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

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

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## Enhancing Mental Health Supports in Grey Bruce: CSWBP Mental Health Action Table Initiatives

The Community Safety and Well-Being Planning (CSWBP) Mental Health Action Table has been diligently working to address and meet the mental health needs of community members in Grey Bruce. Leading the action table are key collaborative partners: Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services, Brightshores Health System, and the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Grey Bruce.



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

July 31, 2024

The Community Safety and Well-Being Planning (CSWBP) Mental Health Action Table has been diligently working to address and meet the mental health needs of community members in Grey Bruce. Leading the action table are key collaborative partners: Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services, Brightshores Health System, and the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Grey Bruce.

### **Enhancing Addiction Treatment and High-Intensity Supports for the Local Population**

Brightshores Health System recently opened a new facility dedicated to supporting individuals with addictions and mental health needs. The centre will have 21 withdrawal management beds, 14 relapse prevention and treatment beds and 10 supportive studios for longer term stays – 45 beds in all.



This project is the first of its kind in this region. Based on harm reduction and recovery principles, the Wellness & Recovery Centre will provide a safe environment for individuals in need of support and management of their substance use and mental health concerns. The model of care is based on key wellness outcomes identified in the First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum: purpose, meaning, belonging, and hope.

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Grey Bruce recently received funding for 24-7 comprehensive mental health and addiction supportive housing at a building owned and operated by Grey County at 386 14th Street in Owen Sound. This program will provide high-acuity transitional housing support for individuals with mental illness and/or substance use issues who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This high-intensity supportive housing model will help individuals transition successfully into stable housing while reducing the reliance on emergency services.

Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services has recently received funding to support an expansion of their live-in treatment program for youth 12-17 years of age. In addition, the organization has recently assumed ownership of a new building that will allow the program to expand from 6 beds to 13. There are 6 beds dedicated to clients who require step-up and step-down services in partnership with Brightshores. With the new space and funding, the treatment model will now expand to include longer term (up to one year) treatment options in addition to intensive in-home supports up to a year in length at the pre- and-post admission stages to support better integration back to the family and community setting.

### **Addressing Identified Gaps and Enhancing Local Mental Health and Addictions Supports**

The Mental Health Action Table partnership is committed to addressing key outcomes identified at a recent Ontario Health Team Mental Health and Addictions Visioning Day held in Owen Sound. These efforts include improving access to programs and services, promoting recovery and incorporating lived experience through more funded peer positions. Additionally, they include expanding treatment options, championing equitable access by addressing the root causes of social determinants of health (non-medical factors that influence health outcomes), and enhancing early identification and intervention for children's mental health and addictions.

The Action Table partnership is developing a Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addictions Network Scorecard with targets and deliverables on key indicators. Progress will be tracked quarterly, with partners reviewing system-level data to achieve goals such as reducing emergency department visits, length of hospital stays, and wait times for outpatient services.

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

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

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

For more information, visit: <https://cswbp-brucegrey.ca/>

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## Council Meeting Highlights - Thursday, August 1, 2024

Bruce County Council met on August 1, 2024 beginning at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers and virtually through Teams. Video recordings of the meeting can be reviewed at [www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes](http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes)



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### **Bruce County Council Meeting**

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

Council received the Bruce County Official Plan Review Update. [Report](#)

Council approved that the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the ongoing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment of the Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton be received. Council approved that Alternative 2, the Bridge Repair/Rehabilitation option, is endorsed as the preferred alternative. [Report](#)

Council approved that a by-law be introduced authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Municipal Funding Agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. [Report](#)

Council approved that the items listed in the “Collections Deaccession Report – August 2024” be approved for deaccession from the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre’s collection. [Report](#)

Council approved the use of \$16,000 from the Brucelea Haven Departmental Donation Reserve to implement the recommendation for Resident TV Enhancements and Staff Room Improvements. [Report](#)

Council approved By-law 2024-043, a by-law to adopt Amendment Number C-2024-001 (Dales) to the County of Bruce Official Plan. [By-law](#)

Council approved By-law 2024-044, a by-law to establish Fees and Charges for Bruce County, and to repeal By-law 2024-004. [By-law](#)

Council approved By-law 2024-045, a by-law to establish a Purchasing Policy for Bruce County. [By-law](#)

Council received communication on AMO Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments. [Communication](#)

Council received communication on the AMO 2023 Annual Report. [Communication](#)

Council received communication from Ontario Land Tribunal on the Impact of Bill 185 on Appeal to Official Plan and Zoning By-law for Barry's Construction-South Bruce Peninsula. [Communication](#)

Council received communication on Municipal Support for Resolution to Pause Healthcare Service Level Reductions. [Communication](#)

Council received communication from the County of Frontenac on Physician Shortage. [Communication](#)

Council received communication from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury on Ontario Long Service Medals. [Communication](#)

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## Getting Prepared for Tornadoes in Bruce County

The Bruce County Emergency Management Program would like all residents and visitors of the County to be aware of tornado risks and to know what to do if there are tornado watches or warnings issued.



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Did you know that Canada experiences on average around 50 tornadoes per year? Canadians see more tornadoes than any other country in the world, except for the United States. Bruce County is no exception and has experienced tornado watches as recently as this summer. The Bruce County Emergency Management Program would like all residents and visitors of the County to be aware of tornado risks and to know what to do if there are tornado watches or warnings issued.

Tornadoes are rotating columns of high winds that often accompany a severe thunderstorm. The winds can move up to 70 km/hour and can cause widespread destruction in their path. Tornadoes are unpredictable and can change direction quickly.

Signs of an impending tornado may include the following:

Severe thunderstorms - an extremely dark sky sometimes with a green or yellow clouds, flying debris can cause a rumbling or whistling sound, you may see a funnel cloud at the base of a thundercloud.

Everyone should know what to do if you witness any of the above signs of a tornado.



Here are some tips based on your location at the time:

In a house – get to the basement or a small interior room on the main floor like a bathroom or closet. You can protect yourself by getting under a heavy table or desk. Stay away from windows and doors.

In a recreational vehicle or mobile home – try to find shelter in a building with a strong foundation. If that is not available, get away from the recreational vehicle or mobile home and crouch down in a ditch.

In a gymnasium, church, or auditorium – take cover under a sturdy structure like a table or desk.

In a vehicle – if the tornado is in the distance, try to get to a solid structure. If it is close by, get out of the vehicle and take cover in a low-lying area like a ditch.

"Tornadoes can be very deceptive. They may appear to be standing still, but in fact they may be moving towards you. We encourage all Bruce County residents and visitors to heed tornado watches and warnings that may be issued. Have a plan in place whether you are at work, home, the cottage or one of our beautiful parks. Know the risks and where you would go to get shelter," said Ray Lux, Bruce County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Discover more about Emergency Preparedness at [www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared](http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared)

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## NOTICE - Bruce County Rail Trail Closure in the Walkerton Area

The Bruce County Rail Trail will be closed for one day on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 for drainage work between Bruce Road 2 and Sideroad 5 South in Walkerton. There will be no trail access for users while work is underway, and no detour will be placed during the construction period.



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For your safety, please stay off the trail while work is in progress. See map for the areas impacted during construction.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Bruce County apologizes for any inconveniences that this closure is causing.

Questions, concerns, or comments about the closure can be directed to Andrew Beumer, Bruce County's Trails Manager at 519-881-2400 or email [abeumer@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:abeumer@brucecounty.on.ca)

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

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

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## Walking for Wenjack on August 15 in Cape Croker Park

Bruce County, along with their valuable community partners, invite you to participate in the Walk for Wenjack event on Thursday, August 15, 2024 in Cape Croker Park, Neyaashiinigmiing, at 1:00 PM. Please gather at the Arbour.



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Everybody has their own reason to “Walk for Wenjack” in 2024. For some, it may be a moment to honour Chanie Wenjack and the many others like him. For others, it may be an opportunity to raise awareness of the true history of residential schools.

Beginning in 2016, the [Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund](#) has been challenging all people in Canada to “Do Something” meaningful. Bruce County, along with their valuable community partners, invite you to participate in the Walk for Wenjack event on Thursday, August 15, 2024 in Cape Croker Park, Neyaashiinigmiing, at 1:00 PM. Please gather at the Arbour. This event offers an opportunity to come together as a community, in the spirit of reconciliACTION, to walk, learn, and reflect on the more than 600 kilometers Chanie Wenjack needed to get home.

This is a free admission event and refreshments are provided. Donations to the Nawash food bank will be accepted and the first 20 donations at each event will receive a prize from the Downie Wenjack Foundation.

In 1966, Chanie Wenjack ran away from Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School in Kenora, Ontario. He walked for 36 hours along the train tracks before dying of exposure on October 22. He was just 12 years old. His death sparked the first inquest into the treatment of Indigenous children in the residential school system. Chanie's story, tragically, is like so many stories of Indigenous children in this country.

Walk for Wenjack events in Bruce County are hosted in partnership with Cape Croker Park, Kitaamgwedaagwad Gindasswin Adult Learning Centre, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Chief & Council, Bruce County, Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, Nuclear Waste Management Organization, and Bruce Power.

For more information and event updates, please visit <https://www.brucemuseum.ca/event/walk-for-wenjack/>

Discover more about Chanie Wenjack:

[Heritage Minutes: Chanie Wenjack](#)

[Chanie's Life Journey](#) (Story Map)

Gord Downie's "[The Secret Path](#)"

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## Immerse Yourself in an Afternoon of Live Classical Music at the BCM&CC August 10

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre (BCM&CC) is thrilled to welcome back Music on the Bruce for its Summer Symphony event on Saturday, August 10, to be held in the Museum's Bruce Power Theatre at 2:00 PM.



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The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre (BCM&CC) is thrilled to welcome back Music on the Bruce for its Summer Symphony event on Saturday, August 10, to be held in the Museum's Bruce Power Theatre at 2:00 PM.

The BCM&CC's Summer Symphony marks the kickoff of Music on the Bruce's 2024 concert series. This event will showcase the world-class talent of New York City Ballet violinist Sarah Pratt-Parsamian, Stratford Symphony violinist and concertmaster Allene Chomyn, Toronto Symphony principal Violist Remi Peltier, and Symphony Nova Scotia principal Cellist Rachel Desoer.

Immerse yourself in the beauty, tradition and rich history of classical music through the quartet's performances of old masters Mozart and Brahms.

This event costs \$15 for Museum Members and \$20 for Non-Members. Tickets can be purchased online at [brucemuseum.ca](https://www.brucemuseum.ca)

or by phone at 519-797-2080.

For the full schedule of upcoming Music on the Bruce performances, visit [musiconthebruce.com](http://musiconthebruce.com).

### **About Music on the Bruce**

Music on the Bruce was founded by Listowel native Sarah Pratt-Parmasian in 2021 as a festival of classical concerts and workshops across Bruce County. Comprising of professional musicians from world-class orchestras and chamber ensembles across North America, Music on the Bruce features indoor and outdoor concerts, open rehearsals, children's events, local Bruce collaborations, and more.

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

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

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## End of Summer Cultural Demonstration Day at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre August 28

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August 15, 2024

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre (BM&CC) invites visitors on August 28 to learn about local Indigenous heritage through a special day of cultural demonstrations. Happening from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the BCM&CC welcomes:

**Chef Zach Keeshig:** Celebrated Owen Sound local and chef known for his Naagan dining experience, incorporating contemporary culinary techniques with Indigenous cuisine and culture, Chef Zach will showcase how he processes locally harvested duck from forest to plate. Sample his creations and take home a piece of local flavour.

**Parks Canada:** Representing Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park, Parks Canada will be on site to teach us all about turtles, including biological fun facts, their conservation, and the cultural significance they hold for the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) Peoples.

**Elder Shirley John:** Local Saugeen First Nation elder Shirley John will be joining us in the Anishnaabwe Endaat Gallery to share elder teachings.

Dorothy Ladd and Southampton Horticultural Society: Enjoy a reading of the beautifully illustrated Memengwaa, the Monarch Butterfly, by Saugeen First Nation Author Dorothy Ladd and learn about the butterfly tagging process with the Southampton Horticultural Society and Patti Byers of the Monarch Teacher Network.

No preregistration is required for this event. Members FREE; General Admission Applies.

This event is proudly presented by Bruce Power.

Discover more at [www.brucemuseum.ca](http://www.brucemuseum.ca)

### **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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## Partnership Provides More Children the Opportunity to Participate

Bruce County entered a partnership with The Municipality of Kincardine which provided an additional \$5,000 of funding to Bruce County's Child Activity Assistance Program (CAAP). Bruce County will distribute these additional funds to Kincardine families through the Child Activity Assistance Program, a program that supports families across the County.



August 09, 2024

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When fees are a barrier for activities and programming, CAAP can help give children the opportunity to participate. CAAP is a fund that assists families with the cost of activities such as school trips, school nutrition programs, camps, extra-curricular activities, arts and cultural programs, Guides/Scouts, etc. This subsidy is available for dependent children, living at home, who are under the age of 18. The maximum CAAP funding is \$500.00 per year, per child.

"Bruce County is pleased to partner with the Municipality of Kincardine in supporting activity subsidy for local children," said

Wendy Woods, Business and Human Services Integration Manager, “Bruce County’s Human Services department is here to help guide families through the subsidy application process.”

**CAAP Eligibility:**

You must be a Canadian Citizen and a resident of Bruce County with a gross family income is less than \$49,466.00. Application forms can be found online and documents can be emailed to [CAAP@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:CAAP@brucecounty.on.ca). You can also mail your documents to Bruce County Human Services at PO BOX 399, 30 Park Street, Walkerton, ON, NoG 2Vo, or fax your documents to 519-881-4324.

Discover more about the [Child Activity Assistance Program](#).

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## Family Safety Day - Road and Internet Safety

The CSWBP Crime Prevention Action Table in partnership with Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village and the Rotary Club of Walkerton are pleased to welcome families to a Family Safety Day on Saturday, August 24. The event will focus on teaching children up to age 11 Road Safety through fun and engaging lessons, including driving battery operated child sized cars and scooter riding with police officers!



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

August 14, 2024

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Families will have the opportunity to engage with Crime Stoppers Grey Bruce and Victim Services Bruce Grey to learn about their programs and services. Following the fun and interactive learning sessions with police officers, families can enjoy a free BBQ and grab a goodie bag to take home.

The event will be held at **Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village** located in the Sulphur Springs Conservation Area (261123



Grey Road 28) south of Hanover, ON. The event will run from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM with sessions starting at 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM.

Please be sure to pre-register for this free event here:

[Schedule Appointment with Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village \(as.me\)](#)

To learn more about the Crime Prevention Action Table please visit:

[Priority Areas of Action - 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 Seeks Land Information for Future Community Housing Build

Bruce County Housing corporation has launched a Request for Information process to explore potential site opportunities.



August 14, 2024

On June 20, 2024, the Bruce County Housing Corporation (BCHC) Board of Directors [granted approval](#) for staff to proceed with the exploration of land acquisition opportunities for the development of a multi-residential community housing build within the inland region of Bruce County.

“Low-income indicators demonstrate a need for more deeply affordable housing across all geographic regions in Bruce County, with slight prominence in the Inland Region,” said Tina Metcalfe, Director of Human Services and CEO of Bruce County Housing Corporation. “Bruce County Housing Corporation looks forward to hearing from local municipalities, non-profit organizations, and other community landowners on the availability of properties within the inland region of Bruce County that could support the needs of our next housing development.”

Given the success of BCHC’s 35-unit Penetangore Place Community Housing development in Kincardine, and the ability to capitalize on key learnings from that build, it is recommended that the future inland region build be similar in design.

However, the size of the parcel of land acquired, zoning, and available funding will also play key roles in determining the number of units that can be constructed.

To ensure a future BCHC future build is financially viable and sustainable, land acquisition and build priorities must include leveraging surplus land or a willingness to explore below market transfer of ownership for land and development ready site opportunities (including servicing and zoning considerations).

Bruce County Housing Corporation has launched a Request for Information process to explore potential site opportunities. Further background information, site selection criteria, and an RFI submission form can be found on the Bruce County Website at: [www.brucecounty.on.ca/buildinbruce](http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/buildinbruce)

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## Bruce County Advocating for our Unique Needs at 2024 AMO Conference

Warden Peabody and Council will advocate on key issues impacting the County at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa, Ontario, from August 18 to August 21, 2024. The annual AMO conference is a key moment for municipalities to advocate for their needs with provincial officials.



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Warden Peabody and Council will discuss the following topics:

**Housing:** The County is asking that the province allow the County to establish a county-wide Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan to better address housing affordability.

Did you know: Dwelling values increased 76% between 2016 and 2021, 17% faster than the provincial average.

**Energy Host Communities:** The County is asking the province to establish a framework for the engagement of energy host communities and provide capacity funding for meaningful municipal engagement.

Did you know: Bruce County provides over 30% of Ontario's power.

**Poverty Reduction:** The County is asking the government to recommit to the transformation of Social Assistance through program redesign and increased rates for Ontario Work clients.

Did you know: A single individual living on Ontario Works receives a maximum benefit of less than \$5.25 an hour, while living wage in Bruce County is \$22.75 an hour. One of the highest rates in Ontario, second only to the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

**Rural Health:** The County is asking that rural municipalities be provided a mandatory voice in healthcare governance to address physician recruitment, access to primary care, and emergency department closures.

Did you know: Municipalities in Ontario contribute over \$481 million to funding long-term care, paramedics, and public health, yet only 10% of municipalities indicate they are meaningfully engaged in health governance.

**Community Safety & Wellbeing:** The County is asking for permanent funding for the Grey Bruce Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan, and the Situation Table for Acutely Elevated Risk (STAR Table).

Did you know: The STAR Table had over 25 interventions in 2023, saving police and paramedics over \$16,600 in just one of those interventions.

**Long Term Care:** The County is asking the province to address the erosion of funding for municipal long-term care, an area of provincial responsibility.

Did you know: The cost to deliver long-term care has increased by 79% since 2017, tripling the cost to the County tax levy.

**Infrastructure:** The County is asking the province to provide access to infrastructure funding for municipalities that do not have housing targets but are seeing significant growth.

Did you know: Saugeen Shores had more housing starts than Woodstock last year. Yet Woodstock can access infrastructure funding, and Saugeen Shores cannot.

**Transportation:** The County is asking the province to provide permanent funding for the Owen Sound Wiarton Transit route.

Did you know: The Community Transit Grant for the Owen Sound Wiarton route is ending in March 2025. Without this support, the route cannot continue.

“We applaud the province’s investment in addressing the housing crisis in Ontario, the investments made in healthcare in Bruce and Grey County, and the commitment to clean energy and new nuclear projects. It is clear the province recognizes Bruce County as a region that can deliver for Ontario. None of this would be possible without our Members of Provincial Parliament, Minister Thompson, and Mr. Byers. We thank them for being tireless champions. AMO provides us an opportunity to continue the dialogue with the province regarding the needs of Bruce County,” said Warden Peabody.

### **Bruce County is unique:**

Bruce County, within the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, consists primarily of rural communities with a collective population of less than 75,000. Nestled between Lake Huron and Georgian Bay, we are known for our natural heritage, and as a destination for all Ontarians.

We supply 30% of Ontario’s electricity, and our region is relied upon to contribute to the pressing electrification of Canadian society through major energy investments, including Bruce Power’s Major Component Replacement (the largest infrastructure project in Canada), and other large-scale initiatives under consideration such as 4800 megawatts in new nuclear electricity generation, a nuclear waste deep geological repository, a pumped storage facility, and a large-scale battery storage facility. Additionally, a significant proportion of the world’s supply of medical isotopes (used to sterilize equipment and treat cancer) are produced by Bruce Power, in our region.

Bruce County is expected to grow by more than 20,000 residents by 2045. Currently, 45% of renters spend more than 30% of income on housing, and dwelling values have increased by 76% between 2016 and 2021, 17% faster than the provincial average, making housing affordability a challenge.

The Stratford-Bruce Economic Region had an unemployment rate of 2.5% in June 2024, continuing a 10-year trend of having one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country. Bruce County also has a living wage of \$22.75 an hour, the second highest rate in Ontario, just below the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). These factors make it harder for local employers to attract and retain a great workforce.

Bruce County receives the lowest provincial and federal funding among a group of six comparator upper-tier County governments. This impacts our ability to deliver effective services.

These unique facts about Bruce County underscore the importance of having a voice at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference and ensuring our provincial partners understand our unique needs. Please reach out to Aaron Stauch (Director, Government Relations) at [astauch@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:astauch@brucecounty.on.ca) if you want to arrange an interview with the Warden during the AMO conference.

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## Council Meeting Highlights - Thursday, August 15, 2024

Bruce County Council met on August 15, 2024 beginning at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers and virtually through Teams. Video recordings of the meeting can be reviewed at [www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes](http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes)



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### **Bruce County Council Meeting**

Warden Peabody presented the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association Award of Excellence to the Bruce County Economic Development Spruce the Bruce program.

After a Public Meeting, Council approved Bruce County Official Plan Amendment Application C-2024-003 for lands described as Range Lake Pt Lot 32 (Saugeen Township) in the Town of Saugeen Shores. Council directed the Clerk to bring forward a by-law to adopt the Official Plan Amendment. [Report](#)

Council received a presentation from Kate Burns Gallagher from the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus on 2024 Priorities. [Report](#)

Council received the Q2 2024 Summary of Awarded Tenders from Corporate Services. [Report](#)

Council received the Q2 2024 Summary of Purchasing Policy Suspension Approvals from Corporate Services. [Report](#)

Council received the Q2 2024 Financial Statement Review from Corporate Services. [Report](#)

Council received the Q2 2024 Licensed Childcare and Early Years Report from Human Services. [Report](#)

Council received the Q2 2024 Housing Services Report from Human Services. [Report](#)

Council approved that a by-law be passed to establish Part 2 on survey Plan 3R10721, being a 2.56 metre widening, as part of the Public Highway System for Bruce County and forming part of Bruce Road 20. [Report](#)

Council approved that a by-law be introduced to appoint officers to enforce by-laws of Bruce County. Council approved that By-law Numbers 2019-053 and 2022-070 be repealed. [Report](#)

Council approved the Bruce County Emergency Response Plan and directed the Clerk to bring forward a by-law to adopt the Plan. Council approved that By-law 4129 be repealed. [Report](#)

Council approved the Debt Management Policy and that a by-law be introduced to adopt the policy. [Report](#)

Council approved the 2024 Bruce County Asset Management Plan and that the financial implications of the Asset Management Plan be brought forward as part of the 2025 budget process. [Report](#)

Council approved By-law 2024-047, a by-law to authorize a Municipal Funding Agreement on the Canada Community-Building Fund. [By-law](#)

Council approved By-law 2024-048, being a by-law to establish and assume Part 2, 3R10721, being a 2.56 metre widening adjacent to Bruce Road 20, as part of the public highway system for Bruce County. [By-law](#)

Council received communication from Grey Bruce Board of Health on July meeting Agenda & Previous Minutes. [Communication](#)

Council received communication on the Minutes of the July 4, 2024 Striking Committee Meeting. [Communication](#)

Council received communication from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming on Underserved Cellular Communication Services in Rural and Urban Centres in Ontario. [Communication](#)

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## Bruce County Asset Management Plan Endorsed

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August 16, 2024

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Our Assessment Management Plan highlights:

- \$1.19 Billion in County owned assets;
- 75% of the County assets are in fair or better condition;
- 2.5% in the annual reinvestment rate needed to eliminate the infrastructure deficit.

Council heard that the 2.5% reinvestment rate is the tax contribution needed to maintain the current level of County infrastructure over the next 13 years.

“The County has endorsed the Association of Municipalities of Ontario call for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review. This review calls on the province to engage in discussions with municipalities to renew the municipal funding model and to deliver for the people of Bruce County. Bruce County receives a fraction of the expected annual capital replacement costs for infrastructure from federal and provincial levels of government, roughly 10%. Without a new funding model, the County and property tax levy will continue to be on the hook for infrastructure renewal,” said Warden Peabody.

The County is actively engaged in discussion with the province to address these challenges. Next week at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference, Bruce County is meeting with the Ministry of Infrastructure to advocate for access to the money that large municipalities receive.

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## Bruce County Long Term Care Thanks Placement Students and Staff Mentors

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"We express our sincere appreciation and thanks to our valuable student colleagues. They have done outstanding work supporting residents and families. We look forward to seeing them continue their future careers in long term care here in Bruce County," said Director Megan Garland. "Thank you also to the amazing Brucelea Haven and Gateway Haven staff who acted as mentors and preceptors for our placement students. You have shared your professional expertise and your passion

and commitment to the care and well-being of senior residents. Together we make a difference!”

Student placement opportunities are available year-round with Bruce County Long Term Care and Senior Services. High school students and college and university students are welcome to explore a number of health, care, recreation and leisure, food services, dietary, and maintenance learning opportunities that can fulfill their co-op and clinical placement requirements. Joining Bruce County’s team will offer the skills and hands-on experience needed to secure an in-demand career in long term care doing very important work in our community.

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

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## Tell Us What You Think: Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre Experience Survey Open Until August 23

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre calls on community members to take part in a survey about your experience with the Museum.



August 19, 2024

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre calls on community members to take part in a survey about your experience with the Museum.

This experience survey is part of BCM&CC's development of a three-year plan to improve communications and marketing to better serve County residents, members, and visitors. Insights will help the Museum better communicate, connect, and serve local communities and visitors!

The 10-minute survey includes multiple choice and brief written response questions addressing subjects like how you receive information from the Museum and what content interests you most. The results are anonymous, and your honest feedback is welcomed.

Available until August 23, 2024, find the survey at [brucemuseum.ca](http://brucemuseum.ca) or directly at [Tell Us What You Think: Bruce County Museum Experience Survey](#).

### 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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## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in Sauble Beach on August 24

Please take notice that Bruce County is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at the Amabel Works Yard at 413 Municipal Road in Sauble Beach, ON. The event will run from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



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

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

Please note that commercial waste, agricultural waste, industrial waste, PCB's, ammunitions, and flares will not be accepted.

Only containers with a volume of 30 litres or less will be accepted. Waste must be received in containers that can be disposed of. Containers will not be emptied and returned (ie. gas cans). Empty metal paint cans are blue box recyclable.

Discover more about Household Hazardous Waste Collection at: [www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste](http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste)

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

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## A more prosperous Ontario demands a modern provincial-municipal fiscal partnership

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In early January, AMO, a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments, highlighted the need for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review as part of its Pre-Budget Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

Municipalities provide infrastructure and critical services that are central to Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life, investing nearly \$65 billion annually in communities. The fiscal framework that municipalities rely on to deliver infrastructure and services is broken – failing residents, small businesses and major industries. Unlike the province, municipal revenues do not grow with the economy or inflation. New realities, including the pressures of growth, economic factors like inflation and

interest rates, social challenges, and provincial policy decisions are pushing municipalities to the brink.

Bruce County welcomes the opportunity to partner with AMO and Premier Ford – we can work together to get it done for Ontarians. We urge your government to commit to this review at the upcoming AMO conference.

“A recent report to Council showed that Bruce County contributes over \$37 Million to areas of traditional provincial responsibilities like housing, childcare, and long-term care. This has put pressure on Bruce County. We support AMO’s call for a review of the provincial-municipal fiscal framework. Doing so will ensure the long-term health of our municipalities,” said Warden Peabody.

Last adjusted in 2008, a review of provincial-municipal financial arrangements is long overdue. Municipalities continue to subsidize the provincial treasury by almost \$4 billion each year by paying for provincial responsibilities such as social housing, long-term care, public health, childcare and social services. Ontario’s property taxes are already the second highest in the country, while provincial spending per capita is the lowest in Canada. Property taxpayers, including small business owners and seniors on fixed incomes, can’t afford to keep paying provincial costs.

Ontario’s provincial and municipal governments have a strong history of collaboration. Bruce County and AMO believe the time is right for a province-wide conversation where municipalities and the province come together to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances province-wide.

*Quote from AMO President Colin Best:*

“Ontarians expect governments to work together and respect tax dollars. Local governments need help to address affordability, invest in infrastructure and the economy, and tackle social challenges like increasing homelessness. Working together, AMO believes that the province and municipalities can build a better Ontario.”

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## NOTICE: Upcoming Lane Closures on Bruce Road 7 and Grey-Bruce Line

Please take notice that micro-surfacing asphalt maintenance will be taking place in August 2024 on Bruce Road 7, between Concession 12 and South Line, and on Grey-Bruce Line between Bruce Road 40 and Concession 4. Motorists can expect short-duration lane closures, with traffic control measures in place, starting late August 2024 and ending in mid-September 2024.



August 21, 2024

Please take notice that micro-surfacing asphalt maintenance will be taking place in August 2024 on Bruce Road 7, between Concession 12 and South Line, and on Grey-Bruce Line between Bruce Road 40 and Concession 4. Motorists can expect short-duration lane closures, with traffic control measures in place, starting late August 2024 and ending in mid-September 2024.

The section of Bruce Road 7 and Grey-Bruce Line described above will have signage in place during the lane closures. Users are asked to be patient and drive safely as the Contractor works to complete the asphalt maintenance work.

Duncor Enterprises Inc. has been awarded the micro-surfacing asphalt maintenance work. Bruce County will be conducting

the Contract administration and inspection of the work.

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

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

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## Notice of Study Completion - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the Durham Street Bridge (Walkerton, Bruce County)

The planning for this project initially followed the planning process established for Schedule 'C' activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) document. Schedule 'C' projects must complete all five phases of the Class EA. The purpose of the MCEA was to identify any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposal and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any impacts.



August 21, 2024

**THE PROJECT:** The County of Bruce initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process in February 2021 to address safety concerns associated with the Durham Street Bridge which spans the Saugeen River along Bruce Road 4 in the community of Walkerton, Ontario. Recent inspections of the structure had identified deterioration with several bridge components. Following consideration of various alternatives and significant input from members of the public, repair/rehabilitation of the crossing was selected as the preferred alternative. The required works can be completed using staged construction, which will allow a single lane of traffic to be maintained over the crossing during completion of the work.

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS:** The planning for this project initially followed the planning process

established for Schedule 'C' activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) document. Schedule 'C' projects must complete all five phases of the Class EA. The purpose of the MCEA was to identify any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposal and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any impacts. The process included consultation with the public, stakeholders, Aboriginal communities, and review agencies. Following selection of the preferred alternative, it was determined that the proposed works were a Schedule B activity. The Environmental Report documenting the environmental assessment process conducted is available for public review on the project website at [www.walkertonbridgestudy.ca](http://www.walkertonbridgestudy.ca). Hard copies can be made available upon request.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** For further information on this project, please contact the project engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd., 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone (519) 524-2641. Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: [kvader@bmross.net](mailto:kvader@bmross.net)). **Interested persons may provide written comments to the project team by September 20, 2024.** All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Kelly Vader at BMROSS or Ryan Errington, Engineering Manager, County of Bruce. Bruce County Transportation Department, 30 Park Street, P.O. Box 70, Walkerton, ON NoG 2Vo. By phone: (519) 881-1291. By email: [rerrington@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:rerrington@brucecounty.on.ca)

A request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only because the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester's contact information, full name, and what kind of order is being requested (a request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to: Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3 [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca) and Director, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor Toronto ON, M4V 1P5 EAB [Director@ontario.ca](mailto:Director@ontario.ca).

Requests should also be copied to the County of Bruce by mail or by email. Please visit the ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under Section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-part-ii-order>.

All personal information included in your request is collected under the authority of section 30 of the Environmental Assessment Act and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

*Ryan Errington, Engineering Manager, County of Bruce  
This Notice issued August 21, 2024*

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## NOTICE: Temporary Closure of Bruce Road 10 at Concession 6, north of Chesley

Please take notice that Bruce Road 10 at Concession 6, north of Chesley, will be closed on August 28, 2024, from approximately 6:30 AM until 5:00 PM for culvert replacement, weather permitting. There will be no through traffic. Signage will be in place during this closure identifying an alternate route.



August 21, 2024

Please take notice that Bruce Road 10 at Concession 6, north of Chesley, will be closed on August 28, 2024, from approximately 6:30 AM until 5:00 PM for culvert replacement, weather permitting. There will be no through traffic. Signage will be in place during this closure identifying an alternate route.

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