



CSWBP Homelessness Response Steering Committee Housing Individuals and Families in Grey & Bruce

The Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Homelessness Response Steering Committee has been working diligently to ensure community members are safely housed. The committee is a partnership with Bruce County, Grey County, and community service providers to further develop approaches to addressing homelessness through a rural perspective.



Grey Bruce CSWBP

Community Safety & Well-Being Planning

April 29, 2024

The Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Homelessness Response Steering Committee has been working diligently to ensure community members are safely housed. The committee is a partnership with Bruce County, Grey County, and community service providers to further develop approaches to addressing homelessness through a rural perspective. In January and February 2024, 33 households have been housed from the By-Names List across Bruce County and Grey County. Having local data to measure the impact of coordinated services continues to drive changes in service delivery approaches and provides partners with the information needed to continue planning for our communities.

What is the By-Name List (BNL)?

A By-Name List is a real-time list of all known people experiencing homelessness in your community. It includes a robust set of data points that support coordinated access and prioritization at a household level as well as an understanding of

homeless inflow and outflow at a system level.

As of February 2024, the combined Bruce-Grey BNL identified 170 households experiencing active homelessness. Of those, 126 individuals are experiencing chronic homelessness, meaning they have been without stable housing for more than 6 months.

Homelessness Response

The primary goal of homelessness response is to lower the number of households experiencing chronic homelessness by increasing access to tenancies and decreasing the number of households entering the system. To help reach this goal, both Grey and Bruce Counties offer 10% of vacant housing units to individuals or families on the active By-Name List.

In addition, both Grey County and Bruce County offer Emergency Shelter and/or Short-Term Housing programs. These programs support as many households as possible with time limited shelter when experiencing homelessness. Community members can call 211 for the most up to date information about these programs, including information on how to access support.

The Homelessness Response team in Bruce and Grey is working hard to prioritize services and provide the highest level of supports to the residents of the community.

To learn more about the Homelessness Response please visit:

[Apply for affordable housing in Grey County](#)

[Housing Services in Bruce County](#)

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

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

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

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NOTICE: Roadway Line Painting Taking Place Between mid-May and mid-June

Please take notice that the Bruce County line painting contractor will be conducting line painting operations on County Roads for the 2024 season during the months of May and June. This notice is to inform drivers to obey all signage and warning signs to keep their vehicles clean and clear of all roadway paint. Bruce County assumes no responsibility for paint damage claims from motorists who cross wet paint lines.



April 29, 2024

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When does line painting occur?

Line painting may be completed on County Roads in the mid-day, evening, or night-time hours when weather and conditions are appropriate.

Why don't line painters just paint at night?

The difficulty with painting at night arises when the temperature between the air and the road surface change at different rates. Condensation can occur on the roadway, making for poor conditions for paint to adhere to the roadway.

How long does it take for line paint to dry?

Dependent upon conditions, line paint can remain wet for up to 15 minutes.

Paint operations are causing traffic backups, can we pass the warning trucks?

The intent of the warning trucks behind the line painter is to provide enough space in between to allow for paint to dry. If you cross the centerline to pass line painting operations, chances are that your vehicle will end up with paint on it. Please be patient and follow the direction of the notification signage.

If I cannot remove paint from my vehicle, is the Municipality responsible?

Bruce County assumes no liability for paint damages to vehicles that have crossed wet paint lines or disobeyed the warning signs and warning vehicles.

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

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NOTICE: Pesticide Use Along Bruce County Roadsides

The County of Bruce intends to control noxious weeds along the following rural County roadsides: BR1, BR2, BR3, BR4, BR6, BR6E, BR7, BR10, BR12, BR15, BR19, BR20, BR22, BR23, BR28, BR30, and BR86.



April 30, 2024

The County of Bruce intends to control noxious weeds along the following rural County roadsides: BR1, BR2, BR3, BR4, BR6, BR6E, BR7, BR10, BR12, BR15, BR19, BR20, BR22, BR23, BR28, BR30, and BR86.

The following pesticides will be used which are registered under the Pest Control Products Act (Canada):

Navius FLEX Herbicide (Reg. #30922) containing the active ingredients Metsulfuron – methyl and Aminocyclopyrachlor.

Hasten NT Ultra Spray Adjuvant (Reg. #31760) containing the active ingredients Methyl and ethyl oleate (esterified vegetable oil).

ClearView Herbicide (Reg. #29752) containing the active ingredients Aminopyralid (present as potassium salt), and Metsulfuron-methyl.

We are controlling Noxious weeds under Public Works Exception of the Cosmetic Pesticides Ban for the promotion of public health and safety.

Spraying will commence on May 13, 2024, weather permitting, and conclude June 30, 2024.

For more information, please contact:

Greenstream – Steve Ford 1-905-510-1229 (collect calls accepted)

Bruce County - Andrew Beumer, Environmental Services Manager 1-226-909-2824 (collect calls accepted)

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

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Bruce County Awarded with Two 2024 BIA Ontario Business Improvement Area, 'Awards of Excellence' with The Municipality of Kincardine and Arran-Elderslie

The Municipality of Kincardine, The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, and Bruce County, won two awards at the OBIAA Awards Gala during the 2024 Annual BIA Conference on April 29, 2024.



May 02, 2024

Community partnership recognized! Bruce County has been awarded two 2024 Ontario Business Improvement Area (OBIAA) 'Awards of Excellence'. The OBIAA recognizes innovative programs in revitalization, support and improvements for downtowns. [The Municipality of Kincardine](#), [The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie](#), and [Bruce County](#), won two awards at the OBIAA Awards Gala during the 2024 Annual BIA Conference on April 29, 2024.

1. The [Municipality of Kincardine](#) and Bruce County won the 'Award of Merit,' award in the 'Streetscape and Public Realm Improvement' category for the "Here for You," Vandalism Incident Downtown [Kincardine](#) in 2023.
2. The [Municipality of Arran-Elderslie](#) and Bruce County won the 'Award of Merit,' award in the 'Communications' category for the development of the [Tara and Chesley](#) Community Branding Guidelines and Façade Guidelines.

The [OBIAA Awards Gala](#) recognized these two programs that were developed through Bruce County's [Spruce the Bruce Program](#) and the program's leadership role in strengthening and promoting downtown physical improvements and revitalization.

"Collaboration amongst Bruce County, the partnered municipalities, entrepreneurs, and residents is what has made these programs successful. The Spruce the Bruce program uses a coordinated approach to revitalizing our downtowns and can pivot and adjust to adapt," says Jeffrey Loney, Economic Development Manager at Bruce County.

[Bruce County](#) is pleased to be able to help support the growth and development of the communities by supporting local businesses, municipalities, and community partners with tools and grant opportunities through the [Spruce the Bruce](#) program.

"It's certainly an honour for our community to receive this Award of Merit," commented Municipality of Kincardine Mayor, Kenneth Craig. "I've said it many times: we're better together and working to support the Kincardine BIA and impacted businesses during the unfortunate vandalism incident in Lakeside Downtown Kincardine showcases that truth beautifully."

"Thank you to Bruce County for their partnership with our community in developing a successful branding program for Tara and Chesley," says Steve Hammell, Mayor of Arran-Elderslie. "This work was essential for these communities to benefit from future revitalization opportunities and funding programs such as such as Spruce the Bruce. We are proud to have been acknowledged with this 'Award of Merit' which recognizes the importance of continuous community improvement."

[Spruce the Bruce](#) is a regional community improvement initiative created by the County of Bruce which focuses on making downtowns within Bruce County more livable, attractive and economically viable.

Additional information about the Spruce the Bruce Program and the can be found at:

www.investinbruce.ca/about/programs-projects/spruce-the-bruce/

About The Municipality of Kincardine: Whatever the season, the Municipality of Kincardine has something to offer. Discover our thriving lakeside downtown shops and dining options, renowned [festivals and events](#), recreational programming, and an agricultural community rich in product and you'll understand how enticing it is to be a part of this wonderful community. Centrally located on the beautiful, sandy shores of Lake Huron, travel distances to the [Municipality of Kincardine](#) average within 2 hours to many city centers, as well as the US border. Enjoy a lifestyle that can be as busy or as relaxed as you want it to be.

About The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie: The [Municipality of Arran-Elderslie](#) is home to 7,000 residents who enjoy the natural landscape and rural life. People have found that Arran-Elderslie is a great place to live due to its proximity to major employers as well as the rural lifestyle, small town safety and lower housing prices. Major industries within Arran-Elderslie include agriculture, retail, tourism and construction. Arran-Elderslie is known as a welcoming community that many find the perfect place to buy their first home, raise a family, own a business or retire to.

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

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New Phone Number Makes It Easier To Contact Bruce County Human Services

Regardless of where you live, or what service you need, call Bruce County Human Services at 1-800-265-3022 to ask how our services may support you.



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In an effort to provide more integrated services and improve the service delivery experience, Bruce County's Human Services department has moved to a single phone number, connecting clients with a range of integrated services and programs.

Regardless of where you live, or what service you need, call Bruce County Human Services at 1-800-265-3022 to ask how our services may support you.

Bruce County Human Services embraces an equitable and person-centred approach in the delivery of services, like early learning programs and supports for licensed child care, financial and stability supports, housing and homelessness solutions, and strategic community initiatives.

“Moving to a single phone line for service makes it easier for people to reach us and removes barriers to access supports,”

said Wendy Woods, Business and Human Services Integration Manager. “We are committed to continual evaluation and enhancement of the client experience.”

1-800-265-3022 will reach:

Bruce County Human Services during the business hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday.

Bruce County Housing Corporation for all-hours maintenance emergencies.

Additional Support Resources by Phone:

To access additional community services and support, please call 211. 211 is a 24/7 service and multilingual interpretation is available.

For emergencies, please call 911. For less serious incidents, report online by visiting opp.ca/reporting.

Discover more about [Human Services in Bruce County](#).

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Bruce Road 6 East (Absalom St E), Meax Creek Bridge, & Fischer Bridge Rehabilitation Pre-Construction Information Session on May 9, 2024

Residents are invited to attend Pre-Construction Information Session on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at the Mildmay-Carrick Recreation Complex (24 Vincent Street, Mildmay, ON). This Information Session will take place from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM with brief presentations at 6:00 PM.



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In 2024, Bruce County will be proceeding with Bruce Road 6E (Absalom St E) Rehabilitation from George St to Kleist St, along with the rehabilitation of the Meax Creek Bridge on Bruce Road 6E and the Fischer Bridge on Bruce Road 6.

Residents are invited to attend Pre-Construction Information Session on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at the Mildmay-Carrick Recreation Complex (24 Vincent Street, Mildmay, ON). This Information Session will take place from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM with brief presentations at 6:00 PM.

Kurtis Smith Excavating Inc. was the successful contractor and will be completing the construction work for Bruce Road 6E (Absalom St E) Rehabilitation from George St to Kleist St, VanDriel Excavating Inc. was the successful contractor and will be

completing the construction work for the rehabilitation of the Meax Creek Bridge on Bruce Road 6E, and AJN Builders Inc. was the successful contractor and will be completing the construction work for the rehabilitation of the Fischer Bridge on Bruce Road 6E. B.M. Ross and Associates Limited (B.M. Ross) and BT Engineering Inc. (BTE) will administer the construction contract on behalf of Bruce County.

Construction Staging and Road Closures:

Bruce Road 6E (Absalom St E) Rehabilitation is tentatively scheduled for construction from May to October 2024. The work includes rehabilitation of storm and sanitary sewer, patching of sidewalk, rehabilitation of watermain, extension of concrete curb, and new asphalt paving. Adjacent residents will be notified in advance of impacts to their driveways. The rehabilitation of the Fischer Bridge will involve periods of full bridge closure and is tentatively scheduled for construction from July to September 2024. The rehabilitation of the Meax Creek Bridge will involve periods of full bridge closures and is tentatively scheduled for construction from May 15 to August 2024.

During construction, Bruce Road 6 East (Absalom St E) will maintain one lane of traffic. The Meax Creek and Fischer bridges will be closed to through traffic. Local access and emergency services to properties will be maintained at all times from one direction. Signage will be installed indicating alternative routes.

Additional Information:

The County, B.M. Ross, BTE, AJN Builders Inc and Kurtis Smith Excavating Inc. will provide updates as the rehabilitation projects progress. There will be a brief presentation at the Pre-Construction Meeting to provide an overview of the projects. There will also be a series of exhibits at the meeting showing the planned construction works.

Additional information will also be available on the County's website, described below. Questions on the information presented can be directed to the County, B.M. Ross or BTE at the email addresses listed below.

The Residents' Pre-Construction Meeting is scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024

Location: Mildmay-Carrick Recreation Complex, 24 Vincent Street, Mildmay, ON

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM with a brief presentation at 6:00 PM

Additional Project Information can be found at www.brucecounty.on.ca/roads

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Upcoming Lane Closures on Sweiger Bridge North of Chesley

Please take notice that bridge rehabilitation repairs will be taking place this spring/summer at Sweiger Bridge on Bruce Road 10 North of Chesley, Ontario. Motorists can expect lane closures on the bridge, with traffic control measures in place starting May 6, 2024, and ending in July 2024.



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Please take notice that bridge rehabilitation repairs will be taking place this spring/summer at Sweiger Bridge on Bruce Road 10 North of Chesley, Ontario. Motorists can expect lane closures on the bridge, with traffic control measures in place starting May 6, 2024, and ending in July 2024.

Signage will be in place during these lane closures. Users are asked to be patient and drive safely as the Contractor works to complete crucial repairs to the bridge.

AJN Builders Inc. has been awarded the Sweiger Bridge rehabilitation repair work. BM Ross and Associates are conducting the Contract administration and inspection of the work.

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

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

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In collaboration with Bruce County Emergency Management and the Canadian Red Cross, the Bruce County Public Library is proud to announce its participation in Emergency Preparedness Week, taking place May 5-11. As part of this collaboration they will host eight Be Prepared Workshops throughout Bruce County.

The workshops will be run by experienced Red Cross presenters who will share invaluable insights into best practices to prepare for any emergency, from natural disasters to unexpected events. Patrons will gain life-saving knowledge and skills to effectively manage an emergency.

One of the key highlights of the workshops will be a guide on assembling a 72-hour emergency kit. This resource helps equip individuals and families with the essentials to sustain themselves following a disaster.

“We are thrilled to partner with the Red Cross to provide patrons with the necessary tools and knowledge to stay safe during an emergency. By hosting these workshops in each of our service areas, we can help the community receive access to invaluable resources to help handle any emergency,” said Program Coordinator, Nancy Kuhl.

The Be Prepared Workshops will take place at eight BCPL Branches, making it convenient for patrons to participate. Dates, times, and locations for the workshops can be found on the BCPL website’s [Online Calendar](#). There is no cost to

attend, but registration is required, you can register by directly contacting the Branch you would like to attend.

Learn more about the emergency preparedness and recovery from the Canadian Red Cross by visiting their [website](#), where you will find tips on how to be better prepared for anything from power outages to earthquakes.

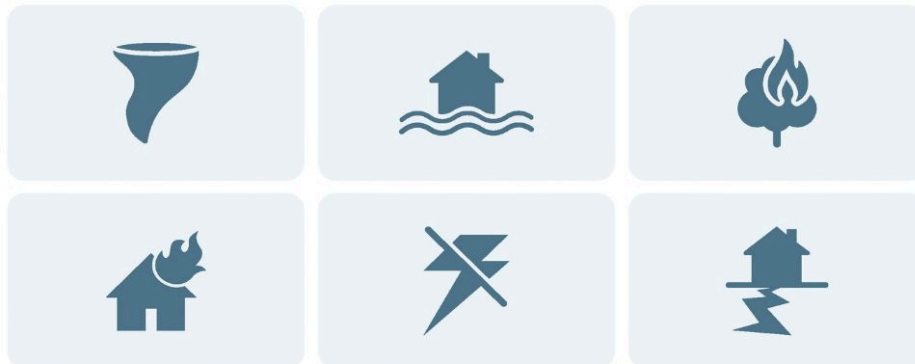
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Be Ready Emergency Preparedness Workshop



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Would you know what to do if a disaster forced you to take shelter at home or evacuate to a safer place?



Join us for a Be Ready workshop and learn how to prepare and protect yourself and your household.

Learn about:

- The natural hazard risks in your community
- Developing an emergency plan
- Assembling an emergency kit



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Council Meeting Highlights - Thursday, May 2, 2024

Bruce County Council met on May 2, 2024 beginning at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers and virtually through Teams. Video recordings of the meeting can be reviewed at www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes



May 02, 2024

Bruce County Council Meeting

Council received the Corporate Services Q1 2024 Summary of Purchasing Policy Exemptions. [Report](#)

Council received the Corporate Services Q1 2024 Summary of Awarded Tenders. [Report](#)

Council received the LTC & Senior Services Bruce County Age-Friendly Strategy. [Report](#)

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

Council received the Paramedic Services May 2024 Community Paramedicine Update. [Report](#)

Council received the Paramedic Services report on the International Roundtable Community Paramedicine Conference. [Report](#)

Council received the Community Development Office report on Small Business Enterprise Centre Program Expansion. [Report](#)

Council received the 2023 Audit Report, as presented by BDO & Company LLP, and approved the 2023 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. [Report](#)

Council approved revisions as outlined in the Museum's Volunteer Program Policy. [Report](#)

Council approved the transfer of funds from the Tax Stabilization Reserve to fund the 10-year Bruce County Forest Inventory in the amount of \$120,000.00. Council authorized Staff to enter into an Agreement with FSmith Consulting Inc. to undertake a 10-year forest inventory of Bruce County-owned forests. [Report](#)

Council approved that a by-law be introduced to regulate and control the movement of off-road vehicles on sections of roads under Bruce County's jurisdiction. [Report](#)

Council approved that staff submit letters dated May 2, 2024, to the province through the Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding the Spring 2024 Planning Legislation and Proposed PPS. [Report](#)

Council received communications from the Wingham and District Hospital Foundation regarding the CT Scanner Campaign. [Communication](#)

Council received taskforce report communication from the Grey Bruce/Owen Sounds Physician Recruitment and Retention Taskforce. [Communication](#)

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Emergency Preparedness Week in Bruce County

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May 03, 2024

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Natural disasters may be beyond our control, but there are always ways to reduce the risk and impact of whatever emergency we face. By taking a few simple steps, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergency situations.

It is important to:

1. Know the Risks
2. Make a Plan
3. Get an Emergency Kit

The Bruce County Public Library and Canadian Red Cross have teamed up to bring a special series of Be Ready Workshops to Bruce County during Emergency Preparedness Week. Eight workshops scheduled across the County will share best practices to help you prepare for any emergency, including how to put together an emergency kit. Registration is required, so please visit the [BCPL online calendar](#) to register for Be Ready Workshops near you.

“We encourage residents and visitors to take steps to be prepared. Experience has shown that individual preparedness contributes to overall community preparedness. If you are able to mitigate and be prepared for potential emergencies, you may alleviate stress on emergency responders and community recovery efforts,” says Ray Lux, Bruce County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Discover more at www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in Kincardine on May 11

Please take notice that Bruce County is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at the Kincardine Public Works Yard located at 140 Valentine Ave., Kincardine, ON. The event will run from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



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Please take notice that Bruce County is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at the Kincardine Public Works Yard located at 140 Valentine Ave., Kincardine, ON. The event will run from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Residents of Bruce County are encouraged to remove hazardous waste materials from their homes, garages, and basements and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner.

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

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

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

Bruce County will be hosting thirteen Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in designated locations across the County in 2024. [Schedule](#)

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Take the Emergency Preparedness Week Quiz

Take time to test your Emergency Preparedness Knowledge during Emergency Preparedness Week with Bruce County Emergency management's quiz!



May 08, 2024

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Take time to test your Emergency Preparedness Knowledge during Emergency Preparedness Week with Bruce County Emergency management's quiz!

1. How many litres of water per day per person should you have in your basic emergency kit?
2. True or False - You can walk through moving flood waters if the water level is no higher than your waist.
3. True or False - Destructive hailstorms occur most often in late spring or summer.
4. How long should your emergency kit be able to sustain you for?
5. True or False - Tornadoes occur only in the spring.

6. Which tool allows you to learn about historical information on disasters which have directly affected Canadians, at home and abroad, over the past century?

Answers:

1. At least two litres of water are recommended per person per day. Be sure to include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order.
2. False - One of the worst floods in Canada's history occurred in July 1996 in the Saguenay River Valley, in Quebec. Ten people died and 15,825 others were evacuated when flood waters swept through thousands of homes, businesses, roads, and bridges. The flood was caused by 36 straight hours of heavy rainfall, for a total accumulation of 290 mm (approximately to the knees). Estimated damages: \$1.5 billion.
3. True - In June, most hail storms occur in southern Canada and the north central United States. Violent storms may deposit enough hail to completely cover the ground, damage crops, or block storm sewers. Up to 2% of the value of crops is destroyed by hail every year.
4. It is recommended that your emergency kit contains enough supplies to sustain you and all members of your family for at least three days (72 hours).
5. False - Tornadoes occur most often in the spring and during the summer, but they may form any time of the year.
6. The Canadian Disaster Database contains references to all types of Canadian disasters, including those triggered by natural hazards, technological hazards, or conflict (not including war). The database describes where and when a disaster occurred, who was affected, and provides a rough estimate of the direct costs. Explore the [Canadian Disaster Database](#) and learn more about potential risks/hazards in your area.

Discover more about Emergency Preparedness at:

- www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared
- www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-management

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Gateway Haven Participated in a Mock Evacuation Exercise with Military and First Responders

On Saturday, May 4, 2024, Bruce County Long Term Care & Senior Services proudly hosted members of the 31st Territorial Battalion Group (TBG) at the Gateway Haven Long Term Care Home as part of Exercise Trillium Venture.



May 10, 2024

On Saturday, May 4, 2024, Bruce County Long Term Care & Senior Services proudly hosted members of the 31st Territorial Battalion Group (TBG) at the Gateway Haven Long Term Care Home as part of Exercise Trillium Venture. This exercise, which occurred in Bruce County and Huron County on the weekend of May 3 to May 5, involved over 800 military personnel demonstrating their ability to assist in a domestic response operation to aid municipalities in times of need.

Under the command of Colonel Chris Brown, the 31st Territorial Battalion Group ran a mock evacuation table drill at Gateway Haven. Management Team Members at Gateway Haven shared policies and procedures with the military representatives and worked through a mock scenario wherein the home would need assistance with a total evacuation. Planning for this event involved the military and Bruce County Emergency Management. Joining the training exercise were representatives from Bruce County Paramedics and the OPP. All personnel involved walked through the halls of the home for the sake of the exercise and got to visit with residents.

“We would like to thank the 31st Territorial Battalion Group for including us in this valuable community-wide training opportunity that provided insights and helped our Long Term Care Team test our plans and procedures. Together we make a difference!” said Megan Garland, Director of Long Term Care & Senior Services.

Discover more about [Long Term Care & Senior Services in Bruce County](#).

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Upcoming Bridge Closure on Meax Creek Bridge East of Mildmay

Please take notice that there will be a full closure of Meax Creek Bridge, on Bruce Road 6 East, east of Mildmay, Ontario between Side Road 30 N and Grey Road 10, starting Wednesday, May 15 and ending in July 2024.



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Please take notice that there will be a full closure of Meax Creek Bridge, on Bruce Road 6 East, east of Mildmay, Ontario between Side Road 30 N and Grey Road 10, starting Wednesday, May 15 and ending in July 2024.

The section of Bruce Road 6 East described above will remain open to local traffic only. Signage will be in place during the bridge closure. Users are asked to use alternate routes, to be patient and drive safely as the Contractor works to complete crucial repairs to the bridge.

VanDriel Excavating Inc. has been awarded the Meax Creek bridge rehabilitation repair work. BT Engineering are conducting the Contract administration and inspection of the work.

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

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

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Bruce County Public Library (BCPL) is excited to announce their upcoming Grant Writing Workshops for Organizations, taking place Wednesday, June 5, at their Port Elgin and Wiarton Branches. These workshops are offered as part of Bruce County's Cultural Action Plan and are intended to help non-profit organizations overcome the challenges they may encounter when accessing grants and funding.

Renowned author, grant writer and educator Lindsay Zier-Vogel will be facilitating the workshops. With over two decades of experience and a track record of raising over a million for clients in 2023 alone, Lindsay is one of Canada's most esteemed grant writers.

These workshops, spanning two hours each, will guide participants through every aspect of the grant writing process and are best suited to the needs of small to medium-sized non-profit organizations. From identifying suitable grants, preparing materials, and crafting budgets, attendees will gain valuable insight and practical skills to enhance their grant applications.

Another asset to help community organizations obtain grants is free access to Imagine Canada's Grant Connect database, which is available on all Library Branch computers. This database serves as a premier fundraising platform that offers individuals and organizations access to a wealth of funding opportunities.

"We are thrilled to offer this invaluable resource to our community. Grant writing, especially for smaller organizations with limited resources, can be an overwhelming

task. By providing access to expert guidance and tools like Grant Connect, we aim to support and empower local initiatives and foster growth in our communities,” said Library Director Brooke McLean.

While these workshops are at no cost to attend, registration is required. You can register by contacting the Branch you wish to attend directly.

Port Elgin Branch: 519-832-2201 or peilib@brucecounty.on.ca

Warton Branch: 519-534-2602 or wilib@brucecounty.on.ca

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The poster features a light wood-grain background. At the top center is the Bruce County Public Library logo, which includes a stylized green book icon above the text "BRUCE COUNTY public library". To the right of the logo is a small, colorful starburst icon with the coordinates "45°N 83°W" below it. The main title "Grant Writing Workshop for Organizations" is centered in a large, bold, dark font. Below the title, the date "Wednesday, June 5" and the note "Registration required" are centered. The schedule is listed in two sections: "10am - 12pm" for the "Port Elgin Branch" with phone number "519- 832-2201", and "2 - 4pm" for the "Warton Branch" with phone number "519-534-2602". In the bottom right corner, there is a circular portrait of a smiling woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark blue top. The bottom left corner of the poster shows a partial view of a brown cardboard box.

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Council Meeting Highlights - Thursday, May 16, 2024

Bruce County Council met on May 16, 2024 beginning at 9:30 AM virtually through Teams. Video recordings of the meeting can be reviewed at www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes



May 16, 2024

Bruce County Council Meeting

Council received a delegation from Bill Streeter about the 160th Bruce Battalion "Highway for Peace". [Presentation](#)

Council received the Corporate Services Q1 2024 Financial Statement Review. [Report](#)

Council received the Corporate Services Tax Stabilization Reserve 2023 Activity and 2024 Projection. [Report](#)

Council received the Corporate Services Working Fund Reserve 2023 Activity and 2024 Projection. [Report](#)

Council received the Government Relations Employment Service Year End Update. [Report](#)

Council received the Human Services Licensed Child Care and Early Years Report. [Report](#)

Council received the Human Services Income and Support Services Update. [Report](#)

Council approved the CAO Performance Evaluation Policy and the 2024 Performance Review Timeline. [Report](#)

Council approved the revised Reserves and Reserve Funds Policy. Council approved transfers, closures, and naming modifications to the Reserves and Reserve Funds. Council approved that the necessary by-laws be introduced to facilitate the implementation of the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy. [Report](#)

Council approved By-law 2024-028, a by-law to appoint a Treasurer for Bruce County. [Report](#)

Council received Minutes of the March 21, 2024 Striking Committee Meeting. [Communication](#)

Council received Minutes of the March 20, 2024 Bruce County Public Library Board Meeting. [Communication](#)

Council received communication on AMO Call for Nominations for 2024-2026 Board of Directors. [Communications](#)

Council received communication on AMO Conference August 18 - 21 - Delegation Requests.

Council received communication on the Prince Edward County Resolution - Call for Action Accessible Ontario by 2025. [Communications](#)

Council received communication from Grey County Federation of Agriculture on Rural Water Testing. [Communication](#)

Council received communication from South Bruce Grey Health Centre on the Transition of Durham Hospital Acute Inpatient Care Beds. [Communication](#)

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NOTICE: Alternating Lane Closures on Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton

Please take notice that bridge rehabilitation repairs will be taking place from Spring 2024 to Fall 2024 at the Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton, Ontario. Motorists can expect lane closures on the bridge, with traffic control measures in place, starting the week of May 27, 2024, and ending in December 2024.



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May 23, 2024

Please take notice that bridge rehabilitation repairs will be taking place from Spring 2024 to Fall 2024 at the Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton, Ontario. Motorists can expect lane closures on the bridge, with traffic control measures in place, starting the week of May 27, 2024, and ending in December 2024.

Signage will be in place during these lane closures. Users are asked to be patient and drive safely as the Contractor works to complete crucial repairs to the bridge.

Pullman and Structural Technologies has been awarded the Durham Street Bridge rehabilitation repair work. Triton Engineering Services are conducting the Contract administration and inspection of the work.

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

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

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NOTICE: Restricted Trail Access at Brant Tract on May 29

Brant Tract trail users are advised that the Bluewater Athletic Association of the Bluewater District School Board will be hosting a mountain bike race event at the Brant Tract County Forest on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. The event will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



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May 27, 2024

Brant Tract trail users are advised that the Bluewater Athletic Association of the Bluewater District School Board will be hosting a mountain bike race event at the Brant Tract County Forest on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. The event will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Public access to Brant Tract trails and the parking lot on Concession 12 may be impacted during this period. If you plan to visit the Brant Tract, please avoid trails being used for the race and respect event participants. Please keep your dogs on a leash at all times.

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

The Brant Tract property is located between Concession 12 and the Brant-Elderslie Townline, east of Bruce Road 3, within

the Municipality of Brockton.

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

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

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New Art Show at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre Explores Light and Shadow of the Bruce Peninsula

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre (BCM&CC) invites visitors to attend the opening event for its latest exhibit, "BrushStrokes: Exploring Light and Shadow," in collaboration with the Bruce Peninsula Society of Artists (BPSA). This special juried show will open on Saturday, June 1, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.



May 27, 2024

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre (BCM&CC) invites visitors to attend the opening event for its latest exhibit, "BrushStrokes: Exploring Light and Shadow," in collaboration with the Bruce Peninsula Society of Artists (BPSA). This special juried show will open on Saturday, June 1, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

"BrushStrokes: Exploring Light and Shadow" is a tribute to the BPSA's quarterly newsletter, BrushStrokes, which enriched the local arts community from 1997 to 2017. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Bruce Peninsula, this exhibit transcends conventional visual art boundaries, capturing the nuanced interplay between light and shadow across various mediums.

During the opening, the BPSA will announce award-winners across a variety of best-of categories, including Best in Show and Best Painting in any Medium. Visitors will also be encouraged to submit a ballot to vote for their favourite piece. Voting

will run until the exhibits closure on September 2 when the BPSA will announce the People's Choice Award.

This event is free to attend and open to all. Coffee, tea, and snacks from Outlaw Brew Co. will be served, and a cash bar will be available.

Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP online at brucemuseum.ca or by phone at 519-797-2080.

Media partner Bounce Radio.

About the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

The [Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre](http://brucemuseum.ca) offers adult and children's programming, special events, and is home to the Bruce County Archives & Research Room. Our mandate is to preserve and make available the documentary heritage of Bruce County.

About Bruce Peninsula Society of Artists

The [Bruce Peninsula Society of Artists](http://brucepeninsulaart.ca), established in 1997, is a renowned collective of local artists who are passionate about capturing the essence of the Bruce Peninsula through their creative endeavors. Through exhibitions, workshops, and community engagement, the society celebrates the region's natural beauty and cultural heritage. For more information, visit brucepeninsulaart.ca

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in Walkerton on June 1

Residents of Bruce County are encouraged to remove hazardous waste materials from their homes, garages, and basements and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner.



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May 27, 2024

Please take notice that Bruce County is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at the Bruce County Transportation Yard located at 94 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton, ON. The event will run from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Residents of Bruce County are encouraged to remove hazardous waste materials from their homes, garages, and basements and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner.

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

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

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

Bruce County will be hosting thirteen Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in designated locations across the County in 2024. [Schedule](#)

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CSWBP Poverty and Income Action Table Working to Make Changes

The Community Safety and Well-Being Planning (CSWBP) Action Table to address poverty and income disparities, led by the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force, has been implementing solutions to address income challenges in our communities.



Grey Bruce CSWBP **Community Safety & Well-Being Planning**

May 27, 2024

The Community Safety and Well-Being Planning (CSWBP) Action Table to address poverty and income disparities, led by the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force, has been implementing solutions to address income challenges in our communities.

The CSWBP identified poverty and income as a priority for the communities of Bruce and Grey based on community feedback and local data. Community members provided feedback that they are concerned about their ability to pay bills, meet basic needs, and access financial support. Data shows that median household incomes in our region are lower than Ontario and approximately 20% of children are living in poverty.

With those concerns top of mind, the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force has launched many programs to support community members with income stability. An example of this is the Bruce Grey Community Volunteer Network that supports the Volunteer Income Tax Program. In 2022 the program helped bring back over \$9,000,000 to 3,050 individuals across three

counties through income benefits, tax credits and refunds.

The Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force is also engaging with people with lived experience and has focused on increasing awareness of income disparity, food security, and hunger in order to reduce stigma, advocate for policy change, and enhance collective impact.

To learn more please visit: [Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force – Our voice is power.](#)

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

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

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

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