's front desk. You can also use the QR code to link directly to the survey. Survey participants will also have a chance to win a BCM&CC gift basket, including a one-year family Museum membership. The survey closes November 30, 2023 when the draw will take place.

About the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre offers adult and children's programming, special events, and curates an amazing collection of more than 20,000 artifacts that help tell the story of Bruce County. It is also home to the Bruce County Archives & Research Room, whose mandate is to preserve and make available the documentary heritage of Bruce County.

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Bruce County Reminds Public of Housing Supports on National Housing Day

Bruce County acknowledges Wednesday, November 22, 2023 as National Housing Day.



November 17, 2023

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Bruce County, as the service system manager for housing and homelessness, administers, funds, and delivers programs and services to obtain and sustain housing. However, this important work can't be done alone and we are appreciative of the collaborative work together with community partners to ensure everyone has a safe and stable place to stay.

Bruce County has recently developed two <u>Affordable Housing Toolkits</u> to encourage developers, builders, landlords, and homeowner to help create affordable housing in Bruce County. Each toolkit,

one for multi-residential and ground related affordable housing developers, and one for homeowners or landlords who could intensify their properties through the development of <u>additional residential units</u>, provides information on the context for affordable housing creation in Bruce County and its local municipalities, with step-by-step guides and other resources to support affordable housing development projects.

To support vulnerable members of the region, Bruce County works in partnerships with community agencies who deliver housing and homelessness outreach services. These partnerships are necessary in our rural community to enable people to build strong networks of support to develop a strong future. One of the programs funded by Bruce County is the YMCA Emergency Shelter Program, which has a priority of ensuring safety and access to basic needs. For more information, please visit <u>www.ymcaowensound.on.ca</u> or call 519-371-9222.

Bruce County also utilizes the universal 211 service to help people connect to community, social, health, and government services in their communities. Services are available 24/1 by calling 211 or by visiting the Bruce & Grey Community Information website at <u>brucegreycommunityinfo.cioc.ca</u>.

"Through strong partnerships, Bruce County is able to build a strong housing response system for vulnerable residents", says Tania Dickson, Housing Services Manager, "We truly appreciate the support and partnerships within our caring and engaged communities."

Discover more about the <u>Housing Supports and Services</u> provided by Bruce County Housing Services.

Discover more about Human Services in Bruce County.

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Monitoring Winter Road Conditions in Bruce County

As the Winter season arrives in Bruce County and weather conditions begin to impact roadways, the Bruce County Transportation and Environmental Services Department reminds the traveling public to monitor road and weather conditions on the Bruce County Winter Road Conditions webpage. This one-stop-shop map tool is updated periodically each day through the winter months and as weather warrants.



November 17, 2023

As the Winter season arrives in Bruce County and weather conditions begin to impact roadways, the Bruce County Transportation and Environmental Services Department reminds the traveling public to monitor road and weather conditions on the Bruce County <u>Winter Road Conditions webpage</u>. This one-stop-shop map tool is updated periodically each day through the winter months and as weather warrants.

For 2023/2024, the Bruce County <u>Road Conditions webpage</u> has been enhanced with new closure and conditions mapping, weather radar mapping, and detailed tables of closures and conditions on County maintained roads. This information is provided as a public service and therefore drivers are encouraged to use care and caution in winter weather as these conditions can change at a moment's notice. All roadway users must travel safely, share the road, and respect others.

"Bruce County's Transportation Department strives to provide the best winter maintenance efforts given the fluctuating

weather conditions we experience across the region. We remind the public to drive with caution during the winter months, while respecting winter maintenance operations," said Adam Stanley, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services.

Visit the new <u>Bruce County Winter Road Conditions Page</u>. For Provincial Roads, please monitor <u>Ontario 511</u>.

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Notice of Passing of County-wide Development Charges By-law

Please take notice that the Council of the County of Bruce passed county-wide development charges by-law No. 2023-048 on the 16th day of November, 2023 under section 2(1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O., 1997 c. 27, as amended.



November 17, 2023

Please take notice that the Council of the County of Bruce passed county-wide development charges by-law No. 2023-048 on the 16th day of November, 2023 under section 2(1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O., 1997 c. 27, as amended.

And take notice that any person or organization may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal under section 14 of the Act, in respect of the development charges by-law, by filing with the Clerk of the County of Bruce on or before the 2nd of January, 2024 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons supporting the objection.

The schedule of development charges imposed by the by-law, which came into effect on November 16, 2023, is as follows:

SCHEDULE B

By-law No. 2023-048

Schedule of Development Charges

Service/Class of Service		NON-RESIDENTIAL				
	Single and Semi- Detached Dwelling	Other Multiples	Apartments - 2 Bedrooms +	Apartments - Studio and 1 Bedroom	Special Care/Special Dwelling Units	(per sq.ft. of Gross Floor Area)
County Wide Services/Class of Service:						
Services Related to a Highway	6,302	4,028	3,973	2,674	2,603	2.78
Fleet	33	21	21	14	14	0.01
Parks and Recreation Services	96	61	61	41	40	0.01
Long-term Care Services	910	582	574	386	376	0.12
Child Care and Early Years Programs	58	37	37	25	24	0.00
Ambulance Services	268	170	168	113	110	0.04
Total County Wide Services/Class of Service	7,665	4,899	4,834	3,253	3,167	2.94

Mandatory Phase-in

The amount of the development charges described in Schedule B to this by-law shall be reduced in accordance with section 5(8) of the Act.

Therefore, the following percentages of the charges provided in Schedule B will be imposed for residential uses (subject to annual indexing as per section 5.0 of this by-law):

a) 2023 - 0%; b) 2024 - 25%; c) 2025 - 40%; d) 2026 - 55%; e) 2027 - 65%; f) 2028 - 75%; g) 2029 - 85%; h) 2030 - 95%; i) 2031 - 100%.

Therefore, the following percentages of the charges provided in Schedule B will be imposed for non-residential uses (subject to annual indexing as per section 5.0 of this by-law):

a) 2023 - 0%; b) 2024 - 25%; c) 2025 - 40%; d) 2026 - 55%; e) 2027 - 65%; f) 2028 - 75%; g) 2029 - 85%; h) 2030 - 95%; i) 2031 - 100%.

*Note: The development charges will be adjusted annually on January 1st of each year, commencing in 2023 in accordance with the Statistics Canada Non-residential Building Construction Price Index for Toronto.

No key map has been provided as the by-law applies to all lands within the jurisdiction of the County of Bruce.

A copy of the complete by-law is available for examination online at <u>www.brucecounty.on.ca/development-charges</u> or at the County of Bruce office, 30 Park Street, PO Box 70, Walkerton, Ontario, NoG 2Vo during regular business hours (weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM) excluding statutory holidays and with the exception of December 27, 28, and 29.

DATED at the County of Bruce, Walkerton, Ontario, this 16th day of November, 2023.

Linda White County Clerk <u>clerk@brucecounty.on.ca</u>

Discover more about Development Charges in Bruce County.

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Donation Supports Paramedic Services in Bruce County

Bruce County, Ontario: Bruce County Paramedic Services would like to thank Marvin Freiburger and Sons Inc. for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 to support paramedic services in our region. Angela Freiburger presented the donation to Bruce County's Deputy Chief of Paramedic Services, Raymond Lux, on Thursday November 23, 2023.



November 24, 2023

Bruce County, Ontario: Bruce County Paramedic Services would like to thank Marvin Freiburger and Sons Inc. for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 to support paramedic services in our region. Angela Freiburger presented the donation to Bruce County's Deputy Chief of Paramedic Services, Raymond Lux, on Thursday November 23, 2023.

These funds will be used towards the purchase of digital signage boards at the Walkerton paramedic station which will provide real time communications about the daily shift roster, road and hospital closures, declared outbreaks, paramedic fleet status, and other emergency communications needed for daily paramedic operations.

"Marvin Freiburger & Sons Inc. appreciates the emergency services in the area and wants to acknowledge all the first responders that go out on a limb every day to keep people safe," said Angela Freiburger.

Paramedic Services Chief Steve Schaus said, "Bruce County Paramedic Services is very honored that Marvin and Angela think of us every year, support our service, and give back to the community."

Bruce County Paramedic Services employs a staff of about 100 Full-time and Part-time paramedics that provide pre-hospital care to citizens and visitors of Bruce County. We respond to medical and trauma emergencies with a fleet of 13 ambulances and 3 supervisor units that are stationed in 7 communities across the County but can be deployed anywhere as needed.

Discover more about Bruce County Paramedic Services.

Marvin Freiburger and Sons Inc. is a truck and trailer repair shop near Walkerton, Ontario.

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Bruce County Small and Medium-Sized Businesses Invited to Discover Immigration as a Workforce Solution

Bruce County is inviting local entrepreneurs, business owners and hiring leaders to the Immigration Strategies for Workforce Success event, designed to help businesses discover how hiring through immigration can lead to business growth and sustainability by connecting them with immigration experts and local businesses who have successfully navigated through the pathways of hiring international candidates.



November 28, 2023

Bruce County is inviting local entrepreneurs, business owners and hiring leaders to the <u>Immigration Strategies for Workforce Success</u> event, designed to help businesses discover how hiring through immigration can lead to business growth and sustainability by connecting them with immigration experts and local businesses who have successfully navigated through the pathways of hiring international candidates.

This half-day session will feature keynote speaker Jennifer Roggemann, Roggemann Immigration Law. Jennifer was born and raised in Seoul, South Korea. As a teenager, she came to Canada to complete her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Guelph and LLB (law school) at University of Victoria, BC. Jennifer started practicing law in 2000 and now focus on immigration law

exclusively in Kitchener / Waterloo where she has resided over 25 years with her spouse and two children. Her expertise will explore effective immigration hiring strategies that can help with business growth and staffing issues.

The event will provide an engaging platform for business leaders to network, discuss and learn about the complexities and advantages of immigration in the business context. Attendees will leave equipped with practical ideas and strategies to implement immigration practices successfully within their operations.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023 Time: 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM Venue: Best Western Plus Walkerton Hotel and Conference Centre Tickets: This free event includes a complimentary breakfast. Registration closes at 5:00 PM on December 6. Tickets available at <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/immigration-strategies-for-workforce-success-tickets-753892481707?aff=MR</u>

"As Bruce County's business landscape evolves, the need for innovative solutions to workforce development is clear," says Jeff Loney, manager of economic development, Bruce County. "This event promises to offer fresh perspectives and actionable advice for those ready to explore the benefits of a diverse and skilled international workforce."

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