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## **Regional Tourism Organization 7 Announces the Appointment of Four New Board Members**

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We are excited to announce the newest additions to the RTO7 Board of Directors! Introduced at the RTO7 June board meeting, and pictured below from left: Mary-Anne Willsey, Susan Nicholson, Kayla van Zon, and Ashleigh Levoy.

These individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and experience from various sectors of the industry including accommodation, food & beverage, event coordination, association management, marketing and communications. Their diverse backgrounds and fresh perspectives will provide strategic direction to the

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organization in fulfillment of our mission, which is "to work collaboratively with tourism partners and stakeholders to build, sustain and grow visitation, investment, and visitor spending in BruceGreySimcoe."



## **Meet Our New Board Members (From left to right as pictured above)**

### **Mary-Anne Willsey**

Mary-Anne is a proud member of Chippewas of Rama First Nation, with 25 years of gaming experience and a tourism foundation built within 38 years of working directly within the industry. Mary-Anne and her husband, Bob Willsey, opened Mariposa Market's first store in 1986, working together to reimagine downtown Orillia. She joined Casino Rama in 1996 when her community won the bid to operate Ontario's only Indigenous casino. Since then, Mary-Anne has served on the opening team for 3 casinos in Canada, Parq Vancouver, and Casino Woodbine. She was integral in crafting the landscape of Casino Rama's early years, opening both the hotel and entertainment centre. In retirement from gaming,

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Mary-Anne joined her community as Director of Economic Development, overseeing 9 distinctly different businesses, six of which are heavily dependent on a strong regional tourism product. Mary-Anne looks forward to working with RT07 to grow the regional tourism product and visitation ... she believes that our people, our culture and our heart make all the difference.

### **Susan Nicholson**

Susan has an extensive background in marketing, public relations, event coordination and association management. After an eighteen-year career in the print media industry, she moved to association management in 1994, with a shared position with the Collingwood Chamber of Commerce and the Collingwood Downtown Business Improvement Area. In 2001 she assumed the full-time role as General Manager of the Business Improvement Area. Her volunteer commitments include more than 15 years with the Ontario Business Improvement Areas Association (OBIAA) board where she has served as President, Past President and Treasurer and continues her involvement as a member of the Finance/Governance and Advocacy Committees. Susan has also served for many years as a BIA liaison and then a board member of the South Georgian Bay Tourism Association.

### **Kayla van Zon**

Kayla van Zon is a Managing Partner at Interkom, an award-winning marketing communications firm located in South Georgian Bay. Holding an Honours Degree from McMaster University and a Communications and Advertising Accredited Professional (CAAP) designation, Kayla possesses extensive expertise in the field of tourism marketing. With over fourteen years of industry experience, Kayla is known for her strategic vision and innovative approach. She has played a pivotal role in the development and execution of successful marketing campaigns, driving significant growth and engagement for clients. Her leadership at Interkom is marked by a commitment to excellence, operational efficiency, and a results-oriented mindset.

### **Ashleigh Levoy**

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Ashleigh joined her family business at the Georgian Bay Hotel and Conference Centre, Trademark Collection by Wyndham in 2018. After working for over ten years in the advertising and marketing industry in Toronto, Ashleigh took her experience in client service to oversee the hotel operations and focus on the guest experience, business planning and corporate growth. Ashleigh is a passionate marketer and collaborator with a diverse skill set rooted in strong leadership and customer service. She is well-versed in strategic brand planning, brand building and insight development.

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## **A Fond Farewell to Our Retiring Board Members**

We would like to thank the four retiring Board Members who have completed their terms. Their dedication and hard work have been essential to the growth and success of our organization.



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**Richard Bowering:** During your tenure, you championed small businesses within the tourism industry.

**Bruce Chappell (pictured above):** Your wisdom and guidance have significantly enriched our community.

**Catherine Durrant:** Your steady efforts and innovative ideas have left a lasting impact on our organization.

**Joanne Robbins (pictured above):** Your dedication and contributions have been a source of inspiration for us all.

These Board Members have demonstrated steady stewardship of our organization, representing the tourism industry with distinction. Their efforts have helped ensure our continued success and growth, benefiting the entire region.

We greatly appreciate their contributions and the time, energy, and expertise they have invested in our organization. Their legacy will continue to guide and inspire us as we move forward.

Thank you, Richard, Bruce, Catherine, and Joanne. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours!

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## Current Board of Directors

RTO7 is led by a volunteer, industry-led board of directors consisting of members drawn from private and non-private tourism businesses and organizations across Bruce, Grey and Simcoe to represent the interests of Region 7 tourism.

[Visit RTO7.ca](https://www.rto7.ca) to review the complete list and bios of our current Board of Directors.



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July 10, 2024

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

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### **In This Newsletter:**

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

### RTO7 Announces the Appointment of Four New Board Members



We are excited to announce the newest RTO7 Board of Directors additions! Introduced at the RTO7 June board meeting, and pictured above from left: Mary-Anne Willsey, Susan Nicholson, Kayla van Zon, and Ashleigh Levoy.

If you missed the news release introducing the new board members last week, you can read it in our [newsletter archives here](#).

### **Recruitment Implementation Program**

Are you considering investing in sponsored job posts on Indeed for your summer hiring? Before you reach for your wallet, let RTO7 take care of that expense for you! This is an excellent opportunity to maximize your recruitment efforts without the cost. Apply for the new Recruitment Implementation Program today and let us help you attract the skilled professionals you need to run your business successfully. Learn more by visiting [RTO7.ca](#).

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## Spotlight on Visual Excellence: H Visual Media & Andrea Hamelin Photography

RTO7 has a long-standing partnership with H Visual Media (Brian Hunt) and Andrea Hamelin Photography, known for producing top-notch marketing materials for our tourism stakeholders. While our Partnership Program funds for Video/Image Development are fully allocated, we highly encourage stakeholders to hire these talented professionals independently to enhance your marketing collateral.

### Meet our Agencies of Record



**H Visual Media** specializes in dynamic video production that captures the essence of BruceGreySimcoe, enhancing the appeal of our region's attractions and experiences.



**Andrea Hamelin Photography** provides stunning imagery that showcases the natural beauty and vibrant culture of our region, creating compelling visual content that resonates with our audience.

Investing in professional video and image development through these partners will provide consistent, high-quality visuals and maintain a cohesive brand image, making our region easily recognizable.

For more information and examples of their work, visit [H Visual Media](#) and [Andrea Hamelin Photography](#).

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## Webinars, Workshops & Events

- **July 11, Virtual, Business to Bruce - How to use AI: Content Creation Made Easy, 12 to 1 pm**  
Unlock the power of AI to elevate your marketing game! Join us for a hands-on workshop on using AI tools for easier content creation. This free workshop is led by Compass Content Marketing. **Registration closes soon!**
- **July 11, South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre & Town of Wasaga Beach Meet & Greet, 2 to 4 pm**  
Meet the SBEC team this Thursday to celebrate the launch of in-person business consultations and workshops in the Town of Wasaga Beach. The

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event is taking place in the REMAX Room at the Wasaga Stars Arena. No registration is required.

- **July 16, Virtual, Business to Bruce – Upgrading your Social Media Game, 3 to 4 pm**

Revitalize your social media strategy with insights on engagement and trends. Learn to elevate your brand’s online presence today. [Reserve your free spot here.](#)

- **July 17, Virtual, Camp Tech - Google Analytics 4 for Beginners, 1 to 2:30 pm**

Unlock powerful insights into your website’s performance with Google Analytics 4 through Camp Tech. This beginner-friendly workshop will provide you with the skills to interpret data meaningfully and make informed decisions for attracting more visitors, increasing engagement, and propelling your business forward. [Register for \\$28.25 pp to attend today.](#)

- **July 24, Virtual, Camp Tech - Hands-On: How to Craft Marketing Material with ChatGPT, Copy.ai, and Canva, 10 to 11:30 am**

Power up your marketing with GenAI and boost creativity and efficiency. Workshop tickets for this Zoom event are \$28.25 pp. [Register now!](#)

- **July 25, South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre – Customer Discovery Workshop, 1 to 3:30 pm**

Join the SBEC and the Town of Wasaga Beach at this workshop for forward-thinking entrepreneurs. This intensive session delves deep into understanding your target market and customer needs. The free session is taking place at the Wasaga Beach Public Library. [Secure your spot today!](#)

- **July 25, Virtual, Business to Bruce – Websites: Unraveling the Confusion, 12 to 1 pm**

Master the art of website creation! Learn website basics, how to save costs and tips to choose the right platform. [Register your free attendance today.](#)

- **July 30, Virtual, Business to Bruce – SEO: Gain Traffic and Customers, 12 to 1 pm**

SEO can help boost online visibility and attract new customers. Don’t miss

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out on the opportunity to take your business's online presence to the next level. [Sign up for free now!](#)

- **August 22, South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre – How to Craft your Value Proposition Workshop, 1 to 3:30 pm**

Join the SBEC and the Town of Wasaga Beach at this dynamic session tailored to help you clearly define and articulate the unique value your product or service brings to the market. Taking place at the Wasaga Beach Public Library, [complete your free registration today](#) to attend.

- **September 12, Virtual, Destination Dialogues Webinar: Rethinking Experience Development in Canada's Rural Destinations, 11:30 am to 1 pm**

Destination Canada is hosting their webinar series to explore how destinations, organizations, businesses and individuals can craft and offer unique storytelling-based experiences in RURAL areas. Join us for a free 90-minute webinar designed to inspire, inform, and empower destination development. [Register now!](#)

- **September 25, Welcoming the World: A Diversity & Belongingness Conference, 8:30 am to 4 pm**

Hosted by the Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership, this one-day event will include engaging activities to explore how to embrace diversity and foster inclusion in Grey Bruce. The in-person event is \$27 pp and will be at the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre in Owen Sound. [Join us and register today!](#)

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## In Case You Missed It

### [Canadian Tourism Data Collective](#)

The Canadian Tourism Data Collective is a new cutting-edge platform designed to consolidate and provide access to comprehensive tourism data across Canada. By leveraging advanced analytics and up-to-date data, The Data Collective enables tourism stakeholders to gain deep insights into industry trends, visitor

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demographics, spending patterns, and much more.

The Data Collective is publicly accessible but is tailored to provide crucial data to empower decision makers such as:

- government and associations by informing policy, fueling innovation, and enabling a holistic assessment of the economic, socio-cultural, and environmental impact of tourism down to the local level.
- destination marketers by making it easier for them to understand and attract high-value guests and align marketing efforts.
- businesses, including SMEs, by providing centralized intelligence for operational and strategic decision-making.

While elements of the Data Collective are available at no cost, RTO7 has access to additional proprietary data and information. Please [contact us](#) to learn how this data can empower you to make informed decisions.

Watch the video to see how this powerful tool can transform your approach to tourism data.





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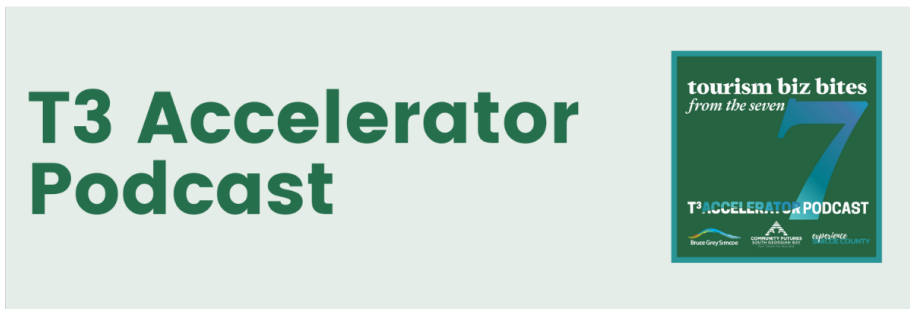
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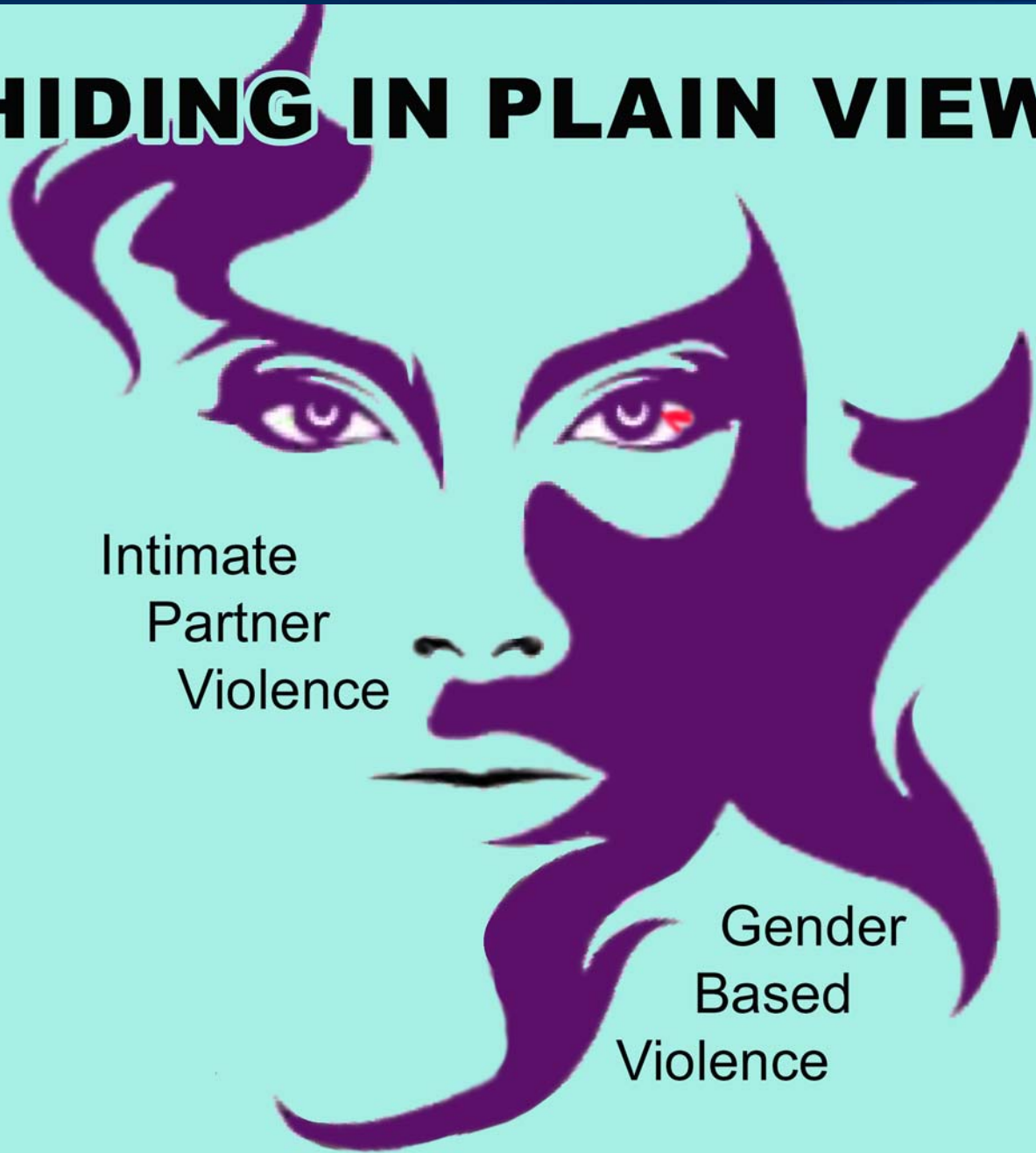
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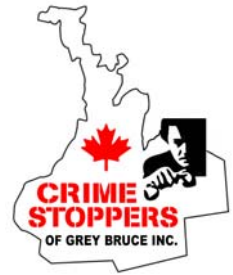
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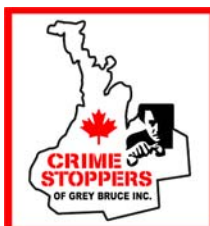
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# How you can help the police... let's get the big picture



by Morley Lymburner

The Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) has a public portal where citizens can put in the serial numbers of anything to determine if it is wanted or has been reported stolen. And almost everyone has a cell phone with a camera.

Cars, trucks, boats, SUV's, airplanes, trailers, television, radios, tools and much, much more have serial numbers. A police report of anything that has a serial number is not complete enough without a serial number or VIN. It is even more important than the make, model and colour because it identifies that one and only item.

Now let's put these two thoughts together. Serial Numbers, Cell Phones. "What ever can I do to reduce crime?", your may ask.

**Scenario 1:** The owner of a parking lot (Walmart if you will) who has a car parked for a few days in the back corner of the lot. They take a cell phone picture of the VIN in the front left windshield and enter it in the CPIC Public Portal to see if it is wanted or stolen. If it is they can call police to tell them they have a stolen vehicle rather than just a car they want police

to check out. If it is clean they call a tow truck and not bother the police.

**Scenario 2:** A typical pawn shop owner takes in a lot of merchandise. Although they must keep a register they can quickly do a check on the CPIC Public Portal to see if it is stolen or wanted for a related crime.

**Scenario 3:** A citizen walking around a flea market finds a deal that is too good to be true. He takes a picture of the serial number and checks the CPIC Public Portal to see if it is wanted or stolen before he buys it. If it's clean then he can buy it clear of the knowledge that he can't be charged with having stolen goods.

One other final note. You have a cell phone with a camera. You have expensive toys. Take a picture of the serial number and save it for the day it may get stolen. This is not rocket science. It is a simple matter of thinking about it.

This is an excellent way where the public can be the eyes of the police. Don't want to get involved? Email the pic into Crime Stoppers or use the new P3 App available to all Android devices.



## Become a Sleuth

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

# A CRIME HIDING IN PLAIN VIEW

## Gender Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Why we should declare this an epidemic



by *Toni McGregor*

Data indicates that marginalized communities experience disproportionate rates of gender-based violence due to structural discrimination and systemic forms of oppression.

Gender-based violence affects everyone, and Canadians collectively spend a lot to deal with the aftermath each year. There are many resources available to address the impacts of gender-based violence on individuals and to offset the costs of violence related to social, health, justice, employment and community supports.

Gender-based violence is any act of violence based on someone's gender, gender expression, gender identity or perceived gender. While we often think of it as "just physical", GBV typically falls into these four categories:

- Emotional violence,
- Physical violence,
- Financial violence,
- Sexual violence.

### People most affected by gender-based violence

GBV can affect anyone due to their gender, gender expression, gender identity or perceived gender. But some groups are at higher risk of experiencing GBV, including:

- Young women and girls (under 25);
- Indigenous, Black and other racialized women, including newcomers to Canada;
- Women with disabilities, and mental health, and addiction issues;
- Transgender and Gender diverse people;
- Women living in northern, rural and remote places;

- Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex and Asexual Plus (2SLGBTQQIA+) people;
- Women living in poverty, and are vicariously housed.

### Intimate Partner Violence

Intimate partner violence (IPV), also known as spousal or domestic violence, is a prevalent form of gender-based violence (GBV). It refers to multiple forms of harm caused by a current or former intimate partner or spouse.

IPV can happen in many forms of relationships, including:

- within a marriage, common-law, or dating relationship;
- regardless of the gender and sexual orientation of the partners;
- at any time during a relationship and even after it has ended;
- whether or not partners live together or are sexually intimate with one another;

### The Renfrew County murders

In Renfrew County, on September 22nd, 2015, three women, Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam were all killed by Basil Barutski, within hours of each other. He was a man with a violent past, he had been charged more than 30 times, most related to intimate partner violence and had been convicted of nearly half.

At the time of the murders, Barutski was on probation, and subject to a weapons ban. In spite of this he was becoming more violent in his charges. At the time of his arrest, he still had his firearms license as well as a gun that he used to kill two out of the three women. That is the Coles Notes version of the story.

The inquiry to this did not happen until June of 2022. A full seven years later.

As a result of the Inquiry into the deaths of these three women, 86 recommendations came to be. Implementing two of those recommendations would be a great start in our own communities.

### Lessons Learned

The women that were killed in Renfrew County, lived in rural and remote locations, with supports not readily at hand. This is the same for many women living in Grey and Bruce Counties. The outreach team at the Women’s House travel throughout Grey and Bruce counties everyday supporting women in need.

The staff is really creative to find safe and confidential places to meet women where they are at; could be an office, library, coffee shop, walk by a lake, or even in a car.

There are challenges when trying to meet women where they are at in a region that covers such a large area. There is an immediate need to educate more people, and bring this crisis out of the cars, the walks and the coffee shops.

The number one recommendation from the inquiry is to “Formally declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic.”

Rather than an epidemic many believe it is more of an “Endemic,” as this has been going on for years. It is obvious a sea-change of attitudes must occur if progress is to be made. Unfortunately there is not a community within Grey and Bruce that has declared gender-based violence or intimate partner violence an epidemic. The exception being Kincardine Council who supports the Prince Edward County resolution to declare intimate partner violence as epidemic, but not recognize it as its own local issue.

### Recomendation 10

The second recommendation is number 10. Encourage that intimate partner violence be integrated into every municipality’s community safety and well-being plan.

Looking at the Community Safety and Well Being Plan for Grey and Bruce Counties Municipalities the priorities for action are:

- Addiction/Substance Use;
- Mental Health;
- Crime Prevention;
- Housing and Homelessness;
- Poverty and Income.

Going back to the definition of gender-based violence and those most at risk, they fall in to these five categories, yet there is only a few mentions of GBV, and IPV in the plan.

The odds of sexual assault being reported to police are about 80 per cent lower than for other violent crimes. Only six percent of sexual assaults are reported to police, making it the most under-reported crime measured in the General Social Survey on Victimization (Adam Cotter, Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics, Statistics Canada, 2019).

It is estimated that less than one per cent of sexual assaults experienced by women lead to an offender being convicted (Holly Johnson, 2012).

Given these known facts, and our clear understanding of the issues, there should be a more robust effort to highlight this to the community, to remove the stigma, so that more women may reach out for help, and be empowered to reach out to the police.

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# Annual Golf Tournament brings out the duffers



Left to right: Joe Dietrich, Tournament Co-organizer; Peter Reid, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Chairperson; Dan Horgan, Carlsberg Canada; Kevin Brown, Bayshore Broadcasting; Steve Jakiela, Carlsberg Canada; and Dan Hill, Germania Mutual Insurance

The 32nd Annual Golf Classic, held at Saugeen Golf and Country Club, and in support of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce, was deemed a huge success. Although the weatherman called for rain on the June 6th tournament, attendees were treated to a sunny and warm day for golfing. The Title Sponsors, Bayshore Broadcasting & Germania Mutual Insurance Company teamed up with Carlsberg Canada to pull off this annual event.

Over 150 duffers polished up their golf clubs and enjoyed a great day of fun and camaraderie on the well-groomed 27 hole course. Although no one managed to get a hole-in-one to win a big prize many came away smiling with what they did receive.

Many local companies sponsored the golf tournament and showed up in strength to play the rounds.

On Sunset hole number 7 Jody Long could have come in to \$30,000 in cash if that ball could have been coaxed another 32.5 inches (82 cm). As it was he did come out ahead with the cash split prize put up by all participants for closest to the pin.

The recipient of the "Bucko Award" this year was



Evan Hayter presented the third annual "Bucko" Award to Len Metcalf. Len has volunteered his services as Auctioneer for many years and to date has raised over \$200,000 for Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce.

Auctioneer Len Metcalf. The award, created in memory of Dean Rutherford, former Coordinator of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce, is awarded to an individual recognized for their long-standing support of the work of Crime Stoppers. Len was selected as the recipient of this honour due to his

many years of giving of his talents as a fund-raising auctioneer for the tournament. Len has been instrumental in garnering over \$200,000 for Crime





A good number of volunteers showed up to help welcome the 152 Golfers of this year's tournament. Senior volunteer Jack MacLeod of Hanover (second from left) was recognized for his 29 years of service to both Crime Stoppers and the Tournament.

Stoppers and this year auctioned off goods and services totalling just under \$9,000.

Over \$600,000 has been raised to date for Crime Stoppers and feedback indicates this 32nd tournament to be among the best with over \$15,000 given over to help fund the essential work of Crime Stoppers.



**Vern Inglis**

Evan Hayter had some sad news to share. Co-founder of the Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament, Vern Inglis passed away. Evan said it was over 35 years ago that he and Vern met at the Dunkeld Restaurant to discuss creating a golf tournament. It was that day they both decided that Crime Stoppers would be their charity of choice. The rest is history but needless to say he took great pride in helping to organize the event. He will be sadly missed.

One of the highlights of the after tournament banquet was presenting the prizes for the various winners of the selected holes.

The top three teams were:

**1st - Sunset 4A** - Del Neuman's team consisting of Jim Nixon, Dean Neuman, Marv MacDonald. Score 55

**2nd - Sunrise 9A** - Frank Domm's team with Herb Cowen, Rob Widmeyer, Jerry Arthurs. Score 57

**3rd - Sunset 5A** - Simon Wellington's team with Malcolm McIntosh, Erin Aldridge, Brad Williton. Score 59

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### SUNSET 9

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#### HOLE # 2 - LONGEST DRIVE

Winner - Corey Hayter  
 Carlsberg Golf Bag & Yeti Cooler  
 sponsored by: Carlsberg Canada

#### HOLE # 5 - CLOSEST TO PIN

Winner - Dan Hill  
 \$500.00 Golf Town Gift Card  
 Sponsored by: Farm Mutual RE

#### HOLE # 5 - HOLE IN ONE

No Winner  
 Chance to Win 2024 Chevrolet Trailblazer  
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 Chance to Win Husqvarna Automower  
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#### HOLE # 7 - CLOSEST TO PIN

Winner - Jody Long  
 50/50 Cash Hole

#### HOLE # 7 - HOLE IN ONE

No Winner  
 Chance to Win \$30,000.00 Cash  
 Sponsored by: Tibbs Cash ATM Services, Kemble

#### HOLE # 9 - CLOSEST TO KEG

Winner - Kevin Sutter  
 Assorted products.  
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### SUNRISE 9

#### HOLE # 5 - CLOSEST TO PIN

Winner - Mark Edwards  
 Two 25 Litre Chilly Moose Coolers  
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#### HOLE # 5 - HOLE IN ONE

No Winner  
 Chance to Win 36 Month Lease on a 2024 KIA Forte  
 Sponsored by: Kia of Owen Sound

#### HOLE # 7 - CLOSEST TO PIN

Winner - Simon Wellington  
 Broil King Signet 320 BBQ + Tank & Cover  
 Sponsored by: Sparlings Propane, Flesherton

#### HOLE # 7 - HOLE IN ONE

Chance to Win 2-Year Lease 2024 Cadillac XT5 Sport  
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 Sponsored by: Hallman Cadillac, Hanover

#### HIDDEN HOLE

Winner - Ryan Colquhoun



*Peter Reid, Chair of the Board of Directors for Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce, presents Kevin Hastie of Listowel with the proceeds of the Crime Stoppers 50/50 draw held at the 32nd Annual Golf Tournament. Kevin went home with \$775.*

# Sports Broadcaster Rod Black entertained the audience



Guest speaker was broadcaster and sports commentator Rod Black. He is best known for his work with CTV Sports and TSN from 1990 to 2021. He is now a host and brand ambassador for NorthStar Bets, a brand of NorthStar Gaming. In 2005, Black won the Sports Media Canada Award as Outstanding Sports Broadcaster and has earned five Gemini Award nominations for Best Sports Broadcaster. In 2008, he was named to the roll of honour of the Manitoba Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association. In 2013, he received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his volunteer work with Plan Canada.

Rod spoke at length to the audience about special events over his many years of broadcasting. He took particular note of the community benefits of having a program such as Crime Stoppers. A grass roots program that helps people who witness crimes to participate anonymously to help make our communities safer. He also acknowledged the date of the tournament being

the 80th Anniversary of the invasion of Europe and the great sacrifices made by so many Canadians to put an end to tyranny.

He spoke of his many years as a broadcaster for many networks. From the Blue Jays to the CFL, the Raptors to figure skating, the Stanley Cup Playoffs, tennis, golf, boxing, and of course the Olympics, Rod Black has had a front row seat.

His most recent point of pride, however, is the baseball career of his son Tyler who was called up by the Milwaukee Brewers in May. Rod was in Cancun, Mexico, on a family vacation when he found out his son had been called up to the team.

After a long travel day, the family made it to the ballpark just in time. Rod's wife, Nancy, was celebrating her birthday as well. "He made his first hit on base." said Rod. "and he gave his mother the ball."

In a concluding comment he was asked about the performance of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Lowering his head and shaking it he pointed out that he was five-years-old when the Toronto Maple Leafs last won the Stanley Cup. "I will be looking for six members of the team to be my pall bearers," he said. "So they can let me down one last time."

## Thanks to all participants in the 32nd Annual Golf Tournament

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| Dan Hill           | Marv MacDonald   | Wayne Harwood    | Terry Murphy         | Gord Archer        |
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| Paul MacDermid     | Jim Topham       | Steve Pepler     | Matt Murphy          | Robert Vokes       |
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## MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THEFTS



**(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON)** - Police (OPP) are seeking assistance from the public in solving a theft from a residential property on Johnston's Side road in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

On May 28, 2024, at 1:14 p.m., police responded to a report of a stolen blue 2008 Chevrolet Colorado which was stolen between May 24, 2024, and May 28, 2024, at 1:14 p.m. Also stolen was a lawnmower battery, two house windows and a set of winter tire rims.

On May 29, 2024, at 11:36 p.m., police received a report to the same property that the following items were stolen since May 28th at 9:00 p.m. A Troy-Bilt Rototiller, a Toro riding lawn mower and one window.

(Photos attached are similar to the stolen items.)

## MISCHIEF TO VEHICLE

**SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON)** - Police (OPP) are seeking the public's assistance in solving a mischief that occurred at a business on Southampton Parkway in South Bruce Peninsula.

On May 23, 2024, at approximately 9:00 p.m., the



owner of a motor vehicle entered a business on Southampton Parkway in Sauble Beach. The owner exited the business at approximately 11:30 p.m. and observed their motor vehicle had damage consistent with being keyed and a broken side mirror to the passenger side of the vehicle.



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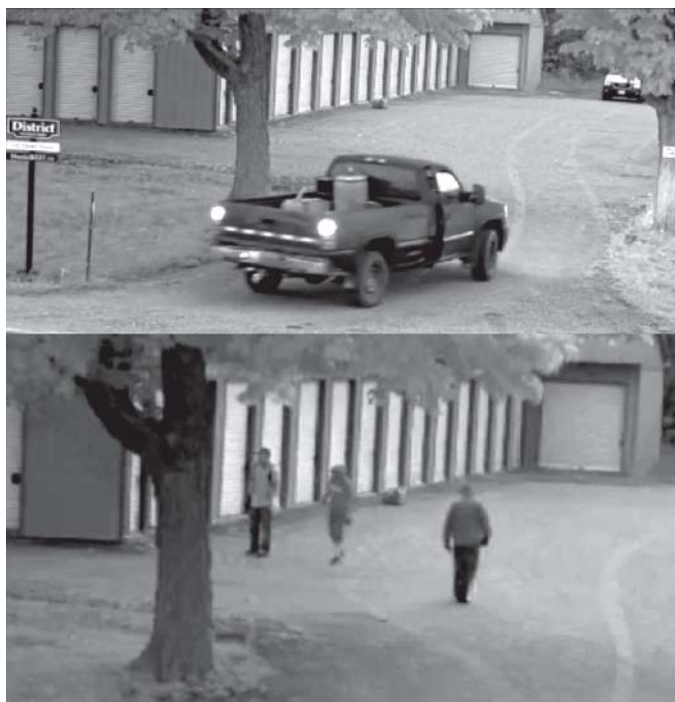
# CRIME STOPPERS WATCH BOARD

## COMMERCIAL PROPERTY BREAK & ENTER

(SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - Police (OPP) are seeking assistance from the public in solving a break and enter at a business on Sauble Falls Parkway. On May 24, 2024, at 8:38 a.m., police responded to a break and enter that occurred between May 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., and May 24, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. It is believed that the suspects entered the area by all terrain vehicle (ATV) through the bush and broke into two buildings. Police recovered most of the stolen items which were located up the roadway. Unrecovered items are a computer hard drive and Internet virtual private network (VPN).

## BREAK AND ENTER TO STORAGE FACILITY

(MEAFORD, ON) - On May 17, 2024, police (OPP) received a call that there was a break and enter to a storage facility on Susan Street in Meaford.



Police spoke with the landlord who advised that on May 17, 2024, 8:55 a.m., they noticed that three storage units were broken into and approximately \$4,000 of property was stolen. This break and enter occurred between May 10, 2024, and May 16, 2024. Investigation revealed that this is the fifth reported break and enter to the storage facility in thirteen months.

## STOLEN GASOLINE FROM WORK VEHICLE

(GEORGIAN BLUFFS, ON) - Police (OPP) is seeking the public assistance in solving a mischief that occurred at a business on Thom Drive in Georgian Bluffs.

On May 22, 2024, at approximately 7:00 a.m., police received a report that a company vehicle had a hole drilled into its gas tank. The incident occurred during the night of May 21, 2024, into May 22, 2024. Police would like to speak to the three individuals in the area at the time. There is no direct evidence that the three individuals were responsible for the damage to vehicle.

## DOOR TO DOOR CHIMNEY REPAIR A FRAUD

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(MEAFORD, ON) - Local police (OPP) are aware of fraud occurring in the Municipality of Meaford.

On May 22, 2024, police received two reports about an individual going door to door in the Municipality of Meaford asking to clean and fix chimneys. The individual is described as male, driving a red Dodge pick up truck. It appears that the individual will provide his identification and phone number but after receiving a deposit for the work, the individual does not return to the residence and will not return phone calls.

Police believe that there are more victims and are asking them to come forward.

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## STOLEN PERSONAL WATERCRAFTS



(**BROCKTON, ON**) - On May 6, 2024, the Police (OPP) received a report of two stolen personal watercrafts (PWC). The PWC's were taken some time between May 2, 2024, and May 6, 2024.

The two PWC's, a 2023 Blue and Black Yamaha GP1800A, and a 2023 Blue Yamaha GP1800A were secured in a rural property on a black steel double personal watercraft trailer when they were stolen. The combined value of the PWC's and trailer is approximately \$60,000.

## BREAK IN TO LOCAL BUSINESS

(**GEORGIAN BLUFFS, ON**) - On April 23, 2024, at 6:41 a.m., the Police (OPP) responded to a report of a break-in to a business on Grey Road 17 in Georgian Bluffs.

Police attended and spoke to the complainant who advised that a storage unit and work coverall structure had been broken into between April 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., and April 22, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.



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- A variety of Tapetech tools
- A variety of Dewalt tools and toolboxes

## VEHICLE STOLEN



(**SAUGEEN FIRST NATION, ON**) - On April 14, 2024, Police (OPP) received a call that a vehicle was stolen from a property on Highway 21 on Saugeen First Nation.

Police spoke with the victim who advised that on April 13, 2024, between 4:00 a.m., and 9:00a.m., their grey and black Jeep Wrangler was stolen from a residence on Highway 21 on Saugeen First Nation. The vehicle is described as having orange tinted headlights, an LED light bar at the top of the windshield and red hydraulic suspension.



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## MISCHIEF IN TEESWATER

(TEESWATER, ON) - Police (OPP) are investigating a mischief incident along Marcy Street E in Teeswater. On March 26, 2024, police received a report of vandalism at the ball diamonds. Sometime between the evening of March 25, 2024 and the morning of March 26, 2024, unknown individual(s) attended the area and caused damage to benches, bleachers, fencing, and the public washroom. Damage estimated at \$10,000.

## THEFT OF PRIDE FLAG

(MILDMAY, ON) - Police (OPP) are investigating a theft of a PRIDE flag at Sacred Heart School in Mildmay.

On Wednesday June 5, 2024, at approximately 11:55pm, an individual entered the Sacred Heart School property, located at 18 Peter Street South, Mildmay and stole the PRIDE flag that was raised and attached to a flagpole.

Video surveillance is being reviewed and police are continuing to investigate.

## PERSON TO IDENTIFY

(MEAFORD, ON) - On March 21, 2024, Police (OPP)



received a call that an individual purchased items using a stolen bank card.

Police spoke with the victim who advised that she believed her wallet was stolen sometime on March 20, 2024, and she noticed it missing March 21, 2024. Through investigation,

officers determined that the bank card was used at a business in Meaford on March 20, 2024.

Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the individual in the photo.

## SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE IN CHESLEY

(ARRAN- ELDERSLIE, ON) - On June 14, 2024, at 9:50 p.m., police launched an investigation after a citizen reported a suspicious vehicle in Chesley.

The vehicle was observed in the area of 4th Ave Southeast, Chesley. The vehicle is described as a black Dodge extended cab pick up truck with push bars, and lights on the top.

Residents are reminded to always be aware of their surroundings and are encouraged to report any suspicious activity to police.

## DIRT BIKE AND DUNE BUGGY STOLEN

(WEST GREY) On June 11th West Grey Police were advised of the theft of an ATV, dune buggy, and dirt bike from a property along Bruce Road 10 in West Grey, just north of Hanover.

The ATV has since been recovered; however still outstanding is a yellow Suzuki DR70 dirt bike and a black and red Coleman CK196T dune buggy with a combined value of \$2,300.00.

## FIREARMS STOLEN

(CHATSWORTH, ON) - On April 6, 2024, Police (OPP) received a call that a break and enter occurred at a residence in the Municipality of Chatsworth.

Police attended and learned that an unknown individual(s) entered the residence and removed a number of firearms and swords.

The firearms are described as .22 caliber rifles, 12 and 16 gauge shot guns.



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## THEFT FROM BUSINESS

(MEAFORD, ON) - On April 14, 2024, Police (OPP) received a call that there was a shoplifting incident in Meaford.



Police spoke with the victim who advised that on April 13, 2024, 9:59 p.m., an individual entered a business on Sykes Street in Meaford and took some energy drinks then proceeded to leave the store with no attempt to pay.

Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the individual.

## BREAK INS TO SEASONAL RESIDENCES

(SAUGEEN FIRST NATION, ON) - On April 20, 2024, at 6:52 a.m., Police (OPP) responded to a report of a break-in to a seasonal cottage on Ogimah Road, Saugeen First Nation.

Police attended and spoke to the complainant who advised that their shed has been broken into as well as several sheds and outbuildings on neighbouring properties.

Some of the stolen items include:

- All terrain vehicle (ATV)
- Boat motors
- Landscaping equipment
- Bicycles

The OPP is asking anyone who has a seasonal residence in this area to check on their property

## THEFT OF BOAT

(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - On April 5, 2024, Police (OPP) received a call that a boat was stolen from a seasonal residence on 8th Concession in Grey Highlands.



Police spoke to the complainant who advised that he last observed his boat and trailer on his seasonal property on March 10, 2024. He arrived on March 31, 2024, and noticed both the boat and trailer missing. The boat is described as a 2012 gold and black Lowe Pontoon boat which is 21 feet in length. The motor attached to the boat is a Mercury 50 hp bigfoot. Total value of stolen items is \$20,000.

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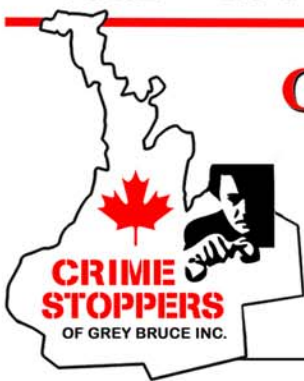
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## ***PRWIN SPONSORSHIP DAY***



**PRWIN hosted a Sponsorship Day to recognize our valuable sponsors in our community. The gathering showcased a reforestation site at Pine River Food. This project site located around the Pine River Food property has been developing and growing for several years and the area offers a variety of mature tree and seedlings. Special thank you to Mercato & Pizzeria for providing the pizza and refreshments at our event.**

**Sponsorship and donations from Armow Wind, B.M. Ross and Associates, Baywood Interior Millwork, Corteva, Enbridge, Greenfield Global, Howick Mutual Insurance, K2 Wind, Meridian, NWMO, Ontario Power Generation and Society of United Professionals. Thank you to our sponsors, community donations and our hard working directors and community volunteers for assisting us with our in ground programs and projects.**

***Missing from our group sponsorship photos are John Lassel from Baywood Interior Millwork, Greenfield Global, Howick Mutual Insurance, NWMO, OPG and Society of United Professionals.***



***Picture above are: (left) PRWIN Director Murray Yungblut, PRWIN Chairperson David Grant, Lisa Courtney - Partner with B.M. Ross & Associates, PRWIN Director Angela Thompkins, PRWIN Director Joanne Kuntz, PRWIN Director Don Farrell and PRWIN Director Shirley Fiebiger (right)***



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**PRWIN 2024  
SEEDLING PROGRAM**

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***ENJOY NATURE AT THE  
MCLARTY CENTRE***



**The McLarty Environmental Study Area is located on Bruce Road 6/Side Road 20 in Huron Kinloss. It is open to the public to enjoy the great outdoors!**

**This area is designed for our community to learn about the Pine River; wetland creation and the education of the local wildlife and plants that this area supports. PRWIN has installed a trail system throughout the area, created two wetland ponds, planted memorial trees, an osprey nest and planted over a thousand tree seedlings.**

***"The Pine River Watershed's McLarty Environmental Area has provided an enriching area for our Horticultural Youth Group to meet each year. The 30 children in our group, ages 6-14, look forward, each year, to the meetings held at the centre. They have had the opportunity to see and learn about our***

*native species of flora and fauna. Hiking on the trail to identify plant and bird species and observing frogs are some of their favorite activities. As a leader of the Youth group I really appreciate that we have access to such a wonderful area so close to home for our children to learn and explore. The Pine River Watershed has been an excellent support for the environmental and horticultural teaching that we do and we greatly appreciate that."*

*Heather Newman - Leader of the Ripley and District Horticultural Society For Our Youth Club.*

*For more information, please email [pineriverwin@yahoo.ca](mailto:pineriverwin@yahoo.ca)*

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## ***LOCAL YOUTH EXPLORE AT THE MCLARTY CENTRE***



The Ripley - Huron Community School stopped in at the McLarty Centre to explore in nature! The teacher coordinated engaging activities for the students at the McLarty Centre. The group went on a scavenger hunt, painted rocks, a presentation about tree identification, discovered the frog life-cycle and had a great experience learning about fish and the water ecosystem.

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## ***RIPLEY "FOR OUR YOUTH" CLUB***



**The Ripley Horticultural Society - For Our Youth went on an adventure at the McLarty Centre. They explored the trails and river flats and went fishing for frogs. The Ripley Horticultural Society - For Our Youth is the Ripley & District Horticultural Youth club for boys and girls. Through a team of dedicated volunteer leaders, the club provides gardening activities, nature crafts and other outdoor activities designed to nurture a love and respect of nature. The club draws on the support of local groups such as the Bruce Botanical Food Gardens, Pine River Watershed's use of their McLarty Outdoor Education Centre and the Ripley Huron Fall Fair to engage youth in meaningful community experiences.**

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## ***2ND KINCARDINE SCOUTS***





**The 2nd Kincardine Scouts stopped in at the McLarty Centre!  
The property provides a conservation area for local organizations to engage**

in nature and learn about ecosystems, animals and plants. The area provides an educational experience to value our resources.

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## ***NWMO & COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GREY BRUCE FUNDING***





**Thank you to Community Foundation Grey Bruce for supporting our initiative Green Elements - Friends of the McLarty Centre. The funding supports new picnic tables to aid in our program to educate about our local watershed with community groups and volunteers at the McLarty Centre. Also, we would like to acknowledge NWMO for their support to install a picnic shelter with our Green Elements - Picnic Shelter Development.**

The project will highlight the importance of the area by offering educational opportunities, promote environmental interaction and involvement.

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## **GET SOIL SMART #4**



*PRWIN is happy to add our 4th article “Get Soil Smart” a new section to our newsletter, where we will bring you along on a ride to learn all about soil!*

### **Its Not Just the Worms!**

We all know that worms are important to the soil. They are known to be important because they improve soil structure, water infiltration rate, water holding capacity,

**nutrient availability, and more. But worms are not the only ones in the soil that deserve credit for their work helping to manage and improve our soils.**

**ANTS, the Black Carpenters, Argentines, Pavements, Pharaohs, Odorous Houses, and Thiefs, are all varieties of ants found in Ontario. Ants are beneficial insects to our soils and ecosystems, though they are primarily painted as pests!**

**To begin, ground dwelling ants build nests in soil comprised of tunnels and chambers; these nests aid in water infiltration as well as soil aeration, and are especially helpful in aiding plant growth as nests can be 12” to 36” in depth (depending on climate and age of the ant colony) a similar depth at which the majority of plant roots are located, providing roots an optimal environment and accessibility water, nutrients, and air.**

**Ants are also great decomposers as they feed on organic residues, insects and/or other dead animals. They also feed on the elaiosomes of seeds (an oil on seed surface), which they eat in their nest and leave the rest of the seed to germinate and grow into a new plant.**

**Ants like the Carpenter, make their nests in dead or diseased wood, which means they accelerate the decomposition process, bringing organic matter back to the soil, and adding to fertility. Fungi and bacteria then come in and break down the lignin and cellulose on the decomposing wood surfaces, furthering the decomposition process and adding to the fungi and bacterial population that increase nutrient availability and suppress root diseases in the soil.**

**As ants improve water infiltration and soil aeration, contribute to the decomposition of plant matter, and aid in improving nutrient availability in soil, they alongside worms and other soil dwelling insects are beneficial pieces of our soil’s health. Cheers to the 20,000,000,000,000,000 ants of which we share this earth!**

***Article provided by Lisa Holland, PRWIN Project Co-ordinator.***

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**WE ARE PLANNING FOR OUR 2025 SEASON**

**We welcome projects from local landowners:  
Berms, tree planting, cattle crossing and wetlands**

**Landowners allow us to help them manage in ground projects by working together to secure funding and co-ordinate contractors.**

**It is a great opportunity!**

**Private landowner participation is vital to the success of our watershed.**

***If you have a project in mind, please contact us at [pineriverwin@yahoo.ca](mailto:pineriverwin@yahoo.ca)***



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# ***SPRING CLEAN UP OF THE MCLARTY CENTRE***



**Mel and Gary Moulton volunteered their time to spring-clean the McLarty Environmental Study Area. They cut grass for pathways and assisted with spring maintenance of the picnic tables and sheds.**

**Thank you for all your efforts to prepare the McLarty Centre for the sunny season.**

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***PRWIN DIRECTOR BILL STEELE***





**This spring, Bill Steele retired from the position of Member of the Board for Pine River Watershed initiative Network (PRWIN). Bill was dedicated to our organization for over a decade and was passionate about the environment and our watershed. Thank you for inspiring us all and for your contributions to our organization as they are an important part of our continued success. On behalf of the board of directors,**

we wanted to extend our thanks to Bill for his valuable expertise and time volunteering to our non profit group.

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***CORTEVA COMMUNITY  
BETTERMENT SUPPORT***



We are gracious to accept Corteva Agriscience community support of our Education and Outreach Program - McLarty Education Centre Outdoor Classroom and our upcoming 2025 Spring Seedling Program. Thank you for recognizing and supporting our community projects.

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***MERIDIAN DONATION***



**Our committee greatly appreciates the support and partnership with Meridian’s “The Good Neighbour Program” to assist our upcoming 2025 seedling program and tree projects in the Pine River Watershed.  
Thank you Meridian for your community outreach program!**

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## ***DONATION TO PRWIN***



*We are thankful to receive a donation from the  
Lazy J Ranch - Anderkin Foods Inc. to our organization.*  
Our committee greatly appreciates their support to assist us with our  
community programs.

*We are a not-for-profit charity, and always welcome assistance from any  
business, association, or member of our community.*

If you wish to donate directly to our organization, our mailing address is:

86 Huron Street, Box 367

Ripley ON

N0G 2R0

The Pine River Watershed Initiative Network supplies Charitable Receipts for  
donations over \$20.00 CDN for income tax purposes.



**We encourage our vital community members to share our  
newsletter, website, and Facebook page. There is an  
opportunity for everyone to sign up for our newsletter.**

**We have resources about our organization on our website  
and our social media page that will inform our community  
about our present and future projects.**

<http://www.pineriverwatershed.ca>

<https://www.facebook.com/pineriverwatershedinitiativenetwork/>

**Please email [pineriverwin@yahoo.ca](mailto:pineriverwin@yahoo.ca) to sign up for our newsletter.**

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# Municipal Matters

GBPH's Biannual Newsletter for Municipalities

Issue 1 | July 2024

## Introducing... Municipal Matters

Grey Bruce Public Health is excited to share with our municipal partners the inaugural issue of **Municipal Matters** – a new e-newsletter that will be created and distributed twice annually to interested staff in our municipal and county sectors.

The goal of this newsletter is to strengthen Public Health's connection with local municipalities by building and supporting a new, consistent channel of information between our organizations.

Articles in **Municipal Matters** contain Public Health-related information that we believe to be of interest to **municipal and county** officials, department leads, project organizers, committee representatives and others in these sectors.

**Municipal Matters** is a project led by GBPH's Communications Department, with the support of the Health Promotion Team.

If there's a topic you'd like to see covered or if you have any feedback, please email Communications Co-ordinator Denis Langlois at [D.Langlois@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:D.Langlois@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca) or Health Promoter Bailey Ressler at [B.Ressler@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:B.Ressler@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca).

## How Public Health can support your municipality

Grey Bruce Public Health can assist and support your municipality in a variety of ways.

### MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL POLICIES

Staff from GBPH's Health Promotion team can, for example, help municipalities with drafting, reviewing, and updating Municipal Alcohol Policies.

A Municipal Alcohol Policy is a tool municipalities can use to help manage events held on or within municipally owned properties where alcohol is sold or served.

Such policies can reduce the potential for costs due to lawsuits, repairs, and insurance premiums for municipalities and event-holders, while improving safety and patrons' enjoyment of events.

Please contact Health Promoter Bailey Ressler at [b.ressler@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:b.ressler@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca) to learn more.

### AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The Health Promotion team can also assist municipalities with the development and review of Age-Friendly strategies, initiatives, and policies.

An age-friendly community

supports active aging by developing accessible and inclusive communities. Active aging is the "process of optimizing opportunities for health, participation, and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age." (Active Ageing: A Policy Framework, WHO, 2002)

For Age-Friendly information and resources, including a community implementation guide visit: [Age-Friendly Communities - Canada.ca](https://www.activeageing.ca/)

Please contact GBPH Health Promoter Kaela Sales at [k.sales@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:k.sales@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca) to learn more.

### SMOKE-FREE SPACES

Questions about the Smoke-Free Ontario Act can be directed to GBPH by emailing [tobacco@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:tobacco@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca).

Municipalities must post No Smoking and No Vaping signs at municipally owned enclosed workplaces; enclosed public places; and other smoke-free and vape-free places as described in the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 or Ontario Regulation 268/18.

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individual tobacco signs and the individual electronic cigarette signs, or the combined tobacco/electronic cigarette signs, at each entrance, exit and washroom to ensure employees and the public know they cannot smoke tobacco or cannabis (medical or recreational) or vape anything there.

Smoke-Free Ontario Act signage images are available at the following link: [Signage Link](#).

Grey Bruce Public Health's [Special Event Package](#) Application Form includes helpful information on requirements under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act and for Food Safety at events.

SFOA Signage is available for loan for special events from Public Health.

## NALOXONE AND SAFE DISPOSAL

Naloxone can temporarily reverse the effects of an opioid poisoning.

Naloxone kits are available free-of-charge in an easy-to-use nasal spray.

GBPH offers in-person and virtual naloxone and harm reduction training, printed materials, and support for policy and procedure development.

GBPH's website also includes training and resources on [safe sharps disposal](#).

Examples of sharps include needles and substance-use equipment.



# GBPH seeking volunteer instructors/ tiny teachers

Do you know of someone in your municipality who may be interested in nurturing empathy in children in one of our local schools?

We're on the lookout for passionate **Volunteer Instructors** for the upcoming school year.

## ROOTS OF EMPATHY

[Roots of Empathy](#) (ROE) is an international children's charity that helps nurture empathy in children through their evidence-based classroom program for grades JK-8.

ROE is currently being implemented in local elementary classrooms.

Over two decades of [research](#) has found that children in the ROE program experience an increase in empathy, a decrease in aggressive behaviours, including bullying, and an increase in prosocial behaviours, such as co-operation, kindness, and inclusion.

If you know of an organization in your community with a mandate of supporting children's positive mental health and well-being, building empathy, bullying prevention, or health promotion in the early years, consider encouraging them to apply to become a trained ROE Instructor!

Learn more and sign up: <https://rootsofempathy.org/instructors/>

## TINY TEACHERS

We're also looking for **tiny teachers** -- babies who will be between 2-4 months old in October, when Roots of Empathy programs start in classrooms.

At the heart of the program are a neighbourhood infant and parent who visit the classroom nine times over the school year.

ROE celebrates the power of the family in the development of the baby as a person. Since we focus on the parent-infant bond, fathers and/or mothers are equally welcome to participate.

Learn more about becoming a ROE family and to sign up at: [Families & Babies - Roots of Empathy](#).

For more information on the Roots of Empathy program, how to get involved, check out: [Roots of Empathy](#).

Local ROE Program Coordinator:  
Amanda McManaman, Public Health Nurse  
[schools@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:schools@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)  
519-376-9420, ext. 3110.



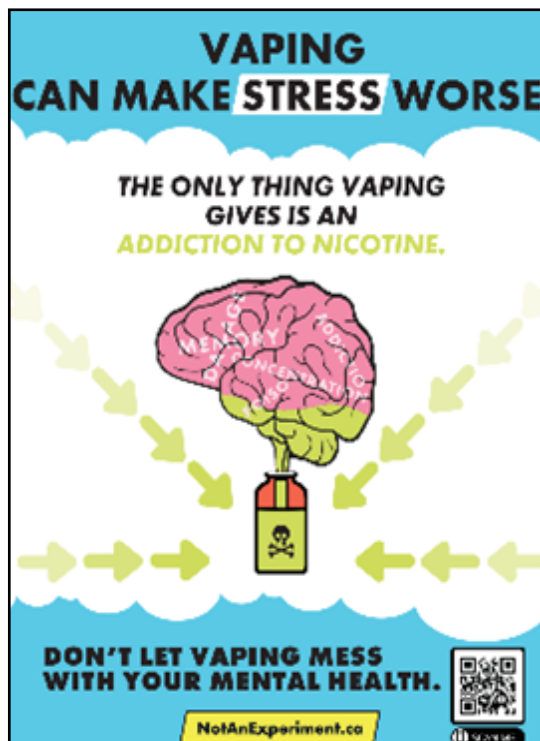
# GBPH seeks to expand reach of Not An Experiment campaign

The [Not An Experiment](#) campaign aims to raise awareness about the risks of vaping, negative impacts on mental health, and the role the industry plays in promoting these addictive products to youth.

Grey Bruce Public Health is seeking to expand the reach of this campaign for the summer and fall/winter.

Posters with various messaging are available to be displayed in community centres and recreational areas, including arena changerooms, washrooms, libraries, etc.

If you are interested in ordering posters for your facilities, contact Brooke Tomsett, Youth Advisor, at [b.tomsett@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:b.tomsett@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca) or 519-376-9420 ext 1264.



## Upcoming Events



**Aug. 12** - International Youth Day



**September** - Concussion Awareness Month



**Sept. 28** - World Rabies Day



**October** - [National Teen Driver Safety Week](#)



**November** - Fall Prevention Month



**Nov. 7-13** - Seniors Fall Prevention Awareness Week

## November is Fall Prevention Month

Falls are the leading cause of injury for older adults, and Canada's population is aging!

**November is Fall Prevention Month in Canada.**

For more information and resources, visit this [Fall Prevention Month website](#).

Also in November, Seniors Fall Prevention Awareness Week runs from Nov. 7-13. Consider posting some fall prevention-related materials on your social media channels during this week.

Here's another locally created resource that can be shared: [Staying on your Feet Guide](#).

## SPOTLIGHT

# GBPH's Infectious Diseases department

Grey Bruce Public Health's Infectious Diseases team provides programs and services aimed at reducing the burden of infectious and communicable diseases.

While many will be familiar with the case, contact, and outbreak management work performed by the ID team during the pandemic, the program extends far beyond COVID-19, including providing follow-up for over 70 other Diseases of Public Health Significance, as outlined under the Health Protection & Promotion Act.

In addition to case and outbreak investigations, other key activities undertaken by the ID Team include:

- Conducting infection control inspections of personal service settings (e.g. salons and spas) and licenced childcare facilities to ensure best practices are followed, which reduce risk of infection to patrons;
- Providing education and support to local emergency service providers on bloodborne exposures and enacting the Mandatory Blood Testing Act;
- Providing sexual health clinical services, including testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, as well as providing safe sex education and information and access to contraceptives;



*A microscopic image of Streptococcus - a Disease of Public Health Significance.*

- Supporting clients with active tuberculosis disease and latent tuberculosis infection;
- Investigating complaints related to lapses in infection control practices to determine if clients may have been put at risk of exposure of bloodborne infections.

### **IPAC Team**

Formed during the pandemic, the Infection Prevention and Control Team works with long-term care and retirement homes and congregate living to provide IPAC consultation, auditing, mentorship, education/training, and support virtually and in person/on-site, proactively, as well as reactively in the event of an outbreak.

# Directory

*Please refer to this directory to contact specific Grey Bruce Public Health programs.*

**Main GBPH Number: 519-376-9420**

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519-376-9420**

- **Sexual Health Clinic** - Press 1
- **Immunizations** - Press 2
- **Adverse Water** - Press 3
- **PHI, Food Safety, Etc** - Press 4
- **Healthy Babies** - Press 5
- **Infectious Diseases** - Press 6
- **Smoking Cessation** - Press 7
- **Dental/Vision** - Press 8
- **Switchboard** - Press 0

**FAX NUMBERS**

**Immunizations** - 519-376-7782

**Rabies** - 519-376-0980

**Environmental, Dental, Food Safety, Health Hazard, Water** - 519-376-6310

**Infectious Diseases** - 519-376-4152

**Sexual Health, Youth** - 519-376-5043

**Healthy Babies** - 519-376-1287

**Administration** - 519-376-8965

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**IPAC:** [IPAC@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:IPAC@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)

**Safe Water & Dental:** [SafeWaterDental@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:SafeWaterDental@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)

## Let's work together to create a healthier Grey Bruce community.

We want to help our municipal partners create opportunities for healthier communities across Grey-Bruce.

GBPH is available to partner with council members, municipal staff, and committees as well as other organizations in your community, on health issues of mutual significance.

We can help:

- Establish and strengthen connections between partners;
- Integrate a health in all policies lens into community planning and policy;
- Collaborate on initiatives encouraging the development of healthy communities.

## Kelly Lush

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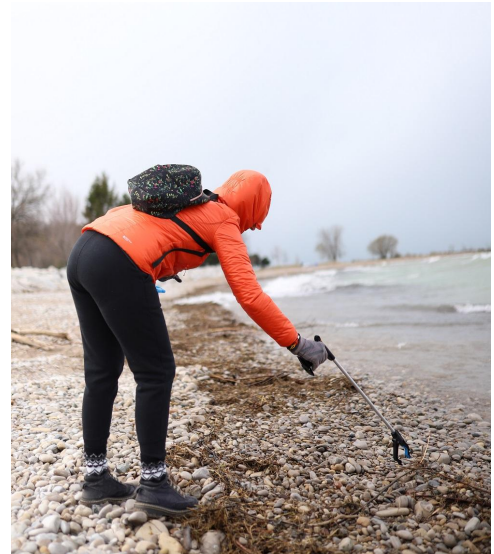
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## Introducing Beach Clean-up Stations

Keep Lake Huron Clean at Any Time

Plastic pollution presents a significant challenge for Lake Huron, affecting its beauty and ecological balance. Every year common single use items find their way into the Lake effecting water quality and putting wildlife at risk of entanglement and ingestion.

To help this issue, LHCC has installed 5 beach clean-up stations that provide everything required for someone to clean up the beach on their own. Now you don't have to wait for our next beach clean-up event. You can help keep Lake Huron clean anytime!



Supplies are kept in adorable boxes that have educational signage and hand painted native flowers and wildlife. Our goal is for these stations to enact ongoing support from communities to help keep our beaches' sustainability pristine.



Look for our beach clean-up stations at the following locations:

Gobles Grove

Near Gerry's Fries in Southampton

Station Beach in Kincardine

Lighthouse Beach in Point Clark

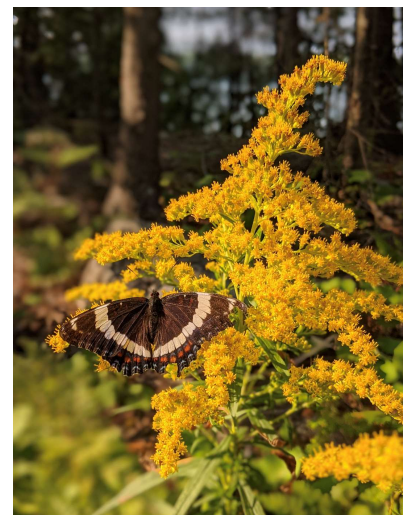
Port Elgin Main Beach

Thank you to everyone who uses these stations to make Lake Huron better!

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## Support Coastal Conservation Projects

As a small charity, we rely on donations to help fund our conservation programs. Our programs provide communities with free and unique opportunities to connect with nature for the betterment of Lake Huron. These programs include beach clean-ups that **directly improve the health of beaches and wildlife**. Our Coastal Conservation Youth Corps **empowers youth to learn about the coastal environment**. And our Coast Watchers community science program that encourages volunteers to collect data about the shoreline. To support our work, click the button below.



Support our work

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# CCYC Participants Making a Difference on Lake Huron

This season marks the 4th year of empowering young environmental enthusiasts to make a difference on the shores of Lake Huron through our Coastal Conservation Youth Corps (CCYC). We are also thrilled to introduce the program to Kincardine for the first time this year! Our participants will be learning about Lake Huron in Saugeen shores, Kincardine and Goderich. From the very beginning, CCYC has been committed to educating and inspiring youth about environmental conservation. CCYC youth will participate in educational workshops and gain hands on experience while applying their skills to community projects. CCYC provides young leaders the tools required to protect our priceless natural resources now and into the future. Come say hi if you see our CCYC volunteers in your community!



[Learn more about CCYC](#)

Thank you to all of our sponsors who made the continuation of this program possible.





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*The Lake Huron Coastal Centre is a registered charity founded in 1998 with the goals of protecting and restoring Lake Huron's coastal environment. We are the voice for Lake Huron.*

Donate



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### Important updates

#### MPAC to launch Property Pulse dashboard for property owners



In the coming weeks, MPAC will launch the Property Pulse Dashboard, a new tool to assist property owners in making informed decisions about current and future residential home ownership.

The Dashboard, available to all property owners in Ontario through AboutMyProperty™, will provide aggregated, up-to-date residential sales data in an interactive data platform for every municipality in Ontario from MPAC's comprehensive inventory and sales data from Teranet Inc.

To encourage the exploration of residential housing data and understand property trends across the province, the user-friendly interface will enable property owners to:

- View recent residential sales information by municipality and property type (single-detached, semi-detached, townhouse, condo, waterfront).
- Compare sales information for up to five municipalities using the “compare” feature.
- Filter information by sales year/month, year built, and square footage.

Property owners will need an existing account to access the Dashboard through AboutMyProperty™ on [mpac.ca](http://mpac.ca), or they can easily create an account for access using the roll number and access code from a recent Property Assessment Notice.

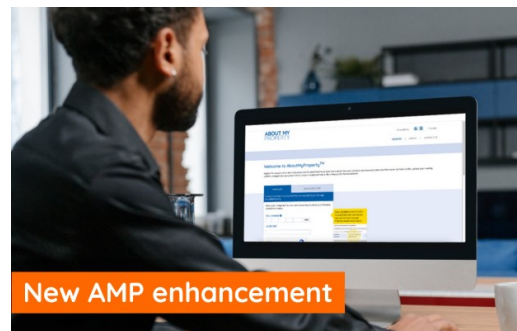
While the Dashboard will only be available to property owners, MPAC is committed to finding new and enhanced opportunities to provide municipalities with relevant data and value-added insights. More information on new data products available to municipalities is expected later this year.

Check our [newsroom](#) soon to learn more.



### **New enhancement in AboutMyProperty™**

In our constant effort to modernize our products and services to support property owners, MPAC has enabled a brand-new feature in AboutMyProperty that allows users to update their mailing addresses.



Providing property owners the ability to manage their information directly and track their requests, this new AboutMyProperty feature streamlines the entire process via a seamless digital experience.

The new self-serve enhancement also eliminates the need for property owners to contact our Customer Contact Centre or submit a form via [mpac.ca](http://mpac.ca), offering a

simplified user journey as part of our ongoing commitment to enhance the property owner's experience.

As part of a soft-launch, our Customer Care Centre has started informing property owners about the new self-serve option. This phased approach aims to familiarize users with the new feature, paving the way for a broader external rollout in September.

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## Webinar recap

### **In case you missed it - Tax Applications: An overview and update**

MPAC subject matter experts Brian Lopes, Senior Legislation and Policy Analyst, and Rebecca MacDonald, Manager Valuation and Customer Relations, provided an overview and update on the processing of Tax Applications.

The webinar reviewed the legislation related to tax applications and presented a change in how MPAC processes two specific application types: buildings damaged by fire, demolition, or otherwise, and repairs or renovations to land that prevent the normal use of the land.

Watch the recording now, which includes a Q+A portion following the seminar.

**WATCH IT HERE**

To view recordings of all past webinars, visit [mpac.ca](http://mpac.ca) or on our [YouTube Channel](#).

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## Upcoming webinar

**Coming this fall**

Details about our annual municipal update featuring Nicole McNeill, MPAC President and Chief Administrative Officer; Jamie Bishop, Vice-President, Public Affairs and Customer Experience; and Carmelo Lipsi, Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, are coming soon!

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## MPAC on the move

We are excited to celebrate the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)'s 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the AMO Annual Conference this August! We're looking forward to connecting with municipal representatives and government partners in the beautiful City of Ottawa. Check out our session and tradeshow details below. We hope you can join us!

### **August 19, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.**

#### **MPAC property insights and meeting the evolving needs of our partners**

Join us to learn about how MPAC is working to enhance the municipal and property owner experience across Ontario through innovation and the modernization of our products and services. During the session, Nicole McNeill, President and Chief Administrative Officer; Alan Spacek, Chair, MPAC Board of Directors; and Carmelo Lipsi, Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer will provide updates on recent operational highlights, key focus areas, local property insights, and market trends. We will also highlight tools and resources developed with our municipal partners to support your work and decision-making.

### **August 18, 2 p.m. – August 19, 6 p.m.**

Drop by our MPAC booth to meet our Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team! We always welcome the opportunity to share information about our work and discuss issues that are important to your municipality.



**Looking ahead – You can find us at the following conferences in September:**

- **September 11 – 13** Ontario East Municipal Conference (OEMC) in Ottawa.
- **September 15 – 18** Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Association (OMTRA) Conference in Orillia.
- **September 17 – 20** Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MFOA) Conference in Muskoka.
- **September 29 – October 2** Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA) Conference in London.



In June, our Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team was in The Blue Mountains for the AMCTO conference to share the latest MPAC information with delegates. From left to right: Regional Manager Michelle Lindquist, Regional Manager Natasha Dawood and Account Manager Shannon Long.

## New product alert

### MFIPPA-compliant notification list on demand



To help municipalities keep property owners informed about initiatives related to services, MPAC provides a notification list that matches postal codes to location addresses. Municipalities would submit a request to MPAC and wait for it to be fulfilled.

During a recent webinar on data sharing, a request was made to find a solution that would allow municipalities to easily export the listing from Municipal Connect as needed.

In response to this request, MPAC will run the listing monthly and make it available to download in My Products for municipalities to access as needed. This new feature will help municipalities notify property owners while complying with Municipal Freedom of information and Protection of Privacy (MFIPPA) legislation.

This latest enhancement reflects our commitment to listening to our stakeholders and providing timely, useful information to empower the vital work of municipalities.



### **MPAC Data Report: Up-to-date property information all year**

Municipalities have expressed the need to access more current information about properties within their jurisdiction, and we have listened.

Designed to address this need, the new MPAC Data Report (MDR) does not rely on supplier-owned data, ensuring our municipal partners can download a comprehensive inventory of MPAC's latest property-specific information each month.

Municipalities will still be able to access four unique exports of the Electronic Assessment Information report. However, the new MDR offers additional access to current property specifics throughout the year, which will help support informed decision-making and proactive planning.

Municipalities will have access to both new products beginning in August.

Have a question about these exciting new products? Reach out to your [local Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Account Manager](#).

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## Friendly reminder

### School Support Designation

Property owners in Ontario are required to support a school system, regardless of whether they have children, or if their children are presently enrolled in school. Tenants registered with MPAC can also specify



the school board they wish to support. Both property owners and tenants can manage their school support preferences through MPAC's [online portal](#) dedicated to school support designations. They can also submit their designation using the Application for Direction School Support (ADSS) form available on [mpac.ca](#). Property owners and tenants are encouraged to visit MPAC's [school support designation page](#) to learn more.

### **We're better together!**

MPAC is dedicated to building stronger partnerships with municipalities across Ontario, and your local Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team is here to support you.

Want more information about who we are and how we can work with your municipality? Reach out to your [local Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Account Manager](#) to book an information session for your staff or municipal council. Need Municipal Connect training? We can help with that, too.

Have you been working closely with our Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team on a unique initiative? Share your experience! Ask your Account Manager how your municipality can be featured in our next Partnerships in Action story.



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