

Brucelea Haven Participates in Walk For Alzheimer's Fundraising

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The Brucelea Haven Resident's Council proudly created a donation page through the 'Walk for Alzheimer's' website and were able to surpass their fundraising goal of \$500 - raising \$1,060.00 and counting.

"The Alzheimer Society supports wonderful community programs and services that help support individuals and families touched by dementia in many different ways, including Caregiver Support Groups," said Megan Garland, Director of Long Term Care and Senior Services. "Our residents thoroughly enjoyed the walk and were thrilled to give back to their community. Together we make a difference!"

A special thank you goes to Brucelea Haven family members and team members who not only donated to this cause, but also took time out of their day to support their loved one in participating in this event.

If you would like to donate, please visit www.alzgiving.ca/goto/brucelearesidents.

Discover more about Long Term Care & Senior Services in Bruce County.

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Bruce County Public Library goes Fine-Free

Bruce County Public Library joins over 200 Libraries across Canada in going fine free. Starting June 1, they will be eliminating overdue fines for Library materials. This change aims to enhance equal access to the library's extensive resources and services.

Research has consistently shown that fines have not been effective at encouraging timely return of borrowed materials. By eliminating fines, BCPL is reconnecting with one of its core values to provide barrier-free access to information, resources, and programs for all community members. Libraries in Canada that have already implemented fine free policies, including over 100 just in Ontario, have reported positive outcomes such as increased library usage and the return of long-overdue items.

"Bruce County Public Library is committed to creating a welcoming environment where everyone in our community has access to the resources they need. Going fine free removes significant barriers for many and reinforces our dedication to inclusivity and lifelong learning," said Library Board Chair Mark Goetz.

As part of this new policy, all outstanding fines on accounts will be forgiven, allowing everyone to fully utilize the new initiative. Eliminating fines does not mean people do not have to return borrowed materials. Fees for lost, damaged or interlibrary loans will remain in place.

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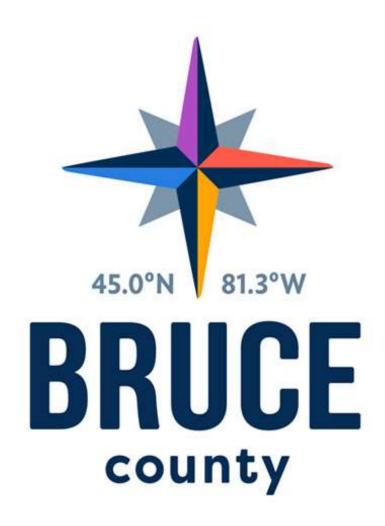
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Bruce County Rail Trail Corridor and Surface Improvements in the Mildmay area

The Bruce County Rail Trail will be undergoing corridor and surface improvements throughout the month of June between Sideroad 30 and the Huron-Bruce Road, south of Mildmay. Work will include corridor widening and the application of aggregate material to improve trail accessibility. Trail access may be impeded, and temporary closures may be required at times.



June 03, 2024

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The Bruce County Rail Trail is a multi-use trail that is approximately 80km long and extends from Port Elgin to the Huron-Bruce Road and from Port Elgin to Bruce Nuclear Power. The rail trail is a significant trail artery that connects several community trails through the towns of Port Elgin, Kincardine, Paisley, Walkerton and Mildmay.

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

Discover more about Bruce County Trails.

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

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Bruce County Seeks Public Input on 2025 Budget Priorities

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Each time you drive on the County roads and bridges, borrow a library book, use County trails, visit a loved one at the Brucelea Haven or Gateway Haven long term care homes, need planning services for your development, visit the Museum in Southampton, utilize employment or income support, or have paramedic services rush to your aid - you are using a Bruce County service.

Share input in the <u>2025 Budget Survey</u> by Sunday, June 30, 2024. This opportunity to provide feedback will only take a few minutes to complete. Responses will only be published in anonymous format.

For those unable to complete the survey online,

Call or email to request a hardcopy of the survey be mailed to you:

1-519-881-1291

<u>lhatten@brucecounty.on.ca</u>

Fill in a hardcopy of the survey in-person at:

Walkerton Administration Centre (P.O. Box 70, 30 Park Street, Walkerton, ON)

Penetangore Hub (529 Gary Street, Kincardine, ON)

Lakeshore Hub (1243 MacKenzie Road, Port Elgin, ON)

Peninsula Hub (268 Berford St, Wiarton, ON)

Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre (33 Victoria Street North, Southampton, ON)

Any Bruce County Public Library Branch (see Branch Locations)

"For the 2025 Budget, we are looking to further our strategic goals and continue to build a welcoming and financially sustainable community. The budget will help set levels of service and will guide decisions on community needs and County infrastructure," adds Warden Chris Peabody. "Council and Staff are eager to hear valuable feedback from you as we consider key priorities that will be reflected in the 2025 budget."

Thank you for participating in shaping the future of the County. We look forward to hearing your feedback in the 2025 Budget Survey, available now!

Discover more about the 2025 Budget Survey at www.brucecounty.on.ca/budget.

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CSWBP Situation Table for Acutely Elevated Risk Successful in Community Foundation Grey Bruce Grant

The Community Safety and Well-Being Planning's Situation Table for Acutely Elevated Risk (STAR) was successful in obtaining a grant from the Community Foundation Grey Bruce 2024 Spring Grants. The application requested funding for a knowledge and skill enhancement training day for STAR members.



June 13, 2024

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What is STAR?

The Situation Table for Acutely Elevated Risk is a collaborative meeting of 35 partners including police services, social services, and other community agencies who use their combined expertise and experience to work together to reduce the

chance that someone or others will experience imminent and/or significant harm from a combination of risk factors. STAR supports individuals, families, groups, and/or places that experience situations that negatively affect health and safety.

To learn more about STAR please visit: The Plan - Community Safety and Well-Being Planning

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 78 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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Bruce County Public Library Receives Dementia-Friendly Designation

Did you know that more than 730,000 people in Canada are living with dementia, a general word for a set of symptoms caused by disorders affecting the brain? We can all play a part in making our community inclusive of people living with dementia and their care partners. Bruce County Public Library is contributing by partnering with the Alzheimer Society Grey-Bruce to train staff in providing a welcoming and supportive environment for individuals living with dementia as well as their care partners. In addition, a specialized trainer conducted visits to each of the BCPL service areas to engage directly with Library staff and review the Branch's physical space, paying clcattention to signage, lighting, seating, waiting areas, washrooms and background noise and how these would affect a person's experience.

As a result, the Alzheimer Society Grey-Bruce has recognized the library's commitment by designating all 17 branches, as well as the Bookmobile, as Dementia-Friendly Community supporters. Decals at all locations note this designation.

The Dementia-Friendly Canada project is a partnership between Alzheimer's Societies across the country that works to train Canadian businesses, organizations, and agencies on what it means to be dementia friendly and how to achieve it. This initiative aims to create spaces where people living with dementia will feel confident in their abilities, are treated with respect, and experience support when visiting.

"Receiving the Dementia Friendly Community Supporter designation means that Bruce County Public Library is better equipped to serve individuals living with dementia, their families and their care partners. It reflects our dedication to creating a safe and

welcoming environment where everyone can have barrier-free access to the resources they need, "said Board Chair Mark Goetz.

By becoming a Dementia Friendly library system, BCPL is taking steps to ensure that all patrons feel safe, respected, and supported. Age-friendly work like this will become increasingly important to serve residents as the population ages.

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Library Director, Brooke McLean with Bookmobile and Library HQ staff after completing their Dementia Friendly training.



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TD Summer Reading Club is back and ready to kick off with an 'out-of-this-world' partv. This year Bruce County Public Library (BCPL) will host their annual Summer Readir Club Kick-off party at their Walkerton Branch, located at 253 Durham Street East, or Saturday, June 15, and will run from 10am – 3pm. The event will feature a foam par Wild Ontario's Birds of Prey show and an exhibit, the opportunity to learn Jedi move with a Star Warrior from Inspiring Imaginations and attend readings with local author There will also be interactive booths from NII, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, NPX, the Blue Water Astronomical Society and more. While you're there, you can register for the Summer Reading Club! Can't make it to the main event? No worries! All BCPL Branches will be hosting their own mini kick-off program, packed with fun activities for all ages.

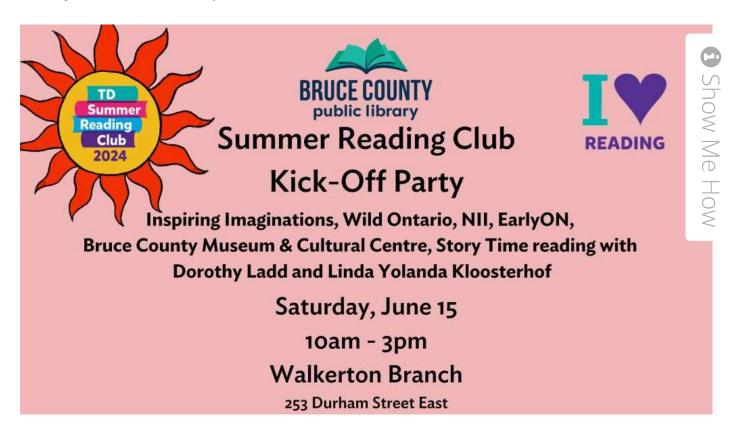
After a record-breaking 2023, BCPL is excited to see what 2024 brings. How can you participate? Sign up using the Beanstack app, read books, log minutes, and earn badges. Plus, there will be monthly draws for lots of amazing prizes. Beanstack is a free service provided by the Bruce County Public Library that uses fun challenges and rewards as an incentive to keep children reading. Children who read for fun have higher literacy scores and will head back to school in September ready to learn.

Starting in July, each BCPL Branch will host weekly space-themed programs, so be sure to pick up your <u>SRC Brochure</u> for the dates and times of these programs. The brochure also includes information about special events happening all summer long! Special guests this year include Scales Nature Park, Wild Ontario Birds of Prey, Hands-On Exotics, Discovering Dinosaurs Natural Touring Museum, and folk duo

Panzerotti and Sunshine. Brand new this year is BCPL's outdoor movies to be hosted around Bruce County.

Join us for a summer of reading, learning and unforgettable experiences at Bruce County Public Library.

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New Port Elgin Paramedic Headquarters to Open with Ribbon Cutting on June 18

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June 11, 2024

Bruce County is excited to invite the public to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, June 18 at 1:00 PM to celebrate the grand opening of the new Paramedic Services Headquarters in Port Elgin.

Join us for an exciting event at our new headquarters, located at 1241 MacKenzie Road. The event will begin with a short ceremony, followed by paramedic demonstrations and a tour of our facility.

During the event, you'll have the opportunity to tour an ambulance and our community paramedic vehicles. You can also learn hands-on CPR techniques, try out a CPR machine, and test your skills with a demonstrator defibrillator. Our training simulators will also be up and running, to showcase your inner paramedic skills. Qualified Bruce County paramedics will be on hand to perform vital signs checks.

Construction of the Port Elgin Paramedic Headquarters began in June 2022 on Bruce County's Lakeshore Hub property. This investment of \$9 million includes a 3-bay, triple-deep paramedic station, a paramedic simulator lab, meeting rooms, and two double-head EV charging stations. The large training room can serve as an alternate Emergency Operations Centre. This new facility supports paramedics in providing exceptional service to Bruce County, now and into the future.

Bruce County Warden Chris Peabody highlights, "With great excitement, we are pleased to announce the grand opening of the Bruce County Paramedic Headquarters on June 18 in Port Elgin. This facility is a key long-term investment in emergency services for our region. We are ensuring that our County Paramedics are fully equipped with the training tools they need to deliver emergency care and valuable community paramedicine services for Bruce County residents."

Bruce County Deputy Warden and Saugeen Shores Mayor Luke Charbonneau adds, "With easier access to Highway 21, this new paramedic services headquarters enhances the County's ability to provide emergency care in Saugeen Shores and beyond. Community service enhancements like this will have long-term benefits for our residents, industries, and visitors."

About Bruce County Paramedic Services

Bruce County Paramedic Services employs about 100 full-time and part-time paramedics who provide pre-hospital care to citizens and visitors. Our fleet includes 13 ambulances, 3 supervisor units, and 3 Community Paramedicine vehicles, which are dispersed across 7 stations, including Walkerton, Sauble Beach, Chesley, Kincardine, Tobermory, Wiarton, and Port Elgin, ready to be deployed across our region as needed.

Discover more about **Bruce County Paramedic Services**.

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Notable emergency physician Dr. Brian Goldman to speak at Port Elgin UNIFOR Family Education Centre

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As a highly regarded emergency room physician, author, CBC podcaster and radio host, Dr. Brian Goldman is renowned for his fearless approach to discussing controversial medical issues. Dr. Goldman will offer an evening of unfiltered and comprehensive insight into the complexities of the medical world.

Drawing from his adrenaline-charged experiences as an emergency room physician, Dr. Goldman will bring his national bestselling books, The Night Shift and The Power of Kindness, to life with compelling stories and profound insights.

Early bird tickets are now on sale for \$65 until August 31, 2024. Tickets can be purchased online at brucemuseum.ca or by

calling 519-797-2080.

Both of Dr. Goldman's bestselling books, The Night Shift and The Power of Kindness, are available for purchase at the BCM&CC Gift Shop.

This event is proudly presented by Nuclear Promise X, Supporting sponsor NWMO (Nuclear Waste Management Organization) with media partner 97.9 the Bruce.

About the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

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

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TIFF Films coming to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

This month, the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre proudly presents the first of four films in its special 2024 Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) series, aimed at bringing the best of international cinema to Bruce County.



June 17, 2024

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The series kicks off in celebration of Pride Month on June 20 at 6:00 PM with a screening of the award-winning movie Solo, a Canadian romantic drama directed by Sophie Dupuis that follows the life of a young emerging Montreal drag queen.

Following the film, a special Pride Month Equality Panel discussion will take place with special guest Director Andrew Moir and local community groups who will delve into conversation on the significance and protection of Queer art. This event is proudly presented by Bruce Power.

This event is free to attend. Must be 19+. A cash bar will be available. Due to limited seating, registration is encouraged.

Registration can be found online at www.brucemuseum.ca.

Additional films in the BCM&CC's TIFF Film series will be announced later this summer.

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Have Your Say on Road Safety - CSWBP Crime Prevention Action Table Launches Community Survey

The Community Safety and Well-Being Planning's Crime Prevention Action Table has launched a community wide road safety survey in partnership with Georgian College to hear from residents on their road safety concerns.



June 17, 2024

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Take 5 minutes to have your voice heard by completing the survey and get entered into a draw to win a gift card to Tim Hortons!

To access the survey please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSWBPRoadSafetySurvey

To learn more about the Crime Prevention Action Table please visit: <u>Priority Areas of Action - Community Safety and Well-Being Planning.</u>

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 78 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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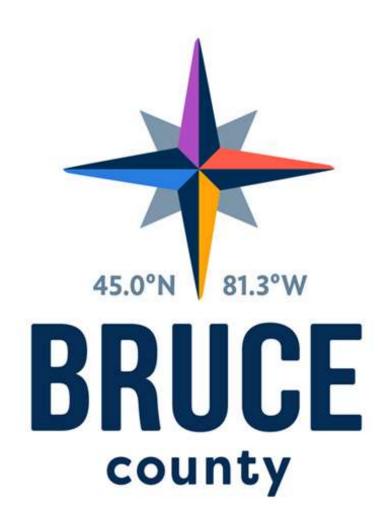
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Local Data Resource for Non-Profit Housing Developers

To support the expansion of deeply affordable housing, a Local Data Resource specifically for Non-Profit Housing Developers has been developed that provides key data and information regarding core housing needs in Bruce County.



June 17, 2024

Affordable housing is a challenge not only locally, but also provincially and nationally, and there is a particular need to address housing for vulnerable populations. To implement sustainable solutions, support from all levels of government and increased collaboration with non-profit housing providers, and other community agencies to support the development and provision of deeply affordable housing is essential.

Bruce County, through its Housing Services Division, is responsible for the delivery and administration of provincially mandated social and affordable housing programs, as well as initiatives to prevent and address homelessness.

To support the expansion of deeply affordable housing, a <u>Local Data Resource</u> specifically for Non-Profit Housing Developers has been developed that provides key data and information regarding core housing needs in Bruce County.

Non-profit housing providers interested in developing deeply affordable or supportive housing are encouraged to reach out to Bruce County's new housing concierge program for information and guidance.

As part of the Housing Concierge Service, County staff will be available to assist non-profit housing providers with the following services:

Share data and best practices research with non-profit housing providers;

Connect non-profit providers to municipalities with an available supply of surplus land; and

Act as a connector, communicator, and facilitator between non-profit housing provider and regulatory staff at the County and municipalities, as applicable;

Assist non-profits to access government funding to develop affordable housing projects.

Building affordable housing of various types and forms in Bruce County will create housing options that reflect the life stages of individuals and families, contribute to the development of complete and inclusive communities, and support community well-being and prosperity.

"Ongoing collaboration with local municipalities, and increased collaboration with non-profit housing providers and other community agencies, is integral to supporting the development and provision of deeply affordable housing," adds Tina Metcalfe, Director of Human Services.

Bruce County has previously launched an Affordable Housing 101 Guide and two Affordable Housing Toolkits that provide information on the context for affordable housing creation in Bruce County and its local municipalities, with step-by-step guides, tools, and other resources to support your projects.

Explore the <u>Local Data Resource for Non-Profit Housing Developers</u>
Explore the <u>Affordable Housing 101 Guide</u>

Explore the Affordable Development Toolkits:

Multi-Residential and Ground-Related Affordable Housing
Additional Residential Units

Reach out to Bruce County's new housing concierge program for information, guidance, and funding programs that are available to support the development of affordable housing.

Contact us at: 1-800-265-3005 or housingconcierge@brucecounty.on.ca.

Discover more about Housing Services in Bruce County.

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Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre to offer free admission and guided tour on Indigenous Peoples Day

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All are welcome and encouraged to spend time in reflection within the Museum's Anishinaabwe Endaat Gallery. The guided tour will run from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM and will offer visitors a chance to learn more about the history and remarkable contributions of Anishinaabe Peoples within Bruce County.

No preregistration is required.

About the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

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

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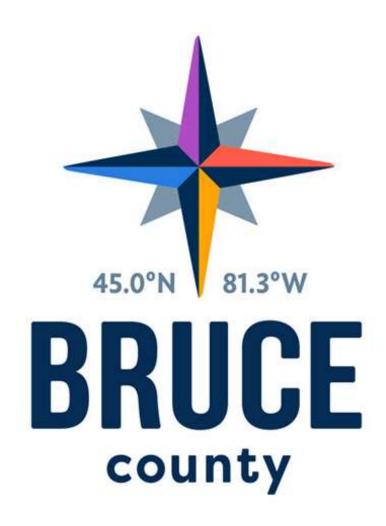
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Getting Prepared for Extreme Heat Events in Bruce County

Summer is here and along with the beautiful weather can also come extreme heat events. Extreme heat events can also be called heat waves and involve high temperatures often accompanied by high humidity. Extreme heat events are a growing public health risk and are getting longer with more intense heat.



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"Knowing the risks associated with extreme heat and making sure you and your family are prepared to be able to stay cool, will go a long way to ensuring a more enjoyable summer!" said Ray Lux, Bruce County Emergency Management Coordinator.

The Bruce County Emergency Management Program would like to help you be prepared for these heat events:

Pay attention to weather forecasts and alerts.

Make sure your air conditioner is in good working order. If you don't have an air conditioner, identify a spot close by with air conditioning that you can attend to cool down, if required.

Ensure you have lots of water for your emergency kit. It is recommended to have 1 litre per person per day available. In the event of extreme heat, you may want to consider increasing that amount. Staying hydrated is key to avoiding heat illnesses.

Visit family members, neighbours, and friends who may be most vulnerable to heat illnesses. Signs of heat illness may not be apparent over the phone.

Heat related illnesses can be a medical emergency. Know the signs and symptoms:

high body temperature confusion and lack of coordination dizziness or fainting very hot or red skin

If you or someone you know experiences these signs and symptoms, call 911. While waiting for help, cool the person down as best possible.

Being aware of rising temperatures and the risks associated, is a good way to stay prepared this summer.

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

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Bruce County Council Meeting

Council received an update from Human Services on Community Safety and Well-being Planning. Report

Council received a report from Paramedic Services on the 2023 Ambulance Service Review Final Report. Report

Council received an update from the Office of the CAO with the 2024 Q1 Business Plan Updates. Report

Council received an update from Government Relations on Bruce County's Strategic Vision and Council Chamber Sign. Report

Council received an update from Planning & Development on the Electricity Procurement and Land Use Planning Policy.

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Council received a report from Corporate Services on Energy Conservation Demand Management 5-yr. Plan. Report Council received a report from Government Relations on Investment in Local Services. Report

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