



March Break Family Fun Days are coming to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre!

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From movies and story time to interactive magic shows and fascinating science and historical demonstrations, there's something for every member of the family to enjoy each day of the week.

The March Break Family Fun show schedule includes:

March Break Movie Screening (March 9) Begin March Break with a special screening of Dead Poets Society, celebrating the power of literature and individuality.

Steve Baker Magic "Teach a Trick" Show (March 11) Magician Steve Baker returns to share easy magic tricks for kids to learn and perform.

Light is Blue (and Red and Green) Science Show (March 12) Experience the magic of light and colors with exciting experiments and demonstrations.

How to Catch a Mouse: Simple Machines at Work Show (March 13) An interactive learning experience aimed at teaching the basic principles of science.

Sciensational Ssnakes Reptile Show (March 14) Get up close with Ontario's snake species and learn about their habitats and behaviors.

Medieval Knights Performance with Northgeatham (March 15) Witness armored combat, fencing, and historical activities that offer a glimpse into medieval life.

March Break Museum Tour and Deep Dive (March 16) Take a journey through Bruce County history with guided tours and explore hidden gems within the museum's collections.

In addition to these exciting activities, families are invited to join us for story time with Indigenous author Dorothy Ladd on March 16. Dorothy will give a special reading of her illustrated children's book *Memengwaa*, the Monarch Butterfly and introduce her new companion activity book which will be available for purchase.

There will also be a special guided button sewing activity from artists included in the current *Thread of the Story* exhibit, happening March 12 to March 14.

All events are free for members, with general admission applying for non-members. Pre-registration for shows is required and includes general entry to the museum.

For the full March Break schedule and to register, visit brucemuseum.ca or contact Visitor Services at 519-797-2080.

March Break Family Fun Days are proudly presented by Judy Rich, Law Office.

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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Adopt-A-Highway Program Keeping Bruce County Clean and Beautiful

Bruce County looks forward to another year of the Adopt-A-Highway Program. This public service program harnesses the power and passion of community volunteers to pick up litter along County road right-of-ways and provides an opportunity for environmentally conscious citizens to make a personal contribution to a cleaner, healthier environment.



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Groups or individuals register to adopt a section of highway right-of-way and keep it clean. There is no cost to participate in the program and supplies are provided. Acknowledgement Signs are installed at each end of an adopted section to highlight the individual or group's participation and amazing effort.

“Through strategic environmental programs and key partnerships, Bruce County is protecting and enhancing our public green spaces, and driving community well-being,” said Andrew Beumer, Bruce County's Environmental Services Manager.

“Over 300 kilometres of the County road-network has been adopted so far. Thank you to the amazing groups and volunteers that are helping keep Bruce County clean and beautiful.”

Interested in adopting a highway in your area? Join Bruce County’s Adopt-A-Highway Program by contacting the Transportation & Environmental Services Department at transportationinfo@brucecounty.on.ca or 519-881-1291.

Discover more about Bruce County’s [Adopt-A-Highway Program](#).

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Bruce County Warden Receives Community Leadership Award at the Canadian Nuclear Association Conference

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The Community Leadership Award is in recognition for exceptional service to communities in the Grey, Bruce, and Huron Region. This award recognizes leaders who exemplify the qualities of collaboration, communication, and clear vision and have made a significant and positive impact to the region.

Warden Peabody was presented this award along with award recipients Glen McNeil (Huron County Warden) and Brian Milne (Grey County Warden).

“I am proud to accept Bruce Power’s Community Leadership Award to recognize the role Bruce County plays in supporting

the creation of clean and reliable energy. The energy produced in Bruce County is critical to fuel economic growth locally, and across Ontario," said Warden Chris Peabody. "Through the Clean Energy Frontier, we appreciate the partnership and collaboration of Huron and Grey County, Bruce Power, and the Nuclear Innovation Institute to promote and realize opportunities to create clean energy in our region".

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

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Community Volunteer Income Tax Program Assisting County Residents

Bruce County's Human Services Department reminds the public that Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) clinics and assistance are available by calling 211.



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Bruce County's Human Services Department reminds the public that Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) clinics and assistance are available by calling 211.

It is very important for individuals and families to complete their 2023 income taxes to qualify for many federal, provincial, and municipal programs and services such as the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit, Child Care Fee Subsidy, and a variety of other programs delivered by the Human Services Department.

Filing income taxes also provides access to many needed benefits and credits, such as the Canada Child Benefit. Tax benefits provide money to people based on their life circumstances and, for some people, benefits can help to increase their income, lower expenses, and assist with food security and housing stability.

Through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), community organizations host free tax clinics where volunteers complete tax returns for people with a modest income and a simple tax situation.

For an up-to-date list of free tax services in Grey Bruce:

Call 211

Visit <https://brucegrey.cioc.ca/record/GRE0364>.

Additional Information on free tax clinics and eligibility can be found at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/community-volunteer-income-tax-program/lend-a-hand-individuals/about.html>

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Emergency Plans Help Families and Households Get Prepared

Are you prepared in the event of an emergency in Bruce County? Do you have a plan?



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Are you prepared in the event of an emergency in Bruce County? Do you have a plan?

Hazards such as severe winter weather, tornadoes, or floods could quickly become an emergency. What would you do if you were unable to return to your home? Do you have a plan for your family and pets if you had to evacuate your home? What if you had to shelter in place for a significant period of time?

Bruce County Emergency Management encourages everyone to create an Emergency Plan that covers these possibilities. Having a plan for your family also helps First Responders prioritize those in need of emergency assistance, decreasing the strain on emergency resources. Being prepared helps you be a responsible community member.

Emergency Plans should include information such as:

- Emergency contact numbers and information

- School contact information

Household emergency exits and meeting places

Location of your emergency kit

Home utility directions

Medication and special health needs

Care for pets

Neighbourhood plan

Keep your emergency plan in a safe location and make sure all members of your family know how to locate it.

For more information on how to keep your family safe during an emergency, watch this video to learn how to make an Emergency Plan >> <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/vds/mk-pln/index-en.aspx>.

"Looking for something to do with your kids this March Break? Why not download our [Children's Emergency Activity Brochure](#) and create an Emergency Plan with them? Engage your children on how to keep your family safe in the event of an emergency or disaster that causes you to shelter in place or even evacuate your home!" says Ray Lux, Bruce County's Emergency Management Coordinator.

Discover more about Emergency Preparedness at www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared

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March 6, 2024

Attention: Municipal Clerk

Subject: Municipal Engineers Association 2024 Bursary Awards Program

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) is pleased to advise that it will be offering its 2024 Bursary Program to assist students enrolling in the first year of an engineering program at the University level for the upcoming 2024/2025 academic year. This is the 17th consecutive year the MEA will be awarding bursaries to prospective engineering students. Since the inception of the program, the MEA has awarded over \$180,000 to children/dependents of municipal employees and elected councillors. Up to ten (10) awards will be provided this year; the two (2) highest scoring applications will receive the *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* and the *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000 each; the balance valued at \$1,500 each.

The MEA is a non-profit association representing the interests of over 1,250 municipal engineers across Ontario who are employed as professional engineers at Ontario municipalities and other provincial agencies serving in the engineering/public works field. The MEA values the contribution of all municipal employees, is committed to the technical excellence of our future municipal engineers, is sensitive to serving the community and the need for effective communication skills.

Please find attached the following items:

1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria
2. 2024 MEA Bursary Application form (applications can also be done online).
3. Bursary Notice Flyer (1 page) that can be used to assist you in publicizing this year's bursary at your municipality.

The above items are also available for download at www.municipalengineers.on.ca/bursary.

We respectfully request that the Clerk's office make reasonable efforts to notify your municipal employees about the availability of the MEA's 2024 Bursary Program including the selection criteria, application process and this year's deadline (midnight May 17, 2024).

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the children/dependents of municipal employees to contribute to their academic studies to become engineers. If you require any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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2024 MEA BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

1. Contact Information

Student Name	
Home Address/Telephone/E-mail	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian' Municipal Employer & Job Title	
Parent/Guardian's Municipal Business Address/Telephone/E-mail	

2. Education

Please provide us with a copy of secondary school transcript and volunteer hours form.

Letters of reference are welcome.

Post-Secondary Schools applied for	
Engineering Program applied for	

3. Why have you selected an Engineering Program?

Tell us about your interest in the selected education program and why you would like to be an engineer (300-words)

4. Special Interests

Summarize any special interests you have acquired from employment, volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

5. Why should you receive this Bursary?

Summarize your interest in this bursary. Demonstrate financial need.

6. Essay Submission

Please indicate your essay topic and attach a copy of your essay to this Application (500-words).

7. Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted for this bursary, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in withdrawal of the bursary.

Student Name (printed)	
Applicant Signature / Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature / Date	

NOTE: If you have any questions, please contact: admin@municipalengineers.on.ca



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2024 MEA Bursary Awards Program

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A. Purpose

The MEA Bursary Program provides financial assistance to encourage secondary school students to pursue a career in engineering. Up to ten (10) bursaries will be awarded to students enrolling into an Engineering Program at the University level. The two (s) highest scoring applications will receive the:

- *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000; and,
- *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000.

The balance of the bursaries are valued at \$1,500 each.

B. Eligibility

- The MEA Bursary Program is open to all children and/or dependents of current, full-time, municipal employees and elected municipal Councillors in Ontario. Full-time “part-time” employees who work at least 24 hours per week are also eligible if they qualify for OMERS pension and benefits.
- Must be an Ontario resident and Canadian citizen.
- Student must be in the process of completing a secondary school program in Ontario and be eligible for graduation in the year of application.
- Student must have been accepted and commit to entering an undergraduate engineering program (1st year) at a Canadian University as a full-time student for the 2024/2025 academic year.
- Interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extracurricular activities at their school and/or in civic organizations.
- The awards are non-renewable and non-transferable.

C. Application Requirements

- Each application (attached) will include the following:
 - Name and signature of applicant
 - name(s) and signature(s) of parent/guardian and the name of the municipality where employed;
 - Applicant’s secondary school transcript;
 - Applicant’s resume that includes details of extracurricular activities and contributions to their community;
 - Demonstration of financial need;
 - 300-word explanation of why the applicant aspires to be an engineer;
 - 500-word essay on a topic of the applicant’s choice relating to municipal engineering or public works
- Each application must include a copy of the University Admission Offer Letters and/or any other supporting documents confirming enrolment/acceptance at an Ontario University (or equivalent) and their response to enter into an undergraduate engineering program as a full-time student (***if this is not available at the time of submission, the application can proceed, but it must be provided prior to actual award of the MEA bursary cheque***).
- Applicants are encouraged to submit their application online at www.municipalengineers.on.ca. Alternatively, applications may be submitted in PDF format and emailed to admin@municipalengineers.on.ca.
- Submission deadlines for all applications will be midnight on **May 17, 2024**.

D. Selection Committee and Awards Criteria

- All bursary applications will be reviewed/judged by the Municipal Engineers Association through its Bursary Committee and will be assessed/scored/ranked as follows:
 - Complete Application: 15 Points
 - Demonstrated Financial Need: 10 Points
 - Extra-curricular activities (sports/volunteerism, helping others): 15 Points
 - Why They Aspire to be an Engineer: 25 Points
 - Essay Component (creativity, logical, grammar/spelling): 20 Points
 - Overall Quality of Application: 15 Points
- As many as 10 applications will be awarded bursaries.
- The 2 highest ranked applications will be awarded the ***John Hammer Memorial Bursary and William Robinson Memorial Bursary*** valued at \$2,000 each
- the balance of awards will be for \$1,500 each.
- All decisions of the Bursary Committee are final - only those receiving a bursary award will be notified.
- The monetary awards (cheques) will be forwarded to successful applicants upon the completion of the judging and only after the receipt of university confirmation of acceptance and evidence of student commitment to enter a university engineering program.

E. Consent for Photo & Communications:

- Each Bursary winner will be required to provide the MEA with a photo holding the cheque.
- Each Bursary winner consents to:
 - their photo being posted on the MEA's website and used in other communications by the MEA.
 - MEA contacting the municipal council where the parent/guardian is employed notifying them of the award.

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Up to ten (10) bursaries will be awarded to children/dependents of municipal employees and elected councillors entering the 1st year of a university engineering program for the 2024/2025 academic year. The two (2) highest scoring application will receive the *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* and the *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000 each; the balance of the bursaries are valued at \$1,500 each.

Candidates must complete an application to the MEA. Please visit www.municipalengineers.on.ca/bursary for further details. The application deadline is midnight, May 17, 2024.

Eligibility

- Candidates must be in their final year of a secondary school program.
- Candidates must have been granted conditional acceptance at a Canadian University in an engineering program (1st year) and will be required to show proof of entering that program.
- Interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extra-curricular activities on campus and/or in civic organizations.
- As part of the application, the Municipal Engineers Association requires the student to submit a 300-word explanation on why they wish to become an engineer and a 500-word essay on an engineering-related topic.
- All applicants must be children and/or dependents of current, full-time municipal employees or elected municipal councillors in Ontario. Full time “part time” employees, who work at least 24 hours per week, are also eligible if they qualify for OMERS pension and benefits.



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BCPL Seeks feedback for Community Programming Survey

Bruce County Public Library is excited to announce that it will be undertaking a comprehensive review of its programming offerings and is reaching out to the community for input. As part of this initiative, BCPL has launched online and in-person surveys to gather feedback from residents and patrons. Survey responses will be collected until the end of March.

The programming review aims to enhance BCPL services and ensure they align with the interests and needs of the community. By gathering input directly from those who currently wish to use or are already utilizing the Library's resources, they hope to shape future programming to serve their diverse communities.

The online survey will be available through the [Library website](#), while the in-person survey can be picked up at any of their 17 Branches, and on the Bookmobile. You can also access the survey directly at www.surveymonkey.com/r/JZ99QN9. Participants will have the opportunity to share their preferences, suggestions, and ideas. Together, we can create a vibrant and inclusive library experience for everyone.

Bruce County Public Library is committed to its role as a trusted community connector, digital community facilitator and community sharing place. Consisting of 17 Branches and a Bookmobile BCPL provides access to information, resources, and programs throughout Bruce County.



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So what is there to discover?

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

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International Women's Day Event Inspires Inclusion and Celebrates Women Leaders in Bruce County

On March 7, local business owners, entrepreneurs, leading women, and youth change makers in Bruce County celebrated International Women's Day at the Klages Mill & Garden, in Chesley.



Women's House
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March 12, 2024

On March 7, local business owners, entrepreneurs, leading women, and youth change makers in Bruce County celebrated International Women's Day at the Klages Mill & Garden, in Chesley. Bruce County's [Business to Bruce program](#) and [Women's House Serving Bruce and Grey](#) partnered for [*Count Her In: Accelerating Gender Equality Through Economic Empowerment*](#)

Proceeds from tickets sales and additional donations raised a total of \$4,150 for the [Women's House Serving Bruce and Grey](#).

102 attendees heard from keynote speaker Sarah Baldeo, who educated and inspired attendees to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to support the growth and development of their businesses.

Local Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advocate, Lawyer, and Deputy Mayor of Kincardine Andrea Clarke empowered and

energized the attendees by sharing personal and professional experiences relating to partiality, and the barriers women face, specifically those who are marginalized. Andrea highlighted the need to consider intersectionality when creating equitable policies.

Local entrepreneur Catherine Thomas of Catherine's Painting in Port Elgin opened the evening by talking about being a female in a traditionally male-dominated industry and her journey through the Women in Construction program. This program is in partnership between the Municipality of Huron-Kinloss, Bruce County, UBC local 2222 Carpenter's Union, Adult Learning Centre, VPI, Fanshawe College, and the Government of Ontario.

The evening was moderated by Spicy Jan, from Tasty Road Trips Inc. and was filled with memorable takeaways to inspire and empower everyone looking to inspire inclusion. The event helps build capacity within Bruce County's entrepreneurship ecosystem while highlighting success among women entrepreneurs in our communities.

"Empowered women help lead empowered communities, says Bruce County CAO Christine MacDonald, "By celebrating the strength, unity, and progress through storytelling, events like this lift women leaders in our community."

"We are stronger together," says Claire Dodds, Commissioner of the Community Development Office at Bruce County. "This event highlighted women's experiences as leaders in our communities, motivating us all to empower women to be proud of their accomplishments."

Maureen Oyaide-Ofenor received the 2024 winner of the [Women's House Serving Bruce & Grey](#) Women of Distinction Award for going above and beyond to help her community and youth strive for success while recognizing their voices and identities.

Chelby Morris received the Young Women of Distinction award for her outstanding leadership and active involvement in the community. Playing a significant role in her local Rotary Club and through her dedication and efforts on her student council.

Additional community members who are making a difference and received nominations for this year's Women of Distinction Award are Patt Lowry, Shawna Small, Sadie Al and Andrea Clarke.

In addition to the event, an [online auction](#), hosted by Nuclear Promise X (NPX), is offering local items up for bid, graciously donated by [Women's House](#) sponsors. The [silent auction](#) runs from March 8 until March 15.

About Women's House Serving Bruce & Grey (WHSBG): *WHSBG provides free and confidential services, within a supportive environment, to women 16 years of age and older, and their children, who have or are experiencing abuse, sexual violence or homelessness. Women's House operates a 24/7 shelter in Kincardine, Ontario to provide a safe, supportive and secure environment for women and children fleeing domestic violence. Women's House also provides sexual assault services in Bruce and Grey, a child witness program, transition services, education services, a volunteer program, community counselling, and second-stage housing in Kincardine, Saugeen Shores, and Wiarton. WHSBG is a registered not-for-profit charity governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and staffed by trained professionals.*

About Bruce County: *Bruce County is an upper-tier municipality in Southwestern Ontario, Canada, made up of eight 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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CSWBP Crime Prevention Action Table Identifies Four Priority Areas to Tackle in Grey and Bruce

The Crime Prevention Action Table, along with the other action tables of Community Safety and Well-Being Planning is designed to not only identify and work on issues we are experiencing as a community but to look forward to how we can prevent these concerns from occurring in the future.



Grey Bruce CSWBP

Community Safety & Well-Being Planning

March 20, 2024

The Community Safety and Well-Being Planning's Crime Prevention Action Table has hit the ground running since forming in December 2023. The action table is comprised of West Grey Police, Hanover Police, Owen Sound Police, Saugeen Shores Police, Neyaashiinigmiing Police, South Bruce O.P.P, Grey Bruce O.P.P, Crime Stoppers Grey Bruce, and Victim Services Bruce Grey Perth.

The action table developed four priority areas to address crime across Grey and Bruce using community feedback, local data and stakeholder engagement. The four priority areas are: Human Trafficking, Drug Trafficking, Intimate Partner and Gender-Based Violence, and Road Safety. The action table in collaboration with key community partners have begun to develop and deliver initiatives to Grey and Bruce communities.

The community can look forward to seeing the work of the action table in various ways such as community education, resource development, trainings, and collaboration with citizens. The Crime Prevention Action Table, along with the other action tables of Community Safety and Well-Being Planning is designed to not only identify and work on issues we are experiencing as a community but to look forward to how we can prevent these concerns from occurring in the future.

“This table is a clear testament to the strong collaboration we have across Grey and Bruce and the dedication of our services and organizations to creating a safer and inclusive community for Grey and Bruce residents and visitors,” says Chief Robert Martin of West Grey Police and the chair of the Crime Prevention Action Table.

Make sure to keep your eye out for education events in the community, social media campaigns, and trainings which have begun to roll-out and will continue throughout 2024.

To learn more about the Crime Prevention Action Table please visit:

<https://cswbp.brucecounty.on.ca/priority-areas-of-action/>

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

Community Safety and Well Being Planning helps organizations improve the things that keep us healthy, happy, and safe. Together, we use research to create solutions focused on education, health care, food, housing, income, crime, and belonging. It is important that we create a welcoming community where problems are solved before they happen and where different professionals and community members come together to help people now and in the future.

The ongoing work of CSWBP is supported by an advisory committee representing over 74 partners from across Bruce and Grey who are working together to address crime prevention by investing in social development, prevention, and risk interventions. This upstream preventative model focuses on creating protective factors that make individuals less vulnerable to crime and victimization.

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Diaries bring rural history to life in upcoming talk at Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

On April 6, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre is proud to host its annual Archives Awareness Week (April 2-6, 2024) event, this year highlighting the importance of rural diaries and what they can tell us about Bruce County's past.



March 18, 2024

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Guest speaker and founder of University of Guelph's Rural Diary Archive, Catherine A. Wilson, will join the BCM&CC to discuss the importance of nineteenth and twentieth century rural diaries as a window to the past, allowing a peek into the daily social and work life of rural families and their neighbourhoods. The presentation will highlight a selection of Bruce County diarists and their interesting stories, as well as other diaries included in the University of Guelph's online Rural Diary Archive and demonstrate how you can use the Rural Diary Archive from home.

"Diaries bring the concept of archival materials to life and remind us that these are not just records but living pieces of the past which help us understand the human experience," says BCM&CC Archivist Deb Sturdevant. "The BCM&CC Archives

holds more than 100 diaries, and thanks to the recent work of six volunteers, over 2,000 diary pages have been digitized, with more digitization work planned throughout 2024.”

Following the presentation and intermission, Catharine will provide more information for those interested in becoming a volunteer transcriber with the Rural Diary Archive. Attendees who bring their own laptop are invited to begin transcribing a Bruce County Diary with Catharine.

Archives staff will also lead a behind-the-scenes tour of the archival storage area and an opportunity to view a selection of archival items not often on display.

This event is free to attend but pre-registration is recommended. Visit brucemuseum.ca to register or call 519-797-2080. Admission to the Museum Archives will also be free throughout Archives Awareness Week from April 2-6.

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.

About Archives Awareness Week

Celebrated each year during the first week of April, [Archives Awareness Week](#) provides the opportunity to highlight the importance of preserving the documentary heritage of Ontario’s communities.

About Rural Diaries Archive

[University of Guelph’s Rural Diary Archive](#) was launched by Dr. Catharine A. Wilson in September 2015. The online database brings together more than 200 diarists who wrote from 1800 to 1960, including diaries from a variety of individuals, historical organizations, and museums, including Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre. With the help of volunteer transcribers, thousands of handwritten pages are being turned into typescript.

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County Declares a Significant Weather Event - March 20, 2024

Bruce County has declared a significant weather event due to forecasted or observed weather conditions.



March 20, 2024

Bruce County has declared a significant weather event on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 due to forecasted or observed weather conditions.

Bruce County wishes to note that the declaration of a significant weather event is not notice of a reduced level of service or a road closure. The declaration is to notify the public that due to the current or forecasted conditions, caution is to be observed when travelling on Bruce County roads and that it may take longer than usual to bring the condition of the roads back to a state of repair.

Discover more about [Significant Weather Events in Bruce County](#).

Discover more about [Winter Road Conditions](#).

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Council Meeting Highlights - Thursday, March 21, 2024

Bruce County Council met on March 21, 2024 beginning at 9:30 AM virtually through Teams. Video recordings of the meeting can be reviewed at www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes



March 21, 2024

Bruce County Council Meeting

Council received a report from Corporate Services on 2024 Insurance and Risk. [Report](#)

Council received a report from Corporate Services on the 2023 Audit Plan. [Report](#)

Council received a report from Planning & Development on the Redside Dace Recovery Strategy Action Plan. [Report](#)

Council approved the reallocation of \$26,500 from the Business Sustainability Loan, left unspent on the Transit Demand & Feasibility Study, to fund 50% of Grey Transit Route 5 from Warton to Owen Sound for the remainder of 2024. [Report](#)

Council approved that a by-law be introduced to appoint the Bruce County Environmental Services Supervisor and Environmental Services Technician as the Area Weed Inspectors for Bruce County. [Report](#)

Council approved the Town of South Bruce Peninsula Official Plan Amendment Application L-2022-018 for Barry's Construction and Insulation Ltd., for lands described as Part Lots 18 & 19, Concession 2 (Amabel) in the Township of South Bruce Peninsula. Council approved that the Director of Planning and Development be authorized to sign the decision sheet. [Report](#)

Council approved that a by-law be introduced authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute a five-year agreement with the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders. [Report](#)

Council approved By-law 2024-019, a by-law to authorize a Lease Agreement between Bruce County and the Central Peninsula Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club to lease the Lindsay Tract building at the 4025 Highway 6. [By-law](#)

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

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