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## The NWMO's 2023 annual report and 2024-28 implementation plan



On March 26, 2024, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) submitted our 2023 annual report to the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Canada's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources.

The report — *Creating the future together — Annual Report 2023* — is available in a digital format, as well as our latest five-year strategic plan, *Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2024-28*. These reports show you what we have accomplished recently and where we

are going next.

Submitting the annual report to Canada's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources and making it available to the public fulfils one of our obligations under the *Nuclear Fuel Waste Act* (2002).

The NWMO is responsible for implementing Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel inside a deep geological repository, in a manner that protects people and the environment for generations to come.

Over the past year, we have focused our efforts on creating the future together. We continued to collaborate with Indigenous peoples, communities, industry experts, government decision-makers, our international counterparts and others to prepare for what is ahead. This included advancing technical studies, building awareness through social engagement and continuing to engage in meaningful discussions with the potential host communities.

Canada's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources also tasked the NWMO with a new mandate to plan for a deep geological repository for the safe, long-term management of intermediate-level and non-fuel high-level waste through a new, separate site selection process.

Now, we are ready for what is next, including a significant milestone in late 2024, when we anticipate selecting a site for Canada's repository for used nuclear fuel, after which we will enter the regulatory decision-making process.

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Our implementation plan is a living document that is regularly assessed and strengthened to reflect direction and guidance from communities, advances in science and technology, insights from Indigenous Knowledge, changes in societal values and evolving public policy.

**We invite you to share your thoughts about the implementation plan by June 7, 2024, through the online survey.**

Share your thoughts! Click here to fill out the survey on the NWMO's five-year strategic

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Canada's plan is your plan. Your feedback is essential to our work. We encourage you to get involved. Thank you for taking the time to learn more.



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Le rapport annuel 2023 et le plan de mise en oeuvre  
2024-28 de la SGDN

Le 26 mars 2024, la Société de gestion des déchets nucléaires (SGDN) a présenté notre rapport annuel 2023 à l'honorable Jonathan Wilkinson, ministre de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles du Canada.

Le rapport — *Créer l'avenir ensemble — Rapport annuel 2023* — est disponible sous forme numérique, ainsi que notre plus récent plan stratégique quinquennal, *Mise en oeuvre de la Gestion adaptative progressive 2024-28*. Ces rapports décrivent ce que nous avons accompli récemment et annoncent vers où nous nous dirigeons.

La présentation du rapport annuel au ministre fédéral de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles et sa diffusion publique répondent à une des obligations qui nous incombent en vertu de la Loi sur les déchets de combustible nucléaire (2002).

La SGDN a comme responsabilité de mettre en oeuvre le plan canadien de gestion à long terme sûre du combustible nucléaire irradié dans un dépôt géologique en profondeur, d'une manière qui protégera les gens et l'environnement pour les générations à venir.

Au cours de la dernière année, nous avons axé nos efforts sur la création d'un avenir commun. Nous avons continué à collaborer avec les peuples autochtones, les collectivités, les experts du secteur, les décideurs gouvernementaux, nos homologues de l'étranger et d'autres acteurs pour préparer cet avenir. Nous avons entre autres fait progresser des études techniques, sensibilisé le public dans le cadre

d'un programme de concertation sociale et poursuivi des discussions fructueuses avec les collectivités hôtes potentielles.

Le ministre fédéral de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles a également donné un nouveau mandat à la SGDN pour planifier un dépôt géologique en profondeur pour la gestion à long terme sûre des déchets de moyenne activité et des déchets de haute activité autres que le combustible, pour lesquels un nouveau processus distinct de sélection d'un site sera tenu.

Et nous sommes fin prêts pour ce qui s'en vient, notamment pour un jalon important vers la fin de 2024, où nous prévoyons de sélectionner un site pour le dépôt de combustible nucléaire irradié du Canada, après quoi nous lancerons le processus de décision réglementaire.

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Notre plan de mise en oeuvre est un document évolutif, qui est régulièrement évalué et renforcé en tenant compte des indications et des orientations transmises par les collectivités, des progrès scientifiques et techniques réalisés, des enseignements du savoir autochtone, de l'évolution des valeurs de la société et des changements apportés aux politiques publiques.

**Nous vous invitons à nous faire part de vos réflexions sur le plan de mise en oeuvre d'ici le 7 juin 2024 en répondant à notre sondage en ligne.**

Partagez votre avis! Cliquez ici pour remplir le sondage sur le plan stratégique quinquennal de la SGDN

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Le plan canadien est votre plan. Vos commentaires sont essentiels à notre travail. Nous vous encourageons à participer. Merci d'avoir pris le temps d'en apprendre davantage.



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March 28, 2024

His Worship Don Murray  
Mayor  
Township of Huron-Kinloss  
[info@huronkinloss.com](mailto:info@huronkinloss.com)

Dear Mayor Murray:

I want to thank you and your delegation for taking the time to meet with me during the 2024 ROMA Conference. Our government is committed to supporting our rural communities and I greatly value these opportunities to speak with you directly. Your input is important to me as we continue to work together.

Thank you for informing me about the concerns of your township regarding the storage and application of biosolid fertilizer. As you know, ministry staff have engaged with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on this issue several times and we will continue doing so.

Our ministry will also continue to engage with the MECP, which is responsible for provincial environmental laws and for taking appropriate regulatory actions.

As you know, some biosolids are classified as fertilizers through the federal *Fertilizer Act, 1985* and the *Fertilizers regulations*. In general, Part V (Waste) of the *Environmental Protection Act, 1990*, (EPA) and Regulation 347 governs all waste management activities in Ontario. Any adverse effects on water or farmland can be reported online here: [Report Pollution | Ontario.ca \(gov.on.ca\)](#). In addition, the *Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998*, provides a forum, through the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board (NFPPB), to help rural residents resolve conflicts regarding nuisances (e.g. odour, dust) from agricultural operations. The following link provides information on how to submit an application to the NFPPB: [Application Process – Normal Farm Practices Protection Board \(nfppb.ca\)](#)

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As mentioned in Minister Thompson's remarks at ROMA, our government is launching consultations to develop a Rural Economic Development Strategy. We understand that a strong and dynamic rural Ontario is essential for the province's economy, and by working together, we can achieve great things for rural communities and small towns. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to submit your thoughts to our on-line portal by visiting this link: [Consultation: Rural Economic Development Strategy | ontario.ca](http://Consultation: Rural Economic Development Strategy | ontario.ca).

Thank you again.

Sincerely,



Trevor Jones  
Parliamentary Assistant

This email is to offer you updates about drinking water source protection in Maitland Valley and Ausable Bayfield areas. Thanks for having subscribed to this email newsletter. You are welcome to unsubscribe at any time.

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## Ontario approves updated source protection plans, assessment reports in region

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has approved updated source protection plans and assessment reports for the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley source protection areas.

The plans, updated with approved new amendments, took effect on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 when they were posted on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#).

### Notice of Section 36 Amendments

Download the [Notice of Amendments](#) (March 26, 2024) from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region – 300 KB (medium-sized) PDF file.

To read or download the updated source protection plans or assessment reports please [visit the source protection plan web page](#).

The locally developed, provincially approved source protection plans were first approved in 2015 and were later amended in 2019 and now 2024.

The Honourable Andrea Khanjin is Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. In a March 2024 letter to the source protection region and source protection authorities, she said "I appreciate the dedication of the local municipalities, source protection authorities and committees, and all our partners and stakeholders for their work and contributions to these updates."

The Minister said that, “Our strong protection framework will continue to help ensure Ontario’s drinking water is held to high safety standards and that sources of drinking water in the province are protected for future generations.”

Matt Pearson, Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley (ABMV) Source Protection Committee (SPC), commented that “ ... the Committee continues to provide oversight on source water protection for municipal drinking water supplies – their input is locally based and this helps keep the plans relevant and up-to-date.”

The updates were completed under Section 36 of Ontario Regulation 287/07 under the Ontario *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

Key changes include the following:

- New and revised policies to align with the 2021 provincial Technical Rules, and to address policy implementation challenges.
- Revised wellhead protection areas for Belgrave to reflect a new well
- Minor changes to Auburn, Palmerston and Wingham wellhead protection areas



#### **EDUCATING ABOUT WELL AND SEPTIC MAINTENANCE, OPTIMISTS MAKE IT EASIER FOR LOCAL WELL OWNERS TO SAMPLE THEIR WELL WATER –**

Shown at the February 27, 2024 Water Wise well water sampling event at the Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre, are (from left to right in photo) Doug Hocking, Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley (ABMV) Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP) committee member; Donna Clarkson, A BMV DWSP Program Co-Supervisor; Julie Welker, Source Protection Coordinator, Thames-Sydenham Source Protection

Region (SPR); Joy Rutherford, hydrogeologist; Mary Lynn MacDonald, ABMV DWSP Program Co-Supervisor; Larry Fulton, septic expert; Brian Hardeman (Kirkton-Woodham Optimist Club); Rowland Howe, ABMV SPC member; Roland Weber, President of Kirkton-Woodham Optimists; Daniel Cipriano (Kirkton-Woodham Optimists); Paul Anderson (Kirkton-Woodham Optimists); and Jim Hodgins (Kirkton-Woodham Optimists).

## **Local well owners bring more than 100 well water samples to Water Wise event hosted by Kirkton-Woodham Optimists**

Eighty-nine local people brought 111 well water samples to a Water Wise well water sampling event hosted by Kirkton-Woodham Optimist Club.

The Water Wise event was held on February 27, 2024 at Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre. The Optimists hosted the event in partnership with Huron Perth Public Health and Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley and Thames-Sydenham source protection regions.

Event organizers made it easier for well owners to get their well water tested by providing bottles ahead of time and delivering the collected samples for testing.

The Kirkton-Woodham Optimists distributed 370 sample bottle kits to local well owners, with the help of Kirkton Market, Kirkton Library, Woodham Post Office, and Exeter Library. They also distributed the sample bottles at the recent Family Day breakfast and with delivery to rural mailboxes. Well and septic experts were available, at the Water Wise event, to answer questions and provide information on maintaining well and septic systems.

The Optimists hosted the event to make it easier for local people to get their well water tested. Water sampling and testing is a key step in ensuring water is safe for you, your family, guests, your neighbours, and your community, according to source protection region staff. Anyone who picked up a bottle or had one delivered but missed the event can still take it to one of several public health locations for testing.

The source protection regions initiated these events because only a small percentage of people with residential private wells in this area test their wells. The idea behind these events is that people know water testing is important but they might find it inconvenient. Region staff say that, if water sampling of

private wells is made easier, more people will do it.

The local Water Wise events began in August of 2023, partnering with lakeshore residents and resident associations and Lions clubs in Dublin, Monkton, Goderich, and Londesborough and now partnering with Kirkton-Woodham Optimists. The six Water Wise events have been attended by almost 300 people with more than 870 water sampling bottles distributed and 325 water sampling bottles returned to Huron Perth Public Health for testing.

To learn more, [visit the local drinking water source protection best practices web page.](#)

You may also [watch the Your Well, Your Responsibility video](#) featuring Doug Hocking, Source Protection Committee member, with tips on protecting the water in your well.

The region is sharing information about the Water Wise events on social media with **#BestPractices** and **#WellWise** and **#WaterWise** and **#TestProtectMaintain** hashtags.

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**Sending condolences to family and friends of  
source protection committee member Bert  
Dykstra on his passing**

The Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley (ABMV) Drinking Water Source Protection Committee (SPC), Matt Pearson, expressed his condolences, and condolences on behalf of the entire committee, on the passing of committee member and agricultural representative Bert Dykstra.

"I am deeply saddened to inform you of the passing of our friend and committee member Bert Dykstra on Tuesday, March 12, 2024," Matt said.

Matt remembered Bert as " ... a loving family man, a successful farmer, and a community champion."

Bert leaves behind his wife Nellie and a large family including 15 grandchildren.

He ran a cash crop and a chicken broiler operation near Clinton for most of his life. He believed in good agricultural practices and protecting the environment.

"Many of us have had the pleasure of working with Bert on various committees and through local politics," Chair Matt said. "He was a past member of the Central Huron Council for two decades and a past Warden of Huron County. As the Chair of the Huron County Water Protection Steering Committee for three years he was quite proud of their achievements."

Chair Matt remembered Bert as a friendly and helpful person. "Bert's smile walked into the room before he did," Matt said.

The SPC Chair said Bert represented the agriculture sector on the source protection committee and was a source of considerable knowledge in the committee's deliberations.

Bert's contribution to the source protection region's public education video series is captured in the following segment:

- [Bert Dykstra encourages farmers to use online mapping tools](#)

Chair Matt said " ... I was lucky enough to have known Bert personally for many years," and "He will be missed."

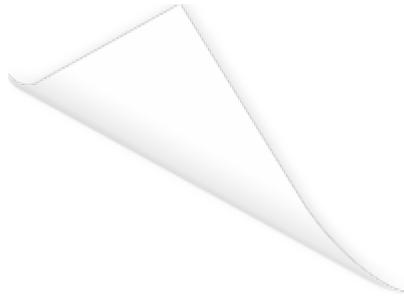
For those who knew Bert, and for those who did not have the honour of meeting him or knowing him, here is the memorial notice:

- [Remembering Bert Dykstra](#)

The Municipality of Central Huron also paid tribute to this community leader:

- [Condolences for Bert Dykstra, former Central Huron Councillor, Reeve, and Huron County Warden.](#)

We will miss you, Bert. Your legacy of family and community service will live on.



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April 2, 2024

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## Welcome to the April Edition of RTO7's Industry E-Newsletter!

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Every edition of our e-newsletter provides information, tools, and resources with the three pillars of sustainability in mind. If you are a tourism stakeholder who would like to contribute to the **RTO7 Sustainable Tourism** journey, start by completing our 2-minute poll [here!](#)

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## What's Going On...at RTO7

### GoEV Program Deadline

RTO7's GoEV funding program offers up to 50% funding for eligible costs towards the installation of qualified electric vehicle (EV) charging stations by June 2025.

From May 1, 2024, eligibility could extend beyond tourism assets in Bruce, Grey & Simcoe Counties. The application deadline is June 1, 2024, but submitting tourism stakeholder applications before May 1 is strongly advised. Visit [RTO7.ca/GoEV](http://RTO7.ca/GoEV) for more information.

### Partnership Program

To ensure long-term sustainability and enhanced tourism competitiveness in BruceGreySimcoe, RTO7 aims to establish robust partnerships and adopt a coordinated, collaborative strategy for product development, regional planning, and marketing efforts. **Partnership Programs** are leveraged at \$1:\$1 (matching dollars) and must fall within the following streams:

- Image & Video Production
- Experience Development (e.g., product/experience development, sustainable tourism destination development plans, for feasibility studies, research and workforce development projects, etc.)
- Storytelling (e.g., Influencer Marketing, brand journalism, etc.)
- Digital Advertising
- Social Media Advertising
- Tourism Wayfinding, Trails & Cycling Signage
- French Translation Services
- Trade Show Booth Reimbursement

Contact Alex Hogan, [ahogan@rto7.ca](mailto:ahogan@rto7.ca) to discuss your interest in the Partnership Program today!

### Implementation Programs

Assists tourism operators in BruceGreySimcoe to promote their business through a social media advertising campaign. These programs are offered on a first-come-first-served basis and at NO COST to the operator. Secure your funding by completing an application for the **Operations Implementation Program** or the **Sustainability**

If you're interested in a recruitment campaign through Indeed, apply to the Recruitment Implementation Program at no cost to the operator. Learn more [here](#)!

### **Topsy Training Platform**

Tourism stakeholders in BruceGreySimcoe can access over a thousand bite-sized (short) videos to learn hospitality and customer service skills, business essentials, and management tools from industry experts through the Topsy online platform. The best part, it's FREE! Visit [RTO7.ca](#) and scroll to the bottom to register your business.

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## **Funding, Professional Development & Business Support**

### **Spruce the Bruce Grants**

Spruce the Bruce aims to build vibrant communities by supporting local businesses, municipalities and community partners with product and experience development, agri-food innovation, business accessibility adaptability, and more! Discover how to apply and check program eligibility on the Bruce County website [here](#).

### **Canada Digital Adoption Program**

Applications are still open through Digital Main Street! Your consumer-facing business may be eligible for a \$2,400 microgrant through the Grow Your Business Online stream of CDAP. Cover the cost of adopting new e-commerce technologies including online reservation/booking tools. Plus, you can access a network of e-commerce advisors for advice and support! To learn more about what possibilities this grant may unlock for your business, visit the Digital Main Street website [here](#).

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## **Job Fairs**

### **YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Employment Services Job Fair**

Taking place on Monday, April 15 from 12 to 4 pm at the Midland Cultural Centre. [Reserve your booth](#) by registering and benefit from the event promotions. For more details, contact Grace Ollerenshaw at (705) 528-0845 ext. 207 or email: [midlanderc@sm.ymca.ca](mailto:midlanderc@sm.ymca.ca).

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## **Events**

- **April 5, T1 General Small Business Tax Literacy Seminar, 9:30 to 11:30 am**

and self-employed individuals who need help in understanding their tax obligations. [Register](#) your attendance today!

- **April 18, Turbocharge Your Business with AI, 10 to 11:30 am**

This “Entrepreneur Breakfast Meet-up”, hosted by the Georgian Bay Accelerator and the team at the South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre will be an opportunity to learn how to leverage AI as a growth tool for your business. [Register now](#) to attend this in-person event at the Collingwood Public Library. Admission is \$10 per person and includes coffee and pastries.

- **April 18, Social Media Power: for Tourism Businesses, 5 to 7:30 pm**

The Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe is hosting a networking event with a presentation from RTO7's own Robyn Hewitt who will introduce the social media advertising programs and other resources available through RTO7. Join our event at Le Cle: Enjoy a complimentary meal while you learn how to grow your business! [Reserve your free spot now](#) for this in-person event at La Clé in Penetanguishene.

- **April 18, Lunch & Learn Webinar: Brand Power, 12 to 1 pm**

The Business Enterprise Centre Grey County is hosting a free 1-hour branding and marketing webinar online. The session will teach how to stand out in a crowded market, focusing on what a brand is, why branding matters, and how to build a brand. [Register](#) your attendance now.

- **April 19, Creative Communities Culture Conference, 9 am to 4 pm**

The Culture Alliance in the Heart of Georgian Bay is hosting their annual conference at the Midland Cultural Centre. This is a great opportunity for the arts and culture sector, individuals, and organizations to enjoy a day of networking and learning on topics including marketing, navigating copyright, funding opportunities, and more! Get your tickets [here](#).

- **April 23, Management Essentials – Emotional Intelligence, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm**

The Town of Collingwood is hosting a day of learning and networking with a free course at the Georgian College, South Georgian Bay Campus. Designed for business leaders, supervisors, team leads, and HR professionals working in Collingwood. Extended to Simcoe County if seats are available. Secure your spot [here](#).

- **April 25, The Blue Mountains & Area 2024 Sustainability Summit, 9 am to 4 pm**

Businesses, organizations, and municipal governments from across Grey County and Southern Georgian Bay are invited to the first annual Sustainability Summit taking place at the Blue Mountain Village Conference Centre. This free event will provide the opportunity to network, share best practices, and inspire

- **April 25, Grey & Bruce County Business Networking Event – Cruise & Connect, 6:30 to 10 pm**  
Join the Grey County and Bruce County Economic Development departments for a unique evening of networking aboard the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun. Tickets are \$39.95 per person and can be purchased [here](#).
- **April 26, Cycle Tourism Workshop North Simcoe, 10 am to 12 pm**  
Join this workshop to learn more about how to tap into the rapidly growing cycle tourism market, and how your business and destination can benefit by becoming certified as bicycle-friendly with the Ontario By Bike Network. To learn more or register for this free event at the North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre, [click here](#).
- **May 3 to 5, 2024 Sources of Knowledge Sustainable Tourism Forum**  
Block your calendars now to save the date for a weekend of networking, events, roundtable discussions, and presentations about the North Bruce Sustainable Tourism Action Plan and Implementation Advisory Group (STAG), The Georgian Bay Aspiring Geopark, and more! Preliminary details can be found [here](#).
- **May 7, Annual Tourism Brochure Swap – SFN, Grey and Bruce Counties, 10 am to 1 pm**  
Meet with tourism industry partners, network, and swap brochures at the annual brochure swap with a Cultural Demonstration and Pow Wow Regalia Fashion Show. Hosted together by the Saugeen First Nation, SFN Independent Business Association, Grey County, and Bruce County. **Reserve your spot** for this free networking event by April 25.
- **May 7 to 9, IMPACT Sustainability Travel & Tourism Conference 2024**  
Over 2 days, you'll engage with sustainability champions, tourism experts, and community leaders in Ontario & beyond, all committed to a more sustainable industry. **Visit the TIAO website to learn more about this inspirational event and register your attendance today!**

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## In Case You Missed It

### Ontario Raising Minimum Wage to Support Workers

The Ontario government is increasing the minimum wage from \$16.55 per hour to \$17.20, effective October 1, 2024. This 3.9 percent annualized wage increase is based on the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) and brings Ontario's minimum wage to the second highest in Canada. Read the [Ontario News Release](#) for more information.

Tourism HR Canada in implementing effective strategies and improvements, aiming to enhance job satisfaction, mental health, and overall workplace culture. The survey will take 15 minutes and can be completed [here](#).

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## News From Around the Region

### **Grey County named one of the world's Smart21 communities**

For the second consecutive year and the third time since 2017, Grey County has been named one of the world's Smart21 communities of the year by the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF). The announcement came on March 20 at the Smart Cities and Intelligent Communities conference in Taipei, Taiwan. Read the article on [CollingwoodToday.ca](#).

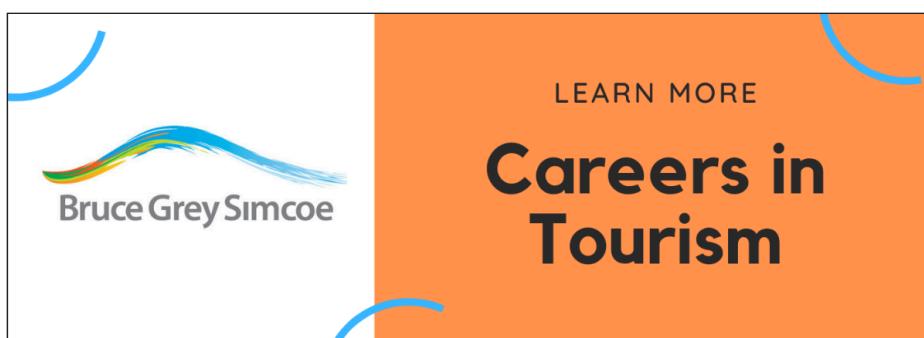
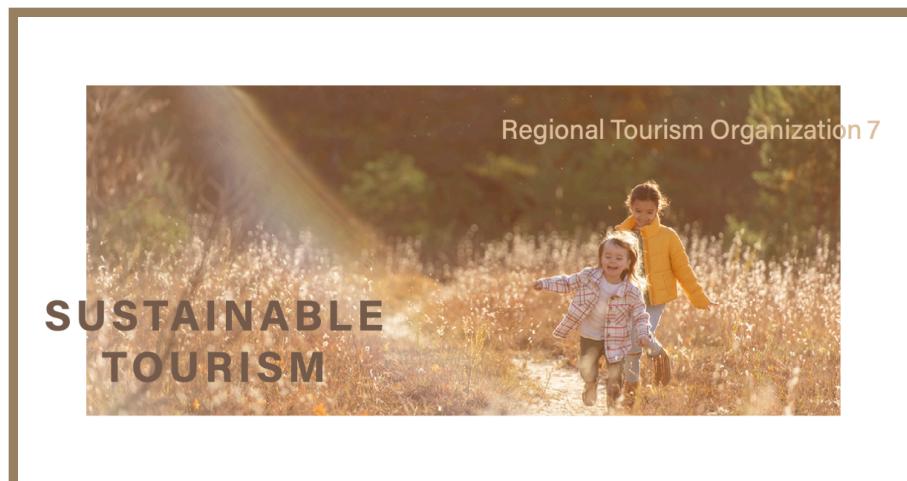
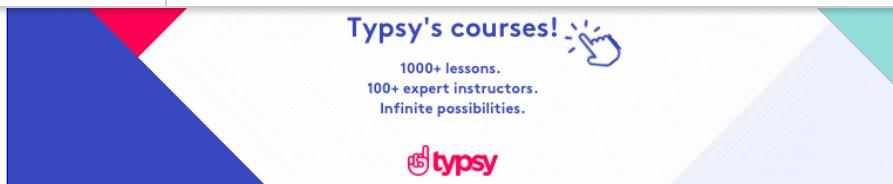
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April is Autism Awareness Month with World Autism Day recognized on April 2nd.

Autism exists on a spectrum, meaning people with Autism will have a varying degree of support needs. A quick internet search will reveal that some of the world's most famous musicians, scientists and entertainers, are/were on the spectrum including Albert Einstein, Tim Burton, Temple Grandin and many, many more!

[Autism Ontario](https://www.autismontario.com/about-autism) has a great number of resources to help explain what Autism is, and what it isn't. "Being autistic (neurodiverse) means that your brain may process information differently than non-autistic, or neurotypical, people." (<https://www.autismontario.com/about-autism>)

The ways in which World Autism Day and Autism Awareness Month is recognized are diverse, as are the opinions of those on the spectrum about the symbols. You may see puzzle pieces, the infinity sign, or the colour blue being used to help create awareness.

This month, we encourage you to **#celebratethespectrum** by getting to know someone with Autism, doing some research of your own, and practicing the inclusion and understanding of people with different abilities.

# Congratulations Huron Heights!



**Watch the Huron Heights Video!**

**What an amazing display of support for the 2024 Lots of Socks event in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day!** Approximately 95 businesses registered and decorated their windows. Countless community members proudly wore their most colourful socks to spread awareness.

Thank you to everyone who logged onto our website and voted. At noon on March 21st, Huron Heights beat out the competition, South Bruce OPP - Kincardine, with the most votes.

**Here are the top 5 displays as voted by the community:**

1. Huron Heights
2. South Bruce OPP - Kincardine Detachment
3. CIBC Kincardine
4. Kincardine Community Medical Clinic
5. NPX

We would like to thank every business who created a display, every person who took part by voting, wearing your socks, starting a conversation and spreading awareness about World Down Syndrome Day.

A huge thank you to **Jamie Edwards of JME Photography Studio** for donating his time and talent to this wonderful campaign and to **Bruce Power** who graciously donated the printing for all the posters and portraits.

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## Student Placement - A Learning Opportunity at CLKD



For the past 13 weeks, I have had the opportunity to complete my student placement for my college program at Fanshawe College with Community Living Kincardine and District. During this time, I have experienced some of my greatest growth as a student, learning that one of the most fulfilling things that I can do with an individual is support them to achieve their highest level of independence. I also learned how to build on my person-centered thinking approach; truly

listening to the individual's vision of who they want to be, and how they want to grow, and not necessarily how others see their lives going for them.

I had the extreme pleasure of receiving mentorship from staff within CLKD and the programs they work within. Specifically, the Children's Services and Supported Independent Living teams. With the Children's Services team, I worked with Family Support to observe, assist, and finally lead a PEERs workshop. PEERs is a series of workshops for individuals with a new topic each week, from how to have meaningful conversations with others, to how to maintain healthy relationships with others. The workshop I lead was about how to handle bullies, which was a great experience for me as I am not confident with public speaking, so I conquered a challenge for myself while also supporting the group with the delivery of this workshop! Adapting the lesson and my approach to teaching individuals was also a great learning opportunity, as each person learns uniquely and I needed to be prepared to modify as I was delivering the course content.

I also worked with the Infant Development Coordinator, and attended Thursday morning Baby and Me groups, where I was able to assist with parents/caregivers and play with their children, allowing the participating adults to have conversations with other parents/caregivers. I also got to observe how Jenny teaches caregivers about child development while engaging in play. This experience taught me so much – even as a parent myself – we can always learn new perspectives and new ways of doing things while talking to other parents/caregivers.

With the Supported Independent Living program, I attended an individual's home with their support worker to observe how CLKD provides support to people living independently in the community. I was able to shadow and participate in an ISP meeting, where we learned about that person's wants, goals for their future, and how they wanted to be supported to be successful. I also had a lot of fun teaching this individual new games on their iPad, as that was a goal they expressed they wanted to achieve.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays, I had the privilege of joining individuals who were out in the community. We would eat and chat together, which is one of my favourite things to do! Getting to know individuals through hearing their stories was a great honour. I will cherish my connections with the individuals that I met, and am grateful for everything I learned from them.

The staff at CLKD are some of the greatest people I have had the honour of meeting. They were welcoming, caring, and willing to teach a college student new ways of engaging with others. Observing the staff and building connections with them these past 13 weeks has been an incredible journey for me. They were so supportive of my learning, and adapted to having a student in their space. They taught me more than they will ever realize. I learned how to adapt my thinking to a more person-centered approach, and how rewarding it can be to support someone with their wants and goals. Most of the time, people just want to be heard and validated, and CLKD does exactly that. Their acceptance and inclusion of all is something to admire and take notice of. They make it look so easy!

- Precious Grass, Fanshaw College Student

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## Bowling



The roar of bowling balls skidding across the lanes and the "ting" as the pins fall resounds through Lucknow every Friday afternoon as adult drop-in bowling revs into full swing. Jeffrey, Doug, and John join in the fun, leading their teams in cheers, high fives, and good-natured fun. "It's fun - I love bowling!" said Doug, "I like the people here."

When asked whether it would be more fun if just he, Jeffrey and John were on a team, Doug replied, "No. I don't think that would be as good." The same goes for the regulars, who gather every week for the comradery of bowling. "It has been amazing," stated one of the regular bowlers, referring to having Jeffrey, Doug and John join the teams. "I'm blown away by everyone's positivity. They just met me, and they're cheering me on. It reminds me that this is supposed to be fun!" "Eye-opening. But in a good way." Offered another. "When I was growing up, I never really had the opportunity to meet or interact with people with Intellectual Disabilities. I've learned so much. And had a lot of fun."

"They fully embraced us," affirmed CPSS staff who joined John, Jeffrey, and Doug for the past few weeks on their bowling adventure. "We walked through the door and everyone was extremely welcoming. It was wonderful to see integration with no questions, and at the end of the afternoon, everyone was asking if we would be there next week. I know everyone has enjoyed it. John is so excited that he is just gleeful the entire way to Lucknow. Doug is ready and waiting when it's time to go, and Jeffrey is quick to show me his bowling shoes the minute I walk in the door. There is so much positive energy on the ride to Lucknow. Once we walk through

those doors, the three of them don't even give me a second glance. If someone needs a hand, their team will help them out. There are healthy rivalries, tons of smiles and laughter, requests for people to 'bowl worse', and lots of cheering no matter what happens. It has been a wonderful experience for all of us."

Jeffrey, Doug, John, as well as Marianne and Jen hope to make bowling a regular thing. "I had a blast," stated Marianne, "I want to do it again!" Jen agreed with Marianne's statement adding, "fun". CPSS staff agrees, "It's been awesome, and something I hope we can continue doing. I really appreciate the opportunity and the attitudes of those involved. I wasn't sure what to expect when we first walked through those doors, but I am really happy that we did."

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## Knox Presbyterian Church Donation in Celebration of 175 Years!



The Knox Presbyterian Church in Kincardine has been a valued partner of Community Living Kincardine and District over the years, providing accessible space for programs such as Baby & Me and Youth cooking/baking Groups. The church is also home to the Good Food Box, a program

that brings affordable, nutritious, fresh produce to Kincardine for a more affordable price.

In celebration of the Knox Presbyterian Church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the church has donated 50 Good Food Box tokens to Community Living Kincardine and District to provide supported individuals and families access to fresh produce.

One family supported by Community Living Kincardine and District said this about the program:  
*"The children really enjoy having the fresh fruit, especially the strawberries and bananas. Having the Good food box helps with the cost of groceries, we really appreciate that too."*

Thank you Knox Presbyterian Church, and congratulations on 175 years!

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## Helping Feed the Community



When the Bridge Drop-In hosted their annual Easter Dinner for the community this year, Allan was excited to be able to help. "I love cooking. I always want to help," he said. "I like to help

people. It makes me feel good."

On Saturday afternoon, Allan and Cassandra joined a myriad of other volunteers to help prepare Easter Dinner for the Community. Allan dove right into the kitchen, peeling potatoes, helping prepare salads, and making new friends. "The people here are very nice," he said. "I feel like I belong." He also helped set the tables. When asked about his favourite part he replied "All of it. I like to help."

Cassandra led the charge learning new skills like cutting buns. "I like to help." Said Cassandra, whose favourite task was setting tables. "I think it is very fun, doing things like this."

Allan cannot wait for the next opportunity to help the community asking, "When can we cook again? I really liked that." As soon as he got into the car. "I like knowing that it helps people; that they get to have a nice meal." Allan is hoping that, with some support from CPSS, he can find more opportunities like this one.

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# Upcoming Events & Activities

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## National Volunteer Week

April 14-20, 2024

During National Volunteer Week, we recognize every volunteer and celebrate each contribution they make!



## Baby & Me Groups

Running the first 3 Thursdays of the Month!

Baby & Me programs will rotate each week through Baby & Me Music, Baby & Me Messy Art and Baby & Me Gross Motor and Movement.

Please visit our [website](#) and/or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) to stay up-to-date!



## May is Community Living Month

Community Living Month is a province-wide annual awareness campaign to recognize the accomplishments of the Community Living movement.



To learn more about CLKD's services and events, visit our website!



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## *The Annual CSGB Golf Classic is Set to Go!*



*The wheels are in motion to host the 32nd Annual Golf Classic in support of  
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**OVER \$600,000.00 Raised to Date . . . Rated Among the Best!**

Our Title Sponsors Bayshore Broadcasting & Germania Mutual Insurance Company have been teamed up with Carlsberg Canada this year. We welcome Carlsberg aboard as we invite you to join us in support of this key community fundraising event. The proceeds will help fund the essential work that Crime Stoppers performs, to help make our Grey-Bruce communities safe.

**WHERE: Saugeen Golf Club will return as our host venue**

**WHEN: Thursday, June 6th, 2024**

Attached is the 32nd Annual golfer registration form, including hole sponsorship information.  
As designated group leader, please share details with your team.

**Chances to Win 2024 Cars + \$30,000.00 & More!**

Entry fee includes all golf related activities, all meals, Annual Souvenir & all post-play festivities,  
including the Grand Prize Draw.

**Mingle with Guest Celebs of the Day**

As per the norm, we anticipate the tournament will fill up again this year and request  
that you complete and return the registration form by April 26, 2024.

**A Good Cause with Good Fun & Good Food for Everyone**

Your past support has been part of the Tourney's success & we look forward to hosting you  
and your fellow golfers at Saugeen Golf Club on Thursday, June 6th, 2024, in support of ...

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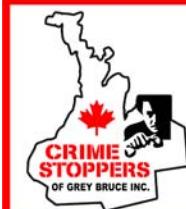
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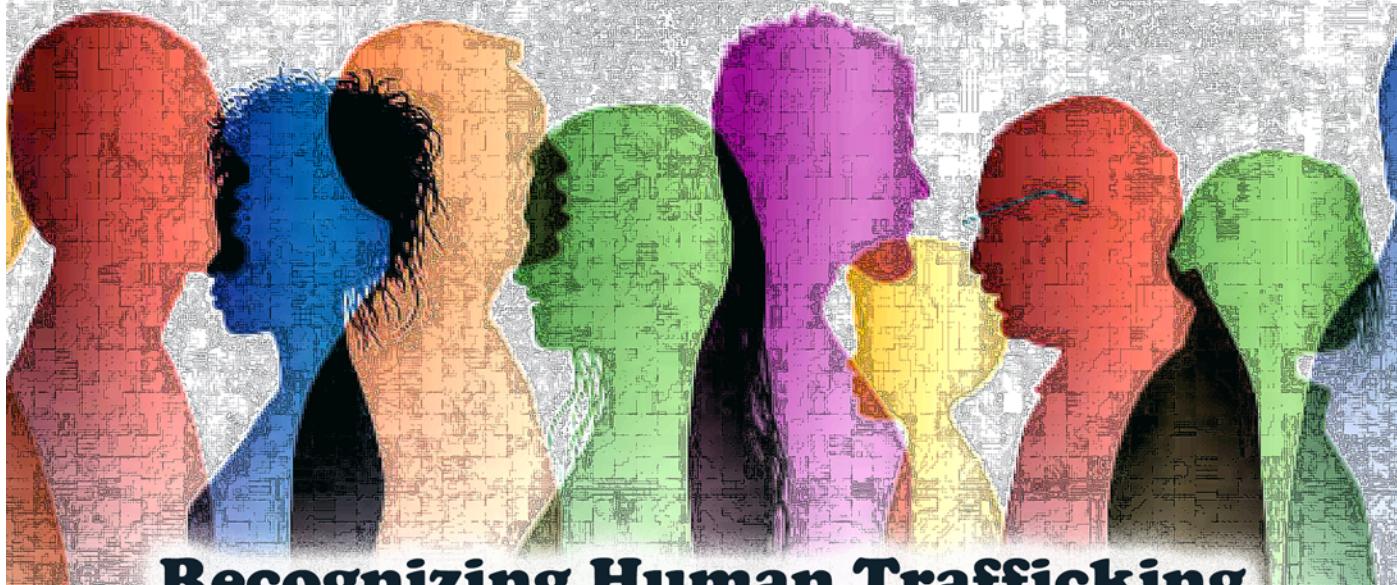
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# Recognizing Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing crimes worldwide. It is a serious criminal offence under the Criminal Code of Canada that can include recruiting, harbouring or controlling a person's movements using force, physical or psychological coercion, or deception. Traffickers often make victims do labour (for example, domestic, physical and manual labour) or perform sexual acts in exchange for monetary gain. What follows is a basic primer on the many faces of human trafficking.

To begin with it may be helpful to know what is not human trafficking. Human smuggling that involves moving someone across a border is not necessarily human trafficking. Nor does the label of human trafficking mean the consensual paid sex work by individuals 18 years or older. This form of activity is consensual by all participants and falls under other long established legislation.

Sex trafficking, labour trafficking and forced marriage are the three primary types of human trafficking.

## Sex trafficking

Sex trafficking is a form of sexual exploitation that can include recruiting, harbouring, transporting, obtaining or providing a person for the purpose of sex. It refers to the forced, coercive, fraudulent or deceptive exchange of sex for something of value (for example, money, food, drugs, alcohol, transportation, shelter). In Ontario, sex trafficking is the most commonly reported form of human trafficking.

*Learn more about sex trafficking  
[www.ontario.ca/page/sex-trafficking](http://www.ontario.ca/page/sex-trafficking)*

## Labour trafficking

Language like "forced labour," "servant" and "servitude" are sometimes used when talking about labour trafficking. There have been labour trafficking cases involving construction, manufacturing, mining, hospitality, salons, agriculture, domestic work, sales and other industries.

Labour traffickers often take away passports and other documents of foreign nationals, and sometimes control where the person stays. Debt bondage is a form of labour trafficking where a person is told they must work to pay off a large, unexpected and illegal debt.

People in other countries and newcomers may be recruited by someone from their home country or from Canada who makes false promises about what a job is and how much it pays. The person may not know their rights in Ontario, may not know how to get help and may fear reporting to police.

*Learn about your rights under the  
Employment Standards Act  
[www.ontario.ca/document/your-guide-employment-standards-act-0](http://www.ontario.ca/document/your-guide-employment-standards-act-0) )*

## How trafficking can happen

Traffickers identify and target a person's vulnerabilities to gain trust and form a bond. They often identify and fulfill a person's needs, and then use that dependence to control and exploit them.

A person can be trafficked anywhere, including in their home community. People who are being trafficked, and the people around them, may not know that a crime is taking place.

Some people who are trafficked are controlled and monitored constantly and don't have the opportunity

or are afraid to ask for help. They may also be manipulated to believe that the trafficker is the only person who cares about them and that they are best off staying with their trafficker.

Traffickers can control and manipulate victims using:

- emotional abuse
- lies
- addiction
- threats
- violence
- isolation
- taking control of identification, documents or money

***Learn more about how traffickers can recruit someone into sex trafficking***

[www.ontario.ca/page/sex-trafficking#section-3](http://www.ontario.ca/page/sex-trafficking#section-3)

## **People at risk of human trafficking**

Anyone can be at risk of being trafficked, however there are some factors that can make someone more vulnerable.

People who are at higher risk of being sex trafficked are:

- women and girls (though boys, men and people who identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+ are also targeted)
- homeless and/or marginalized youth
- youth who struggle with self-esteem, and/or are experiencing bullying, discrimination, poverty, abuse, isolation and other social or family issues
- Indigenous and racialized women and girls
- people with addiction, mental illness or developmental disabilities

***Learn more about other vulnerabilities that sex traffickers may target.***

[www.ontario.ca/page/sex-trafficking#section-2](http://www.ontario.ca/page/sex-trafficking#section-2)

People who are most at risk of labour trafficking include:

- migrant workers
- newcomers to Canada
- people with uncertain immigration status
- people who are homeless
- people who do not speak English or French

## **Signs that someone may be being trafficked**

Changes in behaviour, physical appearance, belongings and relationships with family and friends can be signs that someone might be a victim of human trafficking. Signs to watch for include:

### **Behaviours and activities:**

- are repeatedly missing from home and/or have been frequently reported missing to police
- are being secretive about their activities
- begin staying out more often and later
- are absent from school or there is a decline in school performance
- use new or increased methods of transportation, such as taxis, ride-hailing or sharing applications
- are not allowed to speak for themselves and their activities are controlled by someone else
- seem fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, nervous or paranoid (they may avoid eye contact or seem fearful around police)
- move frequently and may not know their surroundings well
- are repaying a large debt through labour or sex (including sexual imagery/filming)
- are unpaid or paid very little to work and seem to be treated poorly (long or unusual hours, not allowed breaks or forced to live in poor conditions)

### **Relationships with family or friends:**

- are withdrawing or isolating from family and friends
- have a new boyfriend, girlfriend or friend who they won't introduce to friends and family suddenly spend time with an older person or people

### **Physical appearance and belongings:**

- begin wearing more sexualized clothing
- have new clothing and jewellery that they can't afford to buy
- show signs of physical abuse, such as bruising, cigarette burns or fractures
- have tattooing or branding symbols, particularly names
- suddenly have a new or second cell phone with a secret number
- don't have their own belongings or money, and don't control their own passport or other documents
- seem malnourished or lack medical care.

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Canada has a dedicated, confidential, 24/7 human trafficking hotline:

**Toll-free: 1-833-900-1010**

The hotline is for victims seeking help, people with a tip to report a potential case, members of the public wanting to learn more about the subject. You can also find services across Canada including Ontario, using the hotline's National Referral Directory.

If you have information or suspect human trafficking is happening in your community and wish to remain anonymous you can call your local Crime Stoppers toll-free at:

**1-800-222-8477 or use your P3 App.**

*(Source: [www.ontario.ca/page/recognizing-human-trafficking](http://www.ontario.ca/page/recognizing-human-trafficking))*

# That old beater in your driveway can help solve crimes



## ***Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce partners with “Donate A Car Canada”***

Donate a Car Canada will now accept vehicle donations for the benefit of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce. Free towing is provided in most areas across Canada, or you can drop off your vehicle to maximize your donation.

When you donate your car, truck, RV, boat, or motorcycle to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce it will either be recycled or re-sold (depending on its condition, age and location). Donate a Car Canada will look after all the details to make it easy for Crime Stoppers to benefit. You will receive a tax receipt after your donation has been processed!

They will accept most vehicles including but not limited to cars, trucks, vans, SUV's, trailers, RV's and boats. There are a few conditions, however, that must be met in order for your vehicle to qualify.

- Donation must be made by the registered owner, or their legal representative.
- Vehicles must be registered in Canada.
- Vehicle must be in ‘complete’ state with no major parts missing.
- Special conditions will apply to boats, trailers, and RVs
- They cannot accept vehicles with insurance claims against them.
- They cannot accept vehicles with liens or encumbrances on them.
- They are able to accept vehicles with body damage.

In most cases RVs are required to be dropped off, however they will be handled on an individual basis.

To donate your vehicle, follow the steps below.

- From the home page, select the tab ‘Donate’. Here you will be asked to answer a few simple questions to qualify your vehicle.
- Fill out the donation form with your vehicle and contact information.
- Review the details you have entered, agree to the terms and conditions, and submit your vehicle for donation.

Further instructions will be provided for either drop off or towing.

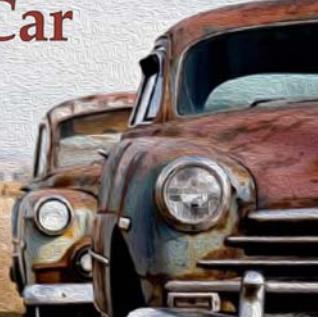
Check your email for a confirmation email. If you do not see the confirmation message immediately, please check your junk mail folder.

Tax receipt - There are many factors that go into determining this amount of the receipt. For more detailed information, please go to the web site for more details.

If your vehicle is being recycled, you no longer require insurance on the vehicle once it has been picked up by the towing agent. If your vehicle is going to auction, however, it is suggested that you keep insurance on your vehicle until the vehicle has sold. You will notify you by email when your vehicle has been sold.

You will be contacted by the towing agent within 48 hours after you call for removal. At that time, you can arrange the most convenient time for pick-up of your vehicle. You do not have to pay for your vehicle to be towed. If the vehicle is recycled, the towing cost

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is included. If your vehicle is sent to the auction, the towing cost is deducted from the sale price of your vehicle.

Dropping off your vehicle at our selling agent is beneficial for the charity because it eliminates the towing cost from the donation. Drop off instructions will be provided once your online form is complete.

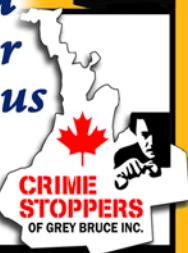
You will receive a tax deductible receipt directly from the charity after the sale of your vehicle and the accounting process is complete. You will receive an email confirming your donation has been sent to the charity. You should then receive your tax receipt from the charity within approximately six weeks.

Some vehicles may not register when you enter the serial number on the form. If you have a vehicle manufactured prior to 1980, or if you are donating a boat, motorcycle, trailer, or another type of vehicle that does not meet this requirement, please add zeros to the end of your serial number to total 17 digits.

In most cases, your boat will need to be dropped off at the nearest sales agent and some unique procedures will apply. The agent will work closely with you and the auction agents to determine the best process.

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Web: [crimestop-gb.org](http://crimestop-gb.org)


# "PLEASE DON'T PAY THE CON ARTIST"

## *Southern Bruce County residents out \$162,000 so far this year*

by Kevin Martin

(SOUTH BRUCE COUNTY) - March is Fraud Prevention month, and the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police is asking residents to be mindful of the cons and scams that are attempted every day.

The numbers (reported by the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre):

- 2021, Canadians lost a reported \$384 million dollars to Fraud
- 2022, Canadians lost a reported \$530 million dollars to Fraud
- 2023, Canadians lost a reported \$554 million dollars to Fraud

Canadians have seen a steady increase in dollar losses to Fraud over the past three years. Considering that about 10 per cent of Fraud is reported, the actual dollar losses are considerably higher.

Between January 1, 2024, and March 20, 2024, residents of Southern Bruce County have lost \$162,150 to cons and scams. Scams reported to South Bruce OPP in the past week:

- \$3,300 of gift cards sent to a scammer trying to arrange an online purchase.
- \$13,250 sent to a scammer that set up an online investment site.
- \$35,000 sent to a scammer to convert to electronic currency.
- \$1,800 sent to a scammer in response to an online job advertisement.
- \$4,000 sent to a scammer to help out a grandchild involved in a car crash.

Experienced scammers use technology to create very convincing schemes to trick you into sending them money. They will commonly use the name of a real company, or a person's name you recognize, to gain your trust so that you will send money or personal information to them.

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A quick and easy way to prevent Fraud? Verify any contact that you aren't expecting.

Police are offering the following tips to help protect you from a con artist:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is;
- Remember that you can't win a contest that you didn't enter in the first place;
- If you have a concern about your computer, take it to a reputable repair shop for service. Never provide remote access to your computer to a "tech" that calls you out of the blue;
- Gift cards are a red flag. If someone contacts you and directs you to buy gift cards, you need to hang up the phone/shred the letter/delete the email, etc.

Your best defence is to verify any unsolicited contact made to you. Unsolicited means that you didn't ask for it.

Fraud is a multi-million-dollar enterprise that will only end when the theives stop making money at it.

Anyone interested in more information on fraud can contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at **1 888 495 8501** or check online at [www.antifraudcentre.ca](http://www.antifraudcentre.ca).

Anyone with information are encouraged to call 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a secure web-tip at [www.cstip.ca](http://www.cstip.ca), where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2000.



*Kevin Martin is the Communications officer with the South Bruce Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. After 33 years working in policing and public safety Kevin is retiring from police work. He has cast a long shadow over the communities of South Bruce County and will be missed. The folks at Crime Stoppers wish him and his family all the best.*

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# CRIME STOPPERS



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## UTILITY TRAILER AND TOOLS STOLEN



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**(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - On January 5, 2024, Police were contacted regarding a theft of a utility trailer which was stolen from a residence on Grey Road 7 in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.**

Police attended and was advised that sometime between on January 5, 2024, between 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., unknown individual(s) attended the residence and removed the light grey enclosed 10-foot utility trailer.

Items that were stored in the trailer and stolen are:

- 4 X safety harnesses ropes
- Brand new pump jack
- Stihl chainsaw
- 2 X Milwaukee worm drive skil saws
- 2 X Milwaukee framing nailers
- Brand new Makita air compressor
- Dewalt air compressor
- Ratchet set
- Various hand tools
- 2 X leather framing work pouch with hammers
- Honda 2800 generator
- 4 gas jerry cans
- 2 X 100-foot extension cords
- 2 X 100-foot 1/2-inch air hoses
- 1 box of 3 1/4 hand nails
- 1 box 2 1/4 hand nails
- 2 X boxes of sheeting staples
- 5 X boxes of strip nails
- Metabo worm drive cordless saw
- Metabo cordless frame nailer

- Sledgehammer
- 2 Dewalt clamps
- 3 hardhats
- 1 air pig
- 2 X 1/2-inch tow chains 10 feet
- 2 X 8 nylon tow straps
- Milwaukee cordless grinder
- Metabo joist hanger nailer

## STOLEN VEHICLE FOUND BURNED



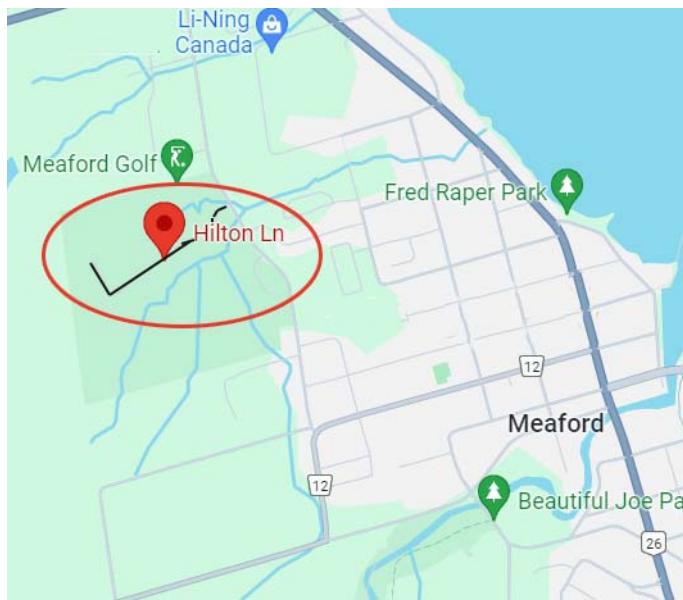
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**(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - Sometime on March 22, 2024, between 1:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m., a 2023 White Volkswagen Atlas, plate CYDP335, was stolen. On March 22, 2024, at 7:05 p.m., the Grey Bruce OPP received a report of a vehicle that was on fire on Boar Farm Road in Grey Highlands. Investigation revealed that the stolen vehicle and vehicle fire were of the same.**

Police are asking the public to check their video surveillance on March 22, 2024, of a Volkswagen Atlas. If you have any information you can contact the Grey Bruce OPP or Crime Stoppers.

# CRIME STOPPERS WATCH BOARD

## STRING OF B&Es IN MEAFORD



**(MEAFORD, ON)** - Police are reporting a string of break and enters to a new build subdivision on Hilton Lane in Meaford.

**On October 25, 2023**, police responded to a break and enter at a residence that was under construction on Hilton Lane in Meaford. The soffit and drywall were damaged.

**On October 30, 2023**, police responded to a break and enter to a residence that was under construction on Hilton Lane in Meaford. The drywall was damaged along with evidence that the suspects had a fire in the basement.

**On November 1, 2023**, police responded to a break and enter to a residence that was under construction on Hilton Lane in Meaford. The complainant advised that this has occurred three times that week, but this was the first time they called police. There was evidence of spray paint damage on the drywall.

**On November 27, 2023**, police responded to a break and enter to a residence that was under construction on Hilton Lane in Meaford. There is damage to drywall and the electrical panel.

**On February 4, 2024**, once again police responded to a break and enter to a residence that was under construction on Hilton Lane in Meaford. There is damage to the soffit, the drywall along with spray paint on drywall inside the residence.

It is believed that the suspects are gaining access to the residences through the soffit then dropping through the drywall on the ceiling. If anyone observes any individuals in Hilton Lane during the nighttime hours, please call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

## THEFT OF A CFRO 600 ATV



**(PORT ELGIN)** Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce and the Saugeen Shores Police Service are seeking the public's help in solving the theft of an ATV.

On December 30th at 5:00 a.m. a 2020 orange CFRO 600 ATV, bearing plate 2SH57, was stolen from a residence along Bluewater Drive in the Town of Port Elgin. Police note the licence plate may have been removed and the ATV may have been altered in colour.

A photo of the stolen ATV can be viewed on the Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce website and Facebook page.

## THEFT OF UTILITY TRAILER



**(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON)** - On January 16, 2024, police responded to a report of a stolen utility trailer from a rural property on the East Back Line in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

Police spoke with the owner who advised the trailer was last observed on the property in a drive shed on December 2, 2023, and that it was discovered missing on January 16, 2024. The trailer is described as a 2022 Tow-Tek 7X14 utility trailer with plate W4796F.

## VEHICLE ENTERED; GAS STOLEN

**(MEAFORD, ON)** - On January 5, 2024, Police investigated a report of a vehicle being entered and a vehicle's gas tank drilled into, and gas removed at a

business on Highway 26 in the Municipality of Meaford.

It was determined through video surveillance that on January 4, 2024, a vehicle attended the location between 5:40 a.m. and 5:52 a.m. The approximate value of items stolen is \$1900.

Police are reminding all residents to lock their vehicles and remove their valuables. It's very important to ensure all video surveillance has night vision quality.

## STORAGE UNITS ENTERED

**(SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON)** - On January 7, 2024, Police attended a storage unit for a break and enter located on Industrial Drive, Wiarton, South Bruce Peninsula.

Police attended and was advised that sometime between January 6, 2024, and January 7, 2024, the storage units were entered. Investigation revealed an additional 22 units had their locks removed and were entered.

There is currently one item outstanding that has been reported to police. A 1993 Kawasaki KSF All-terrain Vehicle, white and green in colour, VIN JKASFMA1XPB518874.

## BREAK, ENTER AND THEFT

**(TEESWATER, ON)** - On December 5, 2023, at 9:04 a.m., Police received a theft report from an address along Industrial Road in Teeswater. Sometime between 8:00 p.m. on December 2, 2023, and 7:00 p.m. on December 4, 2023, a storage locker was forcibly entered.

The list of stolen items includes:

- Table covers
- Walkie talkies

- Heat press for shirts
- Hat press
- Outdoor power cords
- Teleprompter stands
- FM transmitter
- Wireless transmitter/receiver set
- Extension ladder

The value of the stolen property is estimated to be \$35,000.

Investigators are interested in viewing any video, or dash cam video, of the area between 12:00 p.m. on December 2, 2023, and 10:00 p.m. on December 4, 2023.

*Anyone interested in information on protecting your property, including the SafeGuard Ontario Property Security Program, can visit [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca).*

## SHOP THEFT DUO IN PORT ELGIN



**(PORT ELGIN, ON)** - On Saturday March 16, 2024 two individuals entered the Shoppers Drug Mart in Port Elgin and stole a quantity of merchandise.

## TABLETS AND SMARTPHONES STOLEN



**(PORT ELGIN)** - On Tuesday March 12, 2024 three suspects entered the Port Elgin Walmart and stole a number of cellphones and tablets.

# CRIME STOPPERS WATCH BOARD

## STOLEN SIDE BY SIDE



Serial#1M0835EAVNM050296

(SOUTHGATE, ON) - The number of thefts from farm properties is becoming quite alarming to the Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police.

On February 16, 2024, at 8:41 a.m., police responded to a report of a stolen John Deere side by side from a property on Southgate Sideroad 13 in Southgate Township. The owner advised that an excavator on the property was moved to obtain access to the side by side along with diesel fuel was stolen from the excavator. The owner told police that a GPS on the excavator was live at 2:00 a.m. on that date.

The area was canvassed but no video footage of the incident was captured. The side by side is described as 2022 John Deere 835E Gator side-by-side **Serial#1M0835EAVNM050296**. "Martin Drainage" decal on the hood. "74-22" Equipment number on both sides of the hood. No plates were attached.

Theft from farm properties is becoming a weekly concern for the OPP. Police are asking the public to call police if they observe anything suspicious in farmers farm properties during the night hours. The police would rather attend and find out that it's the owner tending to their property rather than receive a call the next day that an item of farm machinery has been stolen.

## STOLEN CAR IN MEAFORD

(MEAFORD, ON) - Car rented through TURBO application was stolen in the Municipality of Meaford.

On February 20, 2024, an individual rented a white 2014 Honda Civic with the licence plate of **CHRJ 705**. The renter stayed at an AirBnB on Sykes Street in Meaford. The renter parked the car for the night between 6:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. and noticed it missing February 21, 2024, at 8:15 a.m.

## STOLEN TRAILER



(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - On February 8, 2024, police responded to a report of a stolen trailer on Road 180 in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

On February 8th, 2024, at 8:26 a.m., the victim contacted police to report a stolen enclosed trailer from a business on Road 180 in the Municipality of Grey Highlands. The trailer's GPS tracker was located in the ditch on the 4th Line in Melancthon Township on February 8, 2024 at 1:35 a.m.

Video surveillance shows at 1:25 a.m., a vehicle of interest, a black Chevrolet Z71 crew cab pick-up truck with 5 spoke aluminum rims attended the property and hooked up to the stolen trailer. No licence plate was observed.

The trailer is described as, 2023 dark grey Discovery DMA enclosed trailer bearing Ontario marker #**X1397D**, with red and white "Glenvalley Construction" logo's on both sides and the rear of the trailer. The trailer contained approximately \$30,000 worth of tools.

Police are asking anyone with video surveillance in the area between Road 180 in the Municipality of Grey Highlands and the 4th Line in Melancthon Township to review their footage on February 8, 2024, between 1:25 a.m. - 1:35 a.m.



## Become a Sleuth

Check the serial numbers of any stolen property by going to [CSTIP.CA](http://CSTIP.CA) and click on the "Plunder Check" Button.

# CRIME STOPPERS WATCH BOARD

## COINS AND MEDALS STOLEN FROM A CHATSWORTH RESIDENCE



(CHATSWORTH, ON) - On March 3, 2024 police received a report of a residential break and enter in the Township of Chatsworth. Stolen items include jewelry, silver coins, unique coins, bank bundles of one-dollar and two-dollar bills, and a significant quantity of cash in twenty, fifty, and one-hundred-dollar denominations. The victims' military medals were also stolen.

### SPRAY PAINT VANDALISM



(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police are seeking the public's assistance in locating video surveillance of a series of mischiefs that occurred in the town of Markdale.

On March 27, 2024, at 6:52 a.m., police in the Markdale community responded to a series of mischiefs. Sometime between March 26, 2024, at 10:00 p.m., and March 27, 2024, at 6:52 a.m., unknown individual(s) attended ten residences in the Town of Markdale and spray-painted vehicles, garage doors and residences. The residences were on Lawler Drive, Edith Avenue, Main Street East, Stonebrook Way and George Street, Markdale.

Police are looking for anyone who has information or video surveillance in the affected areas to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

### DODGE VAN STOLEN



(SOUTHGATE, ON) - On January 28, 2024, the Grey Bruce OPP received a report of a stolen vehicle from a property on Eco Park Way in Southgate. The vehicle is described as a 2017 black Dodge Grand Caravan with Nova Scotia plate HFV079. The vehicle was stolen between January 26, 2024, to January 28, 2024.

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# CRIME STOPPERS WATCH BOARD

## PERSONS OF INTEREST IN THEFT OF LIQUOR



**(SOUTHGATE, ON)** - On February 16, 2024, at approximately 5:40 p.m., police were dispatched to a shoplifting occurrence that took place at a business on Highway 10 in Dundalk.

Three individuals were in the store inquiring about the cost of a bottle of wine. All three males left the

store and the employee noticed that four bottles of Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon valued at \$ 109.95 a bottle were missing. The individuals departed Northbound on Highway 10 in a black Dodge Ram with Ontario licence plate ending in 514. If anyone can identify the individuals in the photos please contact the OPP.

### BREAK AND ENTER TO BUSINESS

**(MEAFORD, ON)** - Ontario Provincial Police are seeking the public's assistance in locating video surveillance of a break and enter.

On March 23, 2024, at 2:23 p.m., police responded to a break and enter from a business on Susan Street in the Municipality of Meaford. Sometime between March 18, 2024, and March 23, 2024, unknown individual(s) broke into a business and removed a Tohatsu MFS 9.8 boat motor valued at around \$3,000.



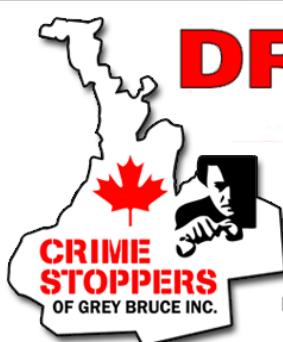
### THEFT OF TOOLS

**(CHESLEY, ON)** - On February 20, 2024, at 10:54 a.m., the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police received a theft report from a property along Riverside Drive in Chesley. Sometime between 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2024, and 8:00 a.m. on February 20, 2024, a vehicle on the property was forcibly entered.

The list of stolen items includes:

- Milwaukee battery charging station
- Milwaukee batteries (6)
- Milwaukee multi-tool
- Milwaukee hole saw with case
- Milwaukee copper cutters (3)

The value of the stolen items is estimated to be \$1,230.



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# Identifying well-being priorities in Grey and Bruce



The *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning*'s (CSWBP) 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.

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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 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. They, along with the other action Tables of CSWBP, 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.

## What is the CSWBP?

*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.

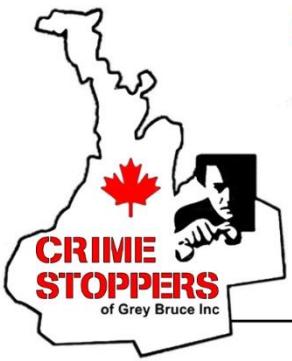
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## Program Report

JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2024

### TIP STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2024

- Total Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile, including follow ups): 752
- New Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile): 152

#### **Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics Since Inception May 1987**

Tip Reports	18,789
Arrests	1,789
Charges	2,557
Cases Cleared	2,753
Property Recovered	\$4,838,616
Narcotics Recovered	\$50,616,327
Rewards Approved	\$288,660

### Tip Totals Year to Date

- 152 new tips have been received during the first quarter of 2024, which is behind the first quarter of 2023 by 16 tips.

### MEDIA

- LITE 99.3, Bayshore Broadcasting, Bounce Radio 92.3, Blackburn Radio (Cool 94.5 & 101.7 The One), Shoreline Classics, and Bluewater Radio continue to receive Crime of the Week segments that are sent out from our office on a weekly basis.
- Monthly Crime of the Week columns are forwarded to the Bruce County Marketplace magazine.
- Crimes of the Week are being forwarded to the Owen Sound Hub and the Saugeen Times online news, as well as Eastlink TV.

### FUNDRAISING

- Nevada ticket revenues are declining but continue to assist in funding eligible expenses.
- We applied for funding from the Port Elgin, Hanover, and Owen Sound Walmarts for 2024, and funding has been confirmed by the Owen Sound and Port Elgin Walmarts.
- In the first quarter of 2024 the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and the Township of Georgian Bluffs donated to our program, and we are very grateful for their support. We continue to reach out to each of the Police Services Boards and Municipalities of Grey and Bruce to request funding commitments for our program.
- We reached out for funding from our local Royal Canadian Legions, with the Meaford Legion Branch #32 donating to our program.
- We launched our Community Donor Membership Program in November 2023, which allows the community to offer support by purchasing a tax-deductible donor membership. Donor membership levels are available at \$50, \$100, \$250, and \$500.

## **EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS**

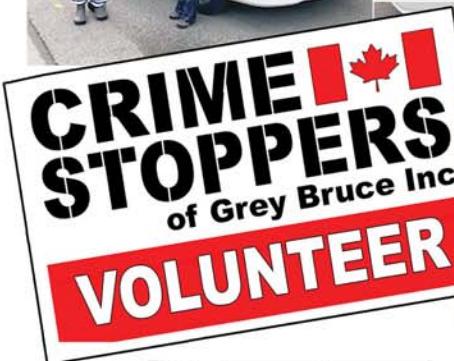
- The Winter 2024 edition of TIPSTER Magazine was released in January, featuring articles and editorials focusing on regional current crimes and community safety topics, and has been very well received by our partners and the community.
- We continue to participate in the Grey Bruce Crime Prevention Action Table, and in conjunction attended Anti-Human Trafficking awareness events on February 20, 2024 in Kincardine and February 22, 2024 in Owen Sound.

## **CRIME STOPPERS BOARD**

- We currently have six members on our Board of Directors with one new pending applicant. We are continuing to recruit new members to the Board and are seeking specific skill sets, such as a Treasurer and people with fundraising experience.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- We will be participating in the Meaford Volunteer Recruitment Fair on April 18, 2024.
- Our 32<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament will be taking place on Thursday June 6, 2024 at Saugeen Golf Club, Port Elgin.
- We have three classic car tours and shows planned for Sunday June 23, 2024; Sunday August 11, 2024; and Sunday September 29, 2024.



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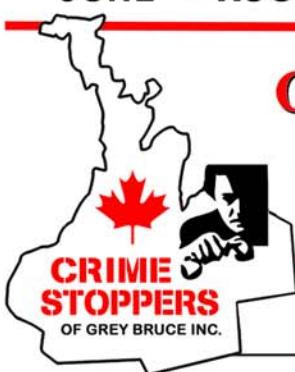
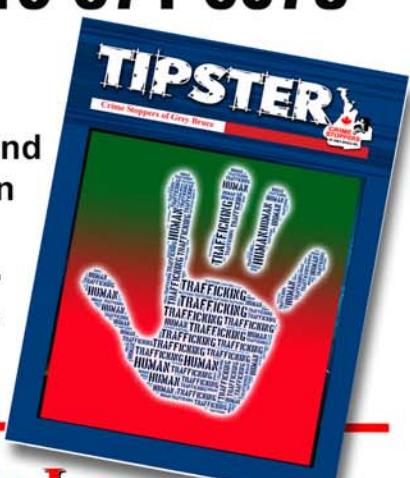
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## Community Partner Newsletter Content

### **Title: Grey Bruce Crisis Support Line Redirected to National 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention Line**

The Grey Bruce Crisis Support Line will be redirected to the national 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention line **effective April 1, 2024**. This transition is part of a broader effort to streamline access to mental health support services across Canada.

What does this mean for you? If you've relied on the Grey Bruce Crisis Support Line before, don't worry – you'll still get the help you need. Just dial 9-8-8 instead, and you'll be connected to a trained professional who can provide support and guidance during difficult times. We understand that change can be challenging, so rest assured that support will be available to assist anyone who needs it.

To ensure that nobody falls through the cracks during this transition period, alternative mental health support options are available. Whether you prefer to talk on the phone, text, or chat online, there's a resource for you:

- [9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline](#)
- [CMHA Grey Bruce: 519-376-3303](#)
- [Brightshores Mental Health Navigation Line: 519-376-3303 \(Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm\)](#)
- [CMHA Grey Bruce: 519-371-3642](#)
- [Farmer Wellness Initiative: 1-866-267-6255](#)
- [Grey-Bruce Navigation Line: 1-844-806-3093 \(Health & social services support\)](#)
- [Hope for Wellness Line: 1-855-242-3310 \(For Indigenous people across Canada\)](#)
- [Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services: 519-371-4773](#)
- [Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868](#)
- [One Stop Talk: 1-855-416-8255](#)
- [The Women's Centre Grey & Bruce: 519-376-0755](#)
- [2-1-1 Ontario](#)

Your wellbeing is our top priority, and we're dedicated to ensuring that everyone in Grey Bruce has access to the support they need to thrive. If you or someone you know is in crisis, please seek help at the nearest Emergency Department or dial 9-8-8. Remember, you are not alone, help is available. For more mental health resources available in our region, please visit [www.mentalhealthgreybruce.ca](http://www.mentalhealthgreybruce.ca).

# Crisis & Distress Resources



**Support is within reach – judgment-free and available 24/7. In emergencies, dial 9-1-1.**

## Suicide Crisis Helpline



If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, call or text **9-8-8**.

## Other 24/7 Crisis & Distress Resources

### Kids Help Phone



Young people can text with a crisis responder by texting **CONNEXT** to **686868** or by calling **1-800-668-6868** to speak with a professional counsellor.

### Hope for Wellness Helpline



For immediate mental health counselling and crisis intervention for all Indigenous people across Canada, call **1-855-242-3310** or chat online at [www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca)

### Farmer Wellness Initiative



If you are an Ontario farmer looking for support, call **1-866-267-6255** for free, unlimited mental health counselling.

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For additional resources, scan the QR Code or visit:  
[www.mentalhealthgreybruce.ca](http://www.mentalhealthgreybruce.ca)

# Local Resources

## Brightshores Health System, Mental Health & Addictions



519-376-3303

brightshores.ca

Brightshores Mental Health & Addictions Department offers support for clients across Grey Bruce. For help accessing services, contact their Navigation Line, available Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## CMHA Grey Bruce



519-371-3642

greybruce.cmha.ca

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Grey Bruce offers programs and services to assist those who live with or are impacted by mental health and/or addiction(s). Program details can be found on their website or by calling their Central Intake line.

## Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services



519-371-4773

keystonebrucegrey.org

Centered on engaging youth and families, Keystone delivers caring and accountable services to children, youth, and families via personalized, interdisciplinary programs for ages 0-17.

## Grey Bruce Navigation Line



1-844-806-3093

greybruceoht.ca

To navigate health or social services in Grey Bruce, contact the Ontario Health Team (OHT) Navigation Line.

## One Stop Talk



1-855-416-8255

onestoptalk.ca

One Stop Talk offers free, confidential mental health services for children and youth aged 0-17 in Ontario, accessible via call or online connection for immediate support.

## Safe 'n Sound



519-470-7233

safensoundgreybruce.ca

Safe 'n Sound operates The Space (310 8th Street East, Owen Sound) - a community for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness, offering access to essentials, support, advocacy, and referrals.

## The Women's Centre Grey & Bruce



519-376-0755

thewomenscentre.org

The Women's Centre Grey & Bruce offers safe shelter, crisis support, safety planning, counselling, and transition services for women and children impacted by abuse in Grey Bruce Counties.

## 2-1-1 Ontario



2-1-1

211ontario.ca

211 helps to navigate the complex network of human services quickly and easily, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in over 150 languages.

# Suicide Crisis Helpline



9-8-8



Call or text 9-8-8  
Available 24/7, 365



988.ca

# Additional 24/7 Resources

## Kids Help Phone

- Text CONNECT to 686868 or call 1-800-668-6868

## Hope for Wellness Helpline

- For all Indigenous people across Canada,  
call 1-855-242-3310 or chat online at  
[www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca)

## Farmers Wellness Initiative

- Call 1-866-267-6255

For more crisis resources, scan the QR Code  
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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Building New and Upgraded Sports and Recreation Facilities

\$200 million investment helping communities provide families and sports fans better access to modern facilities to play and watch

**April 18, 2024**  
[Premier's Office](#)

**OAKVILLE** —The Ontario government is investing up to \$200 million over three years to support Ontario’s growing communities with new and revitalized local sport and recreation facilities across the province.

The new Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund was [announced as part of the 2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#).

“Ontario’s new Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund will transform and expand recreational facilities across the province, creating jobs and fostering healthier and more active lifestyles for families,” said Premier Doug Ford. “As our population grows, our government is building the necessary infrastructure so families can live, work, play and thrive right in their local communities.”

Funding will be delivered through two streams:

- Repairing and upgrading existing sport and recreation facilities into more accessible, state-of-the-art facilities that better suit the community’s needs.
- Building new and transformative sport and recreation facilities, including replacing existing facilities that have reached the end of their lifespan and are beyond repair.

“Our government is listening to Ontarians and we want to ensure that new and upgraded facilities remain the heart of communities across this province for decades to come,” said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. “Not only will families benefit from better access to places to play, modern sport and recreation facilities will allow communities to host provincial, national

and international events and competitions, attracting more visitors and good-paying jobs.”

Applications will be open to municipalities, Indigenous communities, and non-profit organizations. More information about eligibility and application guidelines will be provided in Summer 2024.

“Community centres and recreation facilities give people of all ages a safe place to come together, laugh, play and get the most out of their local community,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “Our government will continue building the infrastructure needed to support growing communities, and investing in the well-being of children, families and seniors across the province.”

Investing in new and improved sport and recreation facilities through the [2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#) will continue to support the province’s growing population and ensure that all Ontarians have access to opportunities to thrive.

## Quick Facts

- The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund is a competitive, application-based program open to municipalities, Indigenous communities and non-profit organizations.
- The sport and recreation sector contributed an estimated \$2.6 billion to Ontario’s economy in 2021 and accounted for approximately 38,000 jobs.

## Additional Resources

- [2024 Ontario Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#)

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## *The power of collaboration*



### **Message from the President and CEO**

Later in 2024, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) will reach a major milestone in implementing Canada's plan, when we select a site for Canada's deep geological repository. This will represent a key moment that connects the past 20 years of work to the

future of the organization, setting the stage for the next decade of regulatory decision-making.

As we move towards this crucial step, I want to reflect on the importance of collaboration. We could not have gotten to where we are today without the leadership and dedication to learning shown by the people in potential host communities. The process to select a site has always been community-driven, and that has never been more important than in this year, as each community decides whether it wants to host the deep geological repository.

[Click here](#) to read my full update.

Sincerely,

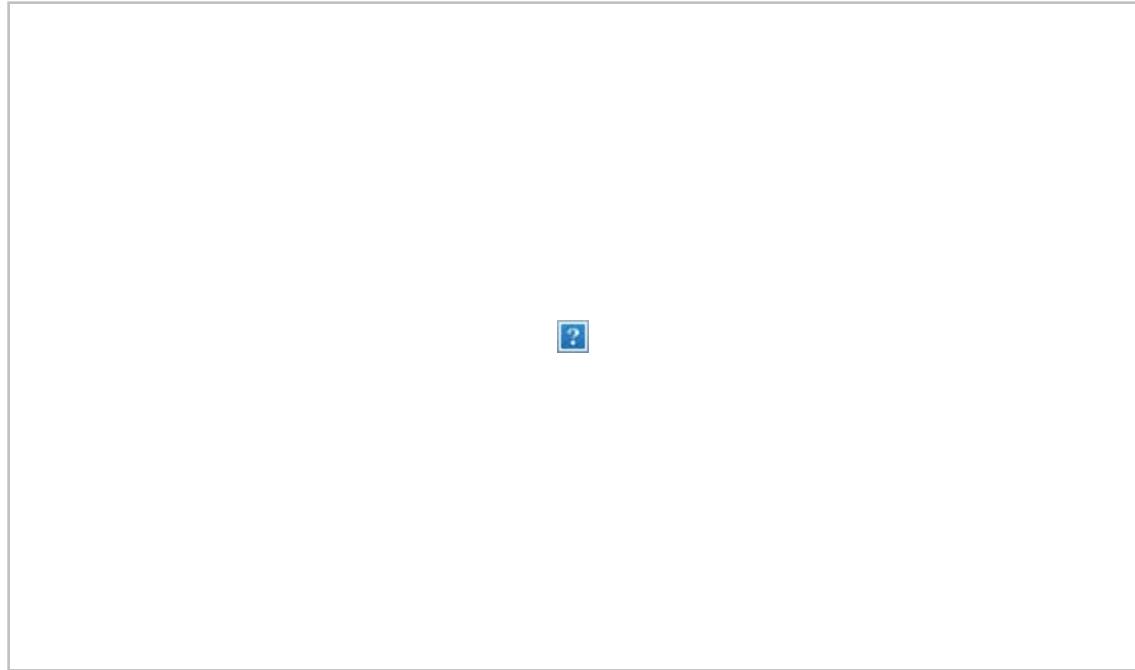
*Laurie Swami*

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## *Le pouvoir de la collaboration*



### **Message de la présidente et chef de la direction**

Plus tard en 2024, la Société de gestion des déchets nucléaires (SGDN) franchira une étape importante de la mise en oeuvre du plan canadien, lorsque nous choisirons un site pour le dépôt géologique en

profondeur canadien. Il s'agira d'un moment clé, qui reliera les 20 dernières années de travail de notre organisation à notre avenir et qui préparera le terrain pour la prochaine décennie de décisions réglementaires.

Alors que nous nous approchons de ce jalon crucial, je tiens à dire un mot sur l'importance de la collaboration. Nous n'aurions jamais pu arriver là où nous sommes aujourd'hui sans le leadership et la volonté d'apprendre des résidents des collectivités hôtes potentielles. Le processus de sélection d'un site a toujours été mené à l'initiative des collectivités, et cela n'a jamais été aussi essentiel que le sera cette année, alors que chaque collectivité participante aura à décider si elle souhaite accueillir le dépôt géologique en profondeur.

[Cliquez ici](#) pour lire l'intégralité de mon compte rendu à ce sujet.

Sincèrement,

*Laurie Swami*

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

**April 2024**

It appears spring has finally sprung in the Clean Energy Frontier region!

And with the nicer weather comes several new and exciting initiatives being advanced by the Clean Energy Frontier program staff. We had a very busy Winter that included our annual Summit event and working with the Clean Energy Frontier Regional Steering Committee to discuss what's next for the program as we move forward in 2024.



For those of you who attended our Regional Steering Committee meeting in March, you will be familiar with the conversations advanced by the committee regarding the need for an overarching blueprint of proposed and active energy sector projects across the region. As such, program staff have been working on scoping this project and moving forward to building a report that will provide key information regarding elected officials and staff alike. Stay tuned for more on this work in the months ahead. This project will build on the great feedback received from attendees of the Summit—particularly when it comes to collective advocacy for the region.



Additionally, we continue to advance the Clean Energy Frontier program's mandate to market our region as a leader in the clean energy sector and will be bringing forward several initiatives and activities over the coming months.

Thank you again for all your support, insights and feedback. The Clean Energy Frontier program relies on a collaborative effort from all partners and that was certainly on display at our last Steering Committee meeting.

Now, we're moving from ideas to action! Exciting work ahead.

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## CNIC ISOTOPES FOR HOPE PODCAST

In March, the Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council (CNIC) launched its Isotopes for Hope podcast. The Isotopes for Hope podcast is a series that highlights Canadian leaders in the country's isotope and cancer care sector who are contributing to Canada's leadership role in fighting cancer. This podcast aims to frame the industry's future in this area and will feature unique stories and perspectives about the importance of isotopes from industry leaders.

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## CIB LAUNCHES INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HOUSING INITIATIVE

The Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) has introduced its Infrastructure for Housing Initiative (IHI), designed to help address the infrastructure constraints which are limiting new housing construction.

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## NUCLEAR JOBS CANADA WEBSITE LAUNCH

Nuclear Jobs Canada serves as a job board catering to the nuclear industry and is managed by the industry itself. It offers a wide array of job opportunities ranging from interns to accountants, engineers to executives—all contributing to advancing Canada's clean energy objectives. The platform is overseen and operated by the Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA).

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)



## ICYMI

NII Founder BWXT announced recently their plan to expand the footprint of their Cambridge facility and invest in advanced manufacturing for nuclear components. This \$80 million investment will create more than 200 new jobs in Ontario and economic ripple effects across the province and beyond.

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**MAR 22** Regional Steering Committee Meeting

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