



2024 Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Bruce County

Bruce County will be hosting thirteen Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in designated locations across the County in 2024.



March 25, 2024

Residents of Bruce County are encouraged to remove hazardous waste materials from their homes, garages, and basements and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner. To assist with this cleanup effort, Bruce County will be hosting thirteen Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in designated locations across the County in 2024.

Household hazardous waste materials include: paints and stains, propane tanks, used oil, aerosols, batteries, antifreeze, oil filters, solvents, household cleaners, fluorescent lights, fertilizers, fuel, pharmaceuticals, fire extinguishers, pesticides, and pool chemicals. The full list is available at www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste.

Residents of Bruce County are welcome to attend any of the following event locations:

Southampton

May 4, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

September 21, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Southampton Works Yard, 429 Peel St., Southampton, ON

Kincardine

May 11, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

July 13, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Kincardine Public Works Yard, 140 Valentine Ave., Kincardine, ON

Walkerton

June 1, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

September 14, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bruce County Transportation Yard, 94 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton, ON

Lion's Head

June 22, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Eastnor Landfill Site, 1252 West Road, Lion's Head, ON

Paisley

July 6, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Bruce County Transportation Yard, 242 Canrobert St., Paisley, ON

Wiarion

July 20, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Town of South Bruce Peninsula Works Garage, 441048 Elm St., Wiarion, ON

Teeswater

July 27, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Teeswater Public Works, 21 Gordon St. East, Teeswater, ON

Tobermory

August 10, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

St. Edmunds Landfill Site, 71 McArthur Road, Tobermory, ON

Lucknow

August 17, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Bruce County Transportation Yard, 545 Ludgard St., Lucknow, ON

Sauble Beach

August 24, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Amabel Works Yard, 413 Municipal Road, Sauble Beach, ON

Please note that commercial waste, agricultural waste, industrial waste, PCB's, ammunitions, and flares will not be accepted. Only containers with a volume of 30 litres or less will be accepted. Waste must be received in containers that can be disposed of. Containers will not be emptied and returned (ie. gas cans). Empty metal paint cans are blue box recyclable.

Discover more about Household Hazardous Waste Collection at: www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste

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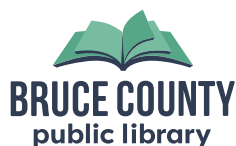
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Seed Libraries Return to Bruce County Public Library

Following a wildly successful first year, Bruce County Public Library is excited for the return of its Seed Library program. Starting Tuesday, April 2, Seed Libraries will be available in nine Branches, as well as the Bookmobile. Last year, over 600 seed packages were distributed throughout Bruce County, meeting the library's goal of helping foster a culture of sustainable gardening.

After an overwhelming response, BCPL expanded the program with the addition of t Ripley Branch and Bookmobile locations, ensuring even more patrons could access the resources needed to create their gardens. The Seed Libraries depend on sponsorships and seed donations to run, and having multiple seed sources has led to a diverse range of seeds available, from herbs to fruits and vegetables and various flowers.

Seed Libraries can be found at the following BCPL Branches:

Chesley

Kincardine

Lucknow

Southampton

Teeswater

Tobermory

Walkerton

Warton

Ripley

Seed Libraries are growing across Canada and play an important role in promoting sustainable growing practices. By providing free seeds, BCPL supports cultivating a collection of seeds locally adapted to the region which helps preserve local Bruce County strains of plants and provides seeds that are resilient to our weather, soil, and local pests.

Seed Libraries are free to use with your BCPL card. Getting a card is easy, and there is no charge. You can visit your local Branch to register or sign up online at getacard.brucecounty.on.ca. Donating back to the Seed Library is not a requirement, but there are labelled envelopes for patrons to return harvested seeds.

New to gardening? BCPL also offers a large array of gardening resources within the system. Additionally, their [YouTube channel](#) hosts a collection of informative gardeni videos which include interviews, and tips and tricks to help teach and inspire.

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



 Show Me How

Seed Libraries in boxes made and donated by the 2023 Saugeen District Senior School Gr. 11 Construction Class.



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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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Safety Reminders For Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8

Did you know that it is not safe to view the eclipse without proper eye protection? Health impacts may include retinal burns, blurred vision, and loss of eyesight (immediate or delayed onset).



March 27, 2024

On Monday, April 8, 2024, southern Ontario will experience a total solar eclipse. A total solar eclipse is a rare celestial event where the moon passes between Earth and the Sun, casting a shadow on the Earth's surface. This moving shadow, called "the path of totality", will pass over many municipalities in Ontario. Although not in the path of totality, Bruce County will still experience a partial eclipse of approximately 95%.

Did you know that it is not safe to view the eclipse without proper eye protection? Health impacts may include retinal burns, blurred vision, and loss of eyesight (immediate or delayed onset). Bruce County Emergency Management would like residents to enjoy the eclipse safely. Here are some tips on how to view the eclipse in a safe manner:

Wear approved eye protection - Glasses with specialized filters adhering to the ISO 12312-2 international standard can be worn to prevent eye damage.

Glasses should be inspected for wrinkles or scratches ahead of use and should not be used if damaged.

Ensure that eclipse glasses fully cover your field of vision.

Put on glasses when looking away from the Sun, then look at the eclipse. Look away from the Sun before taking glasses off.
Children should always be supervised during eclipses as they may not fully comprehend the risks involved.

DO NOT:

Use regular sunglasses to look at the eclipse.

View the eclipse through a camera/phone lens, telescope, binoculars or any other optical device.

If appropriate eye protection is not available, alternate viewing strategies should be considered, such as a live stream at www.timeanddate.com/live/eclipse-solar-2024-april-8.

Locally, [Bruce County Public Library](#) will be hosting live streams of the eclipse at both their Port Elgin and Chesley branches.

If you would like more information on how to remain safe while enjoying the eclipse, please visit the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada website at www.rasc.ca.

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

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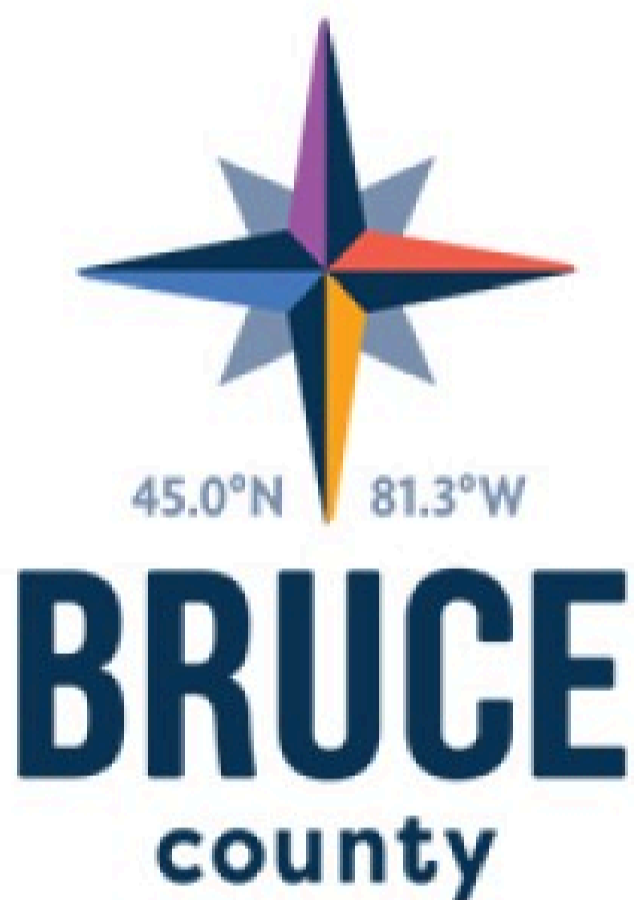
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Join us for the Largest Networking Event in Grey and Bruce Counties

Experience an unforgettable night out with professionals from across Grey and Bruce Counties at the Cruise and Connect networking event happening April 25, 2024. Step aboard the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun and indulge in an evening brimming with music, delicious snacks, and ample opportunities to connect and network.



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[Grey](#) and [Bruce County](#) are partnering to offer this exciting opportunity for local professionals to network, connect and cruise. Boarding starts at 6:30 PM at 1155 1st Avenue West, Owen Sound where the Chi-Cheemaun is docked during the winter months. The ship leaves at 7:30 PM sharp.

[Tickets](#) are \$35 per person, plus applicable taxes.

Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres with the option to purchase beverages.

Enjoy live music from local musicians Amber May - singer/songwriter and Tandem.

Experience networking sessions hosted by Heather Travis, marketing strategist, public relations expert, and small business branding coach.

Professional Portraits by Life Directions.

Understanding what you know is vital for success in life and business, but equally important is the network you build. Networking is essential for personal and professional growth. Cultivate meaningful connections at the event and savor the quintessential experience aboard the iconic M.S. Chi-Cheemaun.

Both Grey and Bruce Counties welcome professionals from across the region to take this opportunity to meet new people and build strong connections.

Limited tickets are available. Buy yours today: <https://CruiseandConnectGreyBruce.eventbrite.ca>

About Grey County: Grey County is an upper tier municipality serving more than 100,000 full-time residents, 12,000 business and more than 3 million tourists annually. Grey County is a place where people feel genuinely at home and naturally inspired - enjoying an exceptional blend of active healthy living and economic opportunity. Grey County is committed to the coordinated delivery of responsive and cost-effective services that strengthen the economic, social, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of the diverse communities we serve.

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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Bruce County Creates Government Relations Department

Bruce County has created a new Government Relations Department as a key piece in the County's organizational restructuring and strategic planning.



March 28, 2024

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The mandate of the Government Relations Department is to support Council and staff to define and deliver on its mandate to serve the citizens of Bruce County. It does this through a series of a strategic activities including:

- Providing secretariate support for achieving the goals of the strategic plan
- Leadership of government and external relations management
- Leadership of strategic communications and issues management
- Management of intergovernmental initiatives
- Governance and project management advisory support

“As a maturing local government, the County is committed to enhancing and growing meaningful governmental relations with federal, provincial, regional, and local governments, community partners, and municipal associations,” says CAO Christine MacDonald. “Doing so enables the County to influence key government decision-making, including policies and funding that impact the County, and advance the County’s vision as a thriving, innovative, and future-ready community.”

Current Employment Services Manager, Aaron Stauch, will become Bruce County’s Director of Government Relations, effective April 8, 2024. Aaron Stauch is an experienced leader with expertise in partnership development and the delivery and system stewardship of government funded programs. Aaron has led the Employment Service System for Bruce, Grey, Huron, and Perth since July 2022. He has also served in senior management roles with multiple provincial ministries. Aaron holds a Master of Environmental Studies and a Master of Business Administration.

“I am very pleased to offer congratulations to Aaron Stauch, our new Director of Government Relations, who will strategically engage in governmental relations to advance our local priorities,” said Warden Chris Peabody.

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Bruce County encouraged by Ontario's 2024 Budget

The budget acknowledges the fiscal and service delivery pressures faced by Ontario's municipalities and has committed to avoiding further downloading of provincial pressures to municipal governments.



March 28, 2024

Bruce County is encouraged by the provincial budget tabled yesterday by Finance Minister Bethlenfalvy. The budget acknowledges the fiscal and service delivery pressures faced by Ontario's municipalities and has committed to avoiding further downloading of provincial pressures to municipal governments.

Bruce County is pleased to see the continued commitment to leading in nuclear energy through investment in Bruce Power. Bruce Power contributes to local prosperity, and the County looks forward to continued partnership with them to strengthen the local economy, by setting the conditions for success through the pre-development work for Bruce C.

The Budget also recommits to funding that supports the development of affordable and attainable housing, and associated infrastructure. The province has committed to new taxation tools for municipalities to maintain and create affordable housing. The province also announced the Ontario Transit Investment Fund that will focus on transit in rural areas. Overall, the budget commits over \$1 billion to support building homes across the province.

The Budget commits to continue the investment in mental health and addictions services with \$396 million-dollar in new funding province-wide. And the province has recently announced health investments in Bruce County ensuring better access to primary care.

“Our local Members of Provincial Parliament, Minister Thompson and Parliamentary Assistant Byers, have always been more than open to our feedback and have been advocates for the needs of Bruce County and our area municipalities,” said Warden Chris Peabody. “We look forward to continuing the discussion with them as the 2024 budget is implemented, ensuring these significant investments benefit the citizens of Bruce County.”

While the budget is encouraging, there is still much work needed to support municipalities with current fiscal pressures and economic conditions. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario is calling on the province to lead an Economic and Social Prosperity Review to ensure the long-term fiscal sustainability of the province’s municipalities. Bruce County believes these conversations will provide a constructive space to collaborate and understand the pressures facing both the province and municipalities.

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Weight/Load Restrictions on Bruce County Roads to be Lifted at 8:00 AM on April 2, 2024

Weight/Load Restrictions on Bruce County roads will be lifted effective Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 8:00 AM.



March 28, 2024

Weight/Load Restrictions on Bruce County roads will be lifted effective Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 8:00 AM.

For weight restrictions on provincial or lower-tier municipal roads, please contact them directly for updates.

The weight/load restrictions on County roads were originally put in place by Bruce County Transportation & Environment Services Department on February 26, 2024.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Restrictions during the Spring thaw protect the integrity of our road infrastructure and preserve the life span of Bruce County roads.

For up-to-date Road Weight/Load Restriction information call 519-881-1291, email transportationinfo@brucecounty.on.ca,

or visit www.brucecounty.on.ca/restrictedroads.

Discover more about [Transportation & Environmental Services](#).

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New Learning Centre in Port Elgin adds Licensed Child Care Spaces

Families in Bruce County now have expanded child care options thanks to the new licensed child care and learning environment at Little Cubs Learning Centre in Port Elgin.



April 03, 2024

Families in Bruce County now have expanded child care options thanks to the new licensed child care and learning environment at Little Cubs Learning Centre in Port Elgin.

Owners Karishma and Rohan Kittur were joined by representatives from Bruce County and Saugeen Shores for a grand opening celebration that included a ribbon cutting and tour of the new learning centre on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

The Little Cubs Learning Centre, conveniently located at 281 Goderich Street in Port Elgin, adds 106 licensed toddler, preschool, junior kindergarten and senior kindergarten child care spaces.

“Bruce County, as a Service System Manager, takes pride in ensuring that the Licensed Child Care and Early Years System is collaborative, responsive, and accountable in meeting the current and long term needs of families across the County,” said

Bruce County Warden Chris Peabody. “We are excited to work with child care providers like Little Cubs Learning Centre to support families in receiving high quality, affordable, inclusive, and accessible licensed child care options.”

“This new Child Care Program expands licensed child care options for families in Saugeen Shores and provides early years programs and services that help build a foundation for all future learning, behavior, and health,” adds Saugeen Shores Mayor Luke Charbonneau. “Expanded access to licensed, quality child care services will also positively impact our local economy, encourage workforce participation, and reduce poverty for low-income families. We are excited to have this new licensed child care facility to support the young families of our growing community.”

To apply for licensed child care in Bruce County please visit https://onehsn.com/bruce/ux_2_0
Discover more about [Children’s Services and Child Care in Bruce County](#).

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Council Meeting Highlights - Thursday, April 4, 2024

Bruce County Council met on April 4, 2024 beginning at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers and virtually through Teams. Video recordings of the meeting can be reviewed at www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes



April 04, 2024

Bruce County Council Meeting

Council received a presentation from Major Paul Pickering, 31 Territorial Battalion, Canadian Armed Forces regarding a Canadian Armed Forces Exercise on May 3 - 5, 2024. [Presentation](#)

Council received a Q1 2024 Information Report from the Museum Archives. [Report](#)

Council received the April 2024 Museum Information Report. [Report](#)

Council received a Housing and Homelessness Plan 2024-2034 Update from Human Services. [Report](#)

Council approved that capital project TS-2023-027 for Bruce Road 19 be deferred to a future year, and budgeted funds including Canada Community Benefit Fund (CCBF) be reallocated to the Durham Street Bridge Project TS-2021-014 in the amount of \$1,850,000.00. Council approved that the 2024 budget be revised to reflect a transfer from the County Bridge Reserve up to \$1,167,000.00 to pay for the remaining costs of the Durham Street Bridge Immediate Repairs. [Report](#)

Council approved that a by-law be introduced to establish Part 4 on survey Plan 3R10817, being a 2.134 metre widening, to the Public Highway System for Bruce County and forming part of Bruce Road 6 East. [Report](#)

Council approved deaccession from the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre's collection the listed items in the "Archival Items Recommended for Deaccession April 2024". [Report](#)

Council approved that a by-law be introduced authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Town of South Bruce Peninsula's Municipal Capital Facility Agreement for the Sauble Beach Paramedic Station. [Report](#)

Council approved that \$100,000 be transferred to the Winter Control Reserve, that \$750,000 be transferred to the Affordable Housing Program – Creation of New Units reserve, that \$375,000 be transferred to the General Facilities Reserve, and that the remainder of the 2023 surplus funds be allocated to the Tax Stabilization Reserve as per existing policy. [Report](#)

Council approved By-law 2024-021, being a by-law to Appoint of Weed Inspectors. [By-law](#)

Council approved By-law 2024-022, being a by-law to authorize an Agreement with the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders. [By-law](#)

Council approved By-law 2024-023, being a by-law to authorize a Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement. [By-law](#)

Council received the Minutes of the Striking Committee Meeting held January 25, 2024. [Communications](#)

Council received Minutes of the Bruce County Public Library Board Meeting held February 21, 2024. [Communications](#)

Long Term Care Homes Committee of Management Meeting

Committee authorized the Director of Long-Term Care and Senior Services to sign and submit a Declaration of Compliance for Brucelea Haven and Gateway Haven to Ontario Health for the reporting period of January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023. [Report](#)

Committee received the Long Term Care Update Report for January, February, and March 2024. [Report](#)

Committee received the Long-Term Care Quality Report for January, February, March 2024. [Report](#)

Committee received the Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement Extension. [Report](#)

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

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Mazin'igan G'meshkwadoonmaadiwag: Annual Tourism Brochure Swap with Cultural Demonstration and Pow Wow Regalia Fashion Show

Join Saugeen First Nation, Grey County, and Bruce County, on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, for Mazin'igan G'meshkwadoonmaadiwag (Ojibway Translation: exchange, trade paper and documents with each other): Annual Tourism Brochure Swap.



April 05, 2024

Join [Saugeen First Nation](#), [Grey County](#), and [Bruce County](#), on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, for [Mazin'igan G'meshkwadoonmaadiwag](#) (Ojibway Translation: exchange, trade paper and documents with each other): [Annual Tourism Brochure Swap](#). This event runs from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the James Mason Memorial Culture and Recreation Centre in Southampton and includes a Cultural Demonstration and Pow Wow Regalia Fashion Show.

“Bruce County is excited to kick start the summer with Saugeen First Nation and Grey County by bringing tourism businesses together to connect, learn about Ojibway culture, and unlock the tourism possibilities in our local area.” says Jeffrey Loney, Economic Development Manager at Bruce County.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with tourism partners, network, and swap brochures with one another. Whether you

are a municipality, tourism business, or organization that promotes tourism in [Bruce](#) and [Grey County](#), this is a must-attend event.

This event is designed to give tourism operators a space to connect and share resources to help promote the incredible tourism opportunities across Grey and Bruce counties.

"We are excited to co-host this year's Grey Bruce Tourism Brochure Swap event in Saugeen First Nation#29 and looking forward to networking with the tourism operators from the surrounding area. We are also looking forward to hosting the Regalia Fashion Show at this year's event, which will showcase the many different styles of Regalia and the significance of each design." says Brad Ritchie, Economic Development Officer at Saugeen First Nation#29.

Admission is free and includes complimentary refreshments and a light lunch. Registration closes Thursday, May 2, 2024.

[Click here to register today.](#)

About Saugeen First Nation: Saugeen First Nation can be found on the shores of the beautiful Lake Huron at the base of the Bruce Peninsula. We are located 2 miles northeast of Southampton and approximately 18 miles west of Owen Sound on Highway 21. The Ojibway heritage is rich in colour and expression. This is evident in dance, works of art and the handmade craft creations.

About Grey County: Grey County is an upper tier municipality serving more than 100,000 full-time residents, 12,000 business and more than 3 million tourists annually. Grey County is a place where people feel genuinely at home and naturally inspired - enjoying an exceptional blend of active healthy living and economic opportunity. Grey County is committed to the coordinated delivery of responsive and cost-effective services that strengthen the economic, social, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of the diverse communities we serve.

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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Celebrate National Canadian Film Day at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

On April 17, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre invites film enthusiasts and community members alike to celebrate National Canadian Film Day with two award-winning films that capture the resilience of the human spirit.



April 08, 2024

On April 17, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre invites film enthusiasts and community members alike to celebrate National Canadian Film Day with two award-winning films that capture the resilience of the human spirit.

At 11:00 AM in the Museum's Bruce Power Theatre, see "Run Woman Run" (2021), a feel-good anti-rom-com that follows the journey of a single mother facing a health scare who decides to transform her life by training for a marathon with guidance from the spirit of her ancestor. Directed by Zoe Leigh Hopkins (Heiltsuk/Mohawk), this film was the winner of the Audience Choice Award and Moon Jury Prize at imagineNATIVE in 2021.

At 2:00 PM, see the visually stunning "Brother" (2022), adapted from David Chariandy's award-winning novel. The film follows the journey of two Black Canadian brothers growing up in 1990s Scarborough as sons of Caribbean immigrants. Together they explore questions about masculinity, identity, and family while navigating the challenges of being outsiders in a

new country. The film was named to TIFF's Canada's Top Ten list for 2022 and was the winner of 12 Canadian Screen Awards, including Best Picture.

National Canadian Film Day is presented by Reel Canada.

Members free. General admission applies. Visit brucemuseum.ca for full details and registration.

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 National Canadian Film Day

[National Canadian Film Day \(CanFilmDay\)](#) (April 19) is a massive, coast-to-coast-to-coast salute to Canadian cinema! Launched in 2014, CanFilmDay has brought together hundreds of thousands of Canadians, to celebrate our stories and the incredible achievements of our filmmakers.

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NOTICE: Public Information Meeting for Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton

Please take notice that there will be a Public Information Meeting about the Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at the Walkerton District Knights of Columbus Hall. An Open House will begin at 7:00 PM with a Formal Presentation beginning at 7:30 PM.



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Please take notice that there will be a Public Information Meeting about the Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at the Walkerton District Knights of Columbus Hall (Main Hall located at #1658 Highway 9, RR5, Mildmay, ON). An Open House will begin at 7:00 PM with a Formal Presentation beginning at 7:30 PM.

A Public Information Meeting is being organized by the County to update residents on the current status of the project. The meeting will provide details related to the proposed bridge reinforcement/rehabilitation work, including construction details, timing and traffic restrictions during construction. A Class EA update will also be provided, including a timeline for completion of the EA and finalization of the Class EA process.

THE PROJECT

The County of Bruce initiated a Class Environmental Assessment process in 2021 to address deficiencies present in the Durham Street Bridge which spans the Saugeen River along Bruce Road 4 in the community of Walkerton, Ontario (as shown on the accompanying key plan). Recent evaluations of the structure have clarified the extent of deterioration present within the structure. Based upon this new information, the County is considering reinforcement/rehabilitation of the crossing to address the deficiencies, rather than replacement. The work would be undertaken in 2024/25 with signalized lane restrictions that would allow a single lane of traffic to cross the bridge during completion of the repairs.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

The planning for this project is following the environmental planning and design process set out for Schedule 'C' activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process, which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act. The purpose of the Class EA process is to identify any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed works and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any identified impacts. This process includes consultation with the general public, government review agencies, indigenous communities and affected property owners.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

Following the May 1, 2024 meeting, input into this project will be accepted until May 19, 2024. Any comments collected in conjunction with this Class EA process will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Contacts for the project are listed below.

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Additional Project Information can be found on the Bruce County Website at www.brucecounty.on.ca/WalkertonBridge

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Recently discovered “Africa” shipwreck the topic of upcoming Muse-Talk at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

On April 27 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, documentary filmmakers Yvonne Drebert and Zach Melnick will visit the BCM&CC to share the fascinating story behind their unexpected 2023 find - an intact shipwreck believed to be the “Africa”.



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This month, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre proudly presents its highly anticipated Muse Talk, “Discovering the “Africa” Shipwreck.” This captivating event will shed light on a remarkable recent discovery off the west coast of Lake Huron’s Saugeen-Bruce Peninsula, where beneath the tranquil waves lies a mystery that has remained hidden for over a century.

On April 27 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, documentary filmmakers Yvonne Drebert and Zach Melnick will visit the BCM&CC to share the fascinating story behind their unexpected 2023 find - an intact shipwreck believed to be the “Africa”.

Uncovered during the filming of the duo’s upcoming TVO documentary on the ecological impact of mussels on underwater heritage, the Africa shipwreck had previously been unseen since its disappearance in 1895 along with its entire crew.

During the event, Drebert and Melnick will provide a sneak peek of their expedition with exclusive behind-the-scenes insights from the documentary, titled “All Too Clear: Beneath the Surface of the Great Lakes”. Guests will witness the breathtaking footage captured by underwater drone that reveals the submerged remains of the Africa and get a glimpse into the challenges and triumphs of underwater exploration.

This event is proudly presented by Georgian College as part of the BCM&CC’s Muse Talks Lecture series. For more information and to register, visit brucemuseum.ca.

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NOTICE: Alternating Lane Closures for Bruce Road 6 East A Reconstruction Project (North of Mildmay)

Please take notice that road construction will be taking place this spring/summer on Bruce Road 6 East, north of Mildmay, Ontario. Motorists can expect alternating lane closures on Bruce Road 6 East, with traffic control measures in place starting April 18, 2024 and ending in early Summer 2024.



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April 17, 2024

Please take notice that road construction will be taking place this spring/summer on Bruce Road 6 East, north of Mildmay, Ontario. Motorists can expect alternating lane closures on Bruce Road 6 East, with traffic control measures in place starting April 18, 2024 and ending in early Summer 2024.

Road Users are asked to be patient and drive safely as the Contractor works to complete crucial road work.

The work includes minor clean up works and surface paving carried over from the 2023 project. EC King Contracting is performing the construction work. BT Engineering are conducting the Contract administration and inspection of the work.

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

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Bruce County highlights cultural resources through new online hub

In Bruce County, culture is important to individuals, to communities, and to the economy, because it creates opportunities for shared experience, enhances quality of life, promotes a sense of vitality, and encourages job creation and innovation across various economic sectors.



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In Bruce County, culture is important to individuals, to communities, and to the economy, because it creates opportunities for shared experience, enhances quality of life, promotes a sense of vitality, and encourages job creation and innovation across various economic sectors.

“The unique identity of Bruce County is supported by a rich tapestry of cultural assets and natural resources. Through strategic planning and mutual cooperation, we honour and celebrate the diverse heritage, culture, and artistic expressions that shape the character of local communities and the County as a whole,” said Bruce County Warden Chris Peabody.

Bruce County's expanding cultural opportunities and resources can be explored at www.brucecounty.on.ca/culture.

This new online cultural hub connects residents and visitors with:

extensive and enriching programming and resources available at Bruce County Public Libraries and the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre.

local festivals, events, and cultural business supports through Explore the Bruce.

Bruce County's Cultural Action Plan (CAP) recognizes, incorporates, celebrates, and preserves Bruce County's rich and diverse cultural heritage. The CAP identifies key opportunities for growth in the arts, culture, and heritage sectors, including building cultural capacities, developing and maintaining cultural assets, enhancing cultural communication, implementing coordinated cultural planning, and fostering engagement with Indigenous communities. Explore [Bruce County's Cultural Action Plan](#).

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Upcoming Alternating Lane Closures on Bruce Road 29 and Isthmus Bay Road (North of Lion's Head)

Please take notice that road construction and storm sewer installation will be taking place this spring on Bruce Road 29 and Isthmus Bay Road, north of Lion's Head, Ontario. Motorists can expect alternating lane closures on Bruce Road 29 and Isthmus Bay Road, with traffic control measures in place starting April 22, 2024 and ending in early Summer 2024.



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April 18, 2024

Please take notice that road construction and storm sewer installation will be taking place this spring on Bruce Road 29 and Isthmus Bay Road, north of Lion's Head, Ontario. Motorists can expect alternating lane closures on Bruce Road 29 and Isthmus Bay Road, with traffic control measures in place starting April 22, 2024 and ending in early Summer 2024.

Signage/flaggers will be in place during these alternating closures. Road Users are asked to be patient and drive safely as the Contractor works to complete crucial bridge rehabilitation, road work, and storm sewer installation.

E.C. King Contracting has been awarded the Bruce Road 29 and Isthmus Bay Road Construction work. GSS Engineering Consultants Ltd. are conducting the Contract administration and inspection of the work.

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

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

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Busy Trail Season Ahead on the Bruce County Rail Trail and in County Forests

As outdoor recreation continues to grow in popularity, Bruce County is emphasizing the importance of trail etiquette on County lands to ensure safe and enjoyable experiences for all trail users.



April 18, 2024

As outdoor recreation continues to grow in popularity, Bruce County is emphasizing the importance of trail etiquette on County lands to ensure safe and enjoyable experiences for all trail users.

Whether hiking, biking, or riding an ATV, practicing proper trail etiquette is key to preserving our natural landscapes and fostering a welcoming outdoor community.

Trail etiquette encompasses a set of guidelines designed to promote safety, respect, and environmental stewardship, while enjoying outdoor trails. By following these guidelines, individuals can contribute to the sustainability and enjoyment of our outdoor spaces.

1. Stay on Designated Trails: Avoid venturing off designated paths to protect sensitive ecosystems and prevent erosion.
2. Yield Appropriately: Motorized users and cyclists should yield to pedestrians, and all trail users should yield to horses.

3. Share the Trail: Be courteous and respectful towards other trail users, including those with different modes of transportation.
4. Keep Trails Clean: Pack out what you bring in. Leave no trace behind.
5. Respect Wildlife: Observe animals from a distance and avoid disturbing their natural behaviors.
6. Legal Compliance: Many County trails have specific rules and regulations that must be followed such as the use of permits for motorized trails and using trails for their permitted uses only. Adhering to these rules helps maintain public access to County lands.
7. Control Pets: Keep dogs on a leash and clean up after them. Respect trail rules regarding pets.
8. Be mindful of trail conditions: If a trail is too wet or muddy, save your activity for another day.

Please also be advised that all motorized trails on Bruce County lands are currently closed for essential maintenance and improvements. We kindly request that you refrain from accessing these trails until they have undergone the necessary maintenance and are officially reopened for public use. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we work to ensure the safety and quality of our trail system. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this period.

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

Discover more about [Transportation & Environmental Services](#).

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Council Meeting Highlights - Thursday, April 18, 2024

Bruce County Council met on April 18, 2024 beginning at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers and virtually through Teams. Video recordings of the meeting can be reviewed at www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes



April 18, 2024

Bruce County Council Meeting

Council received the Museum & Cultural Services 2024 Museum Expansion Report. [Report](#)

Council received the Transportation & Environmental Services Public Review of the Bruce County Active Transportation and Recreational Trails Master Plan. [Report](#)

Council received the Corporate Services 2024 Annual Repayment Limit. [Report](#)

Council endorsed the additional priorities identified as part of the ongoing Government Relations policy agenda. [Report](#)

Council endorsed the Association of Municipalities of Ontario call for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review. [Report](#)

Council approved that Bruce County join the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition as a Regional Collaborative Partner and that Bruce County Council appoint the Warden and the Manager of Economic Development to represent the County on the SOIC Steering Committee. [Report](#)

Council approved, in the Human Services Shareholders Meeting for the Bruce County Housing Corporation:

That the Warden and CAO be given authority to sign the Consent of the Shareholder to an Exemption from Audit.

That the unaudited financial statements of the Corporation for the fiscal period ended December 31, 2023 be approved and the same are hereby accepted by the Sole Shareholder of the Corporation.

That BDO Canada LLP be appointed the accountants of the Bruce County Housing Corporation to hold office until the completion of the next Annual Meeting of the Voting Shareholder of the Corporation, or until a successor is appointed, at such remuneration as may be fixed by the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to fix such remuneration.

That Duncan, Linton LLP be appointed as the corporate solicitors of the Corporation to hold office until the completion of the next Annual Meeting of the Voting Shareholder of the Corporation, or until a successor is appointed, as such remuneration as may be fixed by the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to fix such remuneration.

That Luke Charbonneau, Kenneth Craig, Mark Goetz, Steve Hammell, Jay Kirkland, Milt McIver, Donald Murray, and Chris Peabody all of whom are resident Canadians, consent to being elected and are hereby elected Directors of the Corporation to hold office until the completion of the next Annual Meeting of the Voting Shareholder of the Corporation or until their successor is duly elected subject to the provisions of the by-laws of the Corporation and the provisions of the Business Corporations Act (Ontario).

That all acts, by-laws, Resolutions, contracts, proceedings, elections, appointments, and payments enacted, passed, made, done, or taken by the Directors and Officers of the Bruce County Housing Corporation since the date of the last Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation be and the same are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

[Report](#)

Council approved By-law 2024-025, a by-law to establish and assume Part 4, 3R10817, being a 2.134 metre widening adjacent to Bruce Road 6 East (Absalom Street East), as part of the public highway system for Bruce County. [By-law](#)

Bruce County Housing Corporation Annual General Meeting

Committee approved:

That Luke Charbonneau, Kenneth Craig, Mark Goetz, Steve Hammell, Jay Kirkland, Milt McIver, Donald Murray, and Chris Peabody all of whom are resident Canadians, be and are hereby appointed Directors of the Corporation and will hold office until the completion of the next Annual Meeting of the Voting Shareholder of the Corporation or until their successor is duly elected subject to the provisions of the by-laws of the Corporation and the provisions of the Business Corporations Act (Ontario).

That the following be appointed Officers of the Bruce County Housing Corporation to hold the office referred to opposite of their respective names:

Chair: Chris Peabody

Vice-Chair: Luke Charbonneau

Chief Executive Officer: Tina Metcalfe

Treasurer: Lynn Hatten

Secretary: Linda White

Officer: Devon Gordon

Officer: Tania Dickson

That BDO Canada LLP be appointed the accountants of the Bruce County Housing Corporation to hold office until the completion of the next Annual Meeting of the Voting Shareholder of the Corporation, or until a successor is appointed, at such remuneration as may be fixed by the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to fix such remuneration.

That Duncan, Linton LLP be appointed as the corporate solicitor of the Bruce County Housing Corporation until a successor is appointed.

That the unaudited financial statements as approved by the Shareholders at the proceeding meeting of the Shareholder be approved.

That all acts, by-laws, resolutions, contracts, proceedings, elections, appointments, and payments enacted, passed, made, done or taken by the Directors or Officers of the Bruce County Housing Corporation since the date of the last Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation be and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

That the next Shareholders meeting, and Annual General Meeting will take place on April 17, 2025. [Report](#)

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

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2nd Annual Bruce County Housing Forum Brings Municipal and County Representatives Together to Discuss Housing Actions

On April 11, 2024, municipal leaders, including local elected officials and municipal and county staff, came together for the 2nd Annual Bruce County Housing Forum to discuss the need, supply, and affordability of housing in Bruce County.



April 19, 2024

On April 11, 2024, municipal leaders, including local elected officials and municipal and county staff, came together for the 2nd Annual Bruce County Housing Forum to discuss the need, supply, and affordability of housing in Bruce County. This event brought together representatives from each of the eight municipalities across Bruce County.

Warden Chris Peabody and CAO Christine MacDonald welcomed the attendees to the event and spoke about the newly developed Community Development Office.

“We have created the Community Development Office to provide leadership on key strategic priorities in Bruce County, including the supply and affordability of housing. Claire Dodds, our Commissioner of Community Development, leads a team of County staff across several Departments who work together to undertake this important work,” says Chris Peabody, Warden of Bruce County.

Claire Dodds introduced the housing cross-functional team, made up of staff from Human Services, Planning, Economic Development, and Government Relations, who work together to research and identify actions the County can take on housing. “Having a good understanding of the data on affordability and housing needs across Bruce County helps inform the priority actions the County can lead on housing,” says Claire Dodds, Commissioner of Community Development.

Actions taken by the housing team over the past year were highlighted, including completing a housing needs assessment, affordable housing toolkit, home share study, and updating zoning to permit additional residential units.

Attendees were inspired by guest speakers, Emma Cubitt, an architect at INVIZIJ in Hamilton, and Graham Cubitt of Indwell and Flourish. Flourish is a consulting company that helps clients advance affordable housing across Ontario. Both speakers shared their passion and experience creating innovative affordable housing solutions across rural and urban communities across Southern Ontario.

Throughout the day, there was a theme of collaboration, including the importance of County and municipal staff working together on housing solutions. There was also recognition of the need for other levels of government to invest in infrastructure and affordable housing builds, as well as make tools available to help the County and municipalities deliver affordable housing.

The day ended with an opportunity for attendees to share ideas, collaborate, and provide feedback on actions to increase the supply of housing and impact its affordability in Bruce County. This information will be considered as County staff work to develop a Housing Action Plan that will guide actions the County will lead between 2024 to 2026 on housing.

Background: It is broadly accepted that housing is affordable when a household is not spending more than 30% of its income on housing costs. The province has also defined affordable housing thresholds for households of low and moderate income. For ownership housing, the affordable housing threshold is housing that is affordable to households with incomes at the 60th percentile. For renter households, the affordable housing threshold is 100% of average market rent as published by Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC). In Bruce County, the affordable housing thresholds for 2022/2023 were rents below \$1,324 per month and ownership costs below \$399,100.

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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Bruce County Helping New Businesses Succeed

Seven Bruce County entrepreneurs have received business training and a collective financial boost of \$35,000 thanks to the Starter Company Plus program offered by Bruce County Economic Development.

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April 22, 2024

Seven Bruce County entrepreneurs have received business training and a collective financial boost of \$35,000 thanks to the [Starter Company Plus program](#) offered by Bruce County Economic Development.

Funded by the Government of Ontario and administered by Bruce County Economic Development, Starter Company Plus provides aspiring or experienced entrepreneurs in Bruce County with 8 weeks of business training to help them launch a new business or expand an existing one.

The Starter Company Plus Program provides business training, mentoring and grant opportunities up to \$5,000 for eligible participants to launch a new business or expand an existing business in Bruce County.

To participate in the [Starter Company Plus program](#), each entrepreneur needs to successfully:

Complete an 8 week training program, including mentorship and workshops.

Complete a business plan.

Perform a cash flow analysis.

And present a business pitch to the Grant Review Committee.

“The Starter Company Plus Program presents a remarkable opportunity for both new and established business owners, enhancing our community’s economic growth,” states Jeffrey Loney, Bruce County’s manager of economic development. “This program nurtures collaboration among budding entrepreneurs and provides invaluable access to funding, local business experts, resources and services.”

Congratulations to the seven grant recipients of the 2024 Starter Company Plus program!

Laura Hackett - [Revive and Heel](#) - Lucknow

Tori Hamilton - [Attuned Therapy + Wellness](#) - Kincardine

Will Haney - [Northern Sustainable Farms](#) - Tiverton

Robert Blank - [Artefact Landscapes](#) - Southampton

Nick Veenstra - [Saugeen Valley Media](#) - Paisley

Cassidy Radic - [The WOMB](#) - Walkerton

Tyler Knechtel - [Junction 4 & 19](#) - Walkerton

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

[The Starter Company Plus program](#) is designed to provide business training for entrepreneurs from aspiring to experienced, aged eighteen and over in Bruce County, who are launching a business or expanding an existing business (operating for five years or less). To stay up to date on programs and workshops offered by [Business to Bruce](#), sign up for emails at www.businessstobruce.com.

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Bruce County Public Library Releases 2023 Annual Report

Bruce County Public Library proudly announces the release of its [2023 Annual Report](#), showcasing a year of remarkable accomplishments and community engagement. Library Board Chair Mark Goetz recounts the significant milestones achieved in 2023. Most noteworthy is the launch of the Bookmobile in October, which expanded the reach of BCPL services to even more Bruce County residents. He also speaks to the heartwarming Valentines for Seniors initiative that saw over 700 valentines created by patrons and delivered to seniors in long-term care homes.

The [2023 Annual Report](#) breaks down the year's achievements across three core categories: Community, Collections and Programming. From innovative community outreach to enriching their collections and program offerings, the report provides an insightful overview of the Library's impact on the community. A colourful and easy-to-read By the Numbers section of the report helps highlight a year of impressive growth and shows an increase in all areas, like items borrowed, program attendance and a surge in website and catalogue visits. Their dedicated Thank You page extends gratitude to the Library Board and the generous donors whose support has contributed to a successful year.

“2023 was an incredible year for BCPL, marked with growth, innovation, and community engagement. With the release of the Annual Report, we are reflecting on the achievements with gratitude to our Library Board, staff, donors, and patrons, and looking forward to further growth in 2024,” said Board Chair Mark Goetz.

As BCPL enters the second quarter of 2024, they are already recording further growth and community engagement, while working on a full program review to bring improved community-focused programming to Bruce County.

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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Bruce County Participating in CAF Exercise Trillium Venture

Bruce County Emergency Management, along with Community Emergency Management Coordinators from many Bruce County municipalities, have collaborated with the Canadian Armed Forces Canadian 31 Brigade Group on their upcoming Exercise Trillium Venture, occurring in Bruce and Huron Counties the weekend of May 3 to May 5.



April 29, 2024

Bruce County Emergency Management, along with Community Emergency Management Coordinators from many Bruce County municipalities, have collaborated with the Canadian Armed Forces Canadian 31 Brigade Group on their upcoming Exercise Trillium Venture, occurring in Bruce and Huron Counties the weekend of May 3 to May 5.

Emergency Control Group members from Bruce County, the Municipality of Brockton, the Municipality of South Bruce, the Municipality of Kincardine, and the Township of Huron Kinloss will be participating in a tabletop exercise on Thursday, May 2 that will lead into the deployment of the Domestic Response Companies (DRCs) and Territorial Battalion Group (TBG). This partnership will contribute to these municipalities and all of Bruce County's prevention, mitigation, and preparedness for potential emergencies in our area. By working together in this exercise, we will identify best practices and lessons learned in order to best prepare our communities for an emergency and improve our overall resiliency, response, and recovery.

"We are pleased to be included in assisting with the planning for the Canadian 31 Brigade Group's deployment to Bruce

County for the weekend of May 3 to May 5. Although our County and communities are well positioned to respond to emergencies, enhancing and exercising our response capability in the event of an extreme weather event is good practice. We are also very pleased to be working so closely with our lower-tier municipalities to ensure a cohesive response to ensure public safety and subsequent community recovery if an emergency strikes," said Raymond Lux, Bruce County Emergency Management Coordinator.

These exercises are a great way to lead into Emergency Preparedness Week which runs from May 5 to May 11 in 2024. Emergency Preparedness Week is an opportunity for everyone to take action to ensure they are prepared to protect themselves, their families, and their communities during an emergency.

For more information on the Canadian Armed Forces exercise activities, please reach out to 31 Canadian Brigade Group Public Affairs Officer, Lt Paul Verheye at paul.verheye@forces.gc.ca.

Discover more about [Community Emergency Management in Bruce County](#).

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