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August 2024

Important updates

New temporary subclass for aggregate extraction properties



MPAC has commenced a review of the aggregate extraction property inventory in light of the Minister of Finance filing [O. Reg. 295/24](#) under the *Assessment Act* and [O. Reg. 296/24](#) under the *Education Act* on July 5, 2024. These regulations

introduce a new industrial subclass for eligible land used for aggregate extraction (e.g., gravel pits) and prescribe a one-time reduced education tax rate for such eligible land specifically for the 2024 tax year.

We have identified eligible properties for this new subclass and provided the information to municipalities through Special Amended Notices (SANs) earlier

this month. An additional SAN listing will be provided in mid-September. Municipalities will also be able to access eligible properties through Municipal Connect under My Products.

We are committed to keeping you informed about the implementation of these new regulations. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this change or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact your local [Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Account Manager](#).



Connecting with our partners at AMO 2024

MPAC was pleased to join the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) as a presenter and exhibitor for their annual conference and 125th anniversary celebration in Ottawa this year.

Throughout the three-day event, our team actively engaged in discussions with municipal and provincial leaders. Members of our Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team welcomed delegates to our booth, where we showcased our latest products and services, gained a deeper understanding of our partners' key concerns, and addressed their most pressing questions.

“Attending the conference and connecting with our partners face-to-face is invaluable,” says Mary Dawson-Cole, Director, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations. “These interactions strengthen our relationships and provide us with crucial insights into their needs and priorities. Through these meaningful connections, we can collaboratively drive innovation and achieve our shared goals.”

MPAC Board Chair Alan Spacek, President and Chief Administrative Officer Nicole McNeill, and Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, Carmelo Lipsi, delivered our annual update to municipalities. They highlighted priorities and recent operational developments over the last year and shared our latest tools, property insights, and market trends.

A key part of the session focused on our Data Strategy. We shared how MPAC data can be leveraged for informed municipal decision-making and included examples of how municipalities use our data to build stronger communities.

“Data is the cornerstone of effective decision-making and strategic planning,” says Jamie Bishop, MPAC’s Vice-President, Public Affairs and Customer Experience. “In today’s rapidly evolving property landscape, having accurate and timely data is crucial for understanding trends, making informed choices, and driving meaningful progress. At MPAC, we are committed to harnessing the power of data to empower our partners and enhance community outcomes.”

We look forward to sharing more data examples, along with our collaborative work to support municipalities and their communities in future issues on InTouch and across our channels.

If you missed attending our session or if you’d like to join us again, Nicole McNeill, Carmelo Lipsi, and Jamie Bishop will present MPAC’s municipal update at our next webinar on September 11. Registration information is below.



Clockwise beginning left (from left to right): Municipal and Stakeholder Relations (MSR) Regional Managers Tracy McIntyre, Lynne Cunningham and Anne Haines with MSR Director, Mary Dawson-Cole (second from left); MSR Regional Manager Lynne Cunningham with Mike Burkett, Mayor of Severn Township; MSR Regional Managers Anne Haines and Lynne Cunningham with Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka; Presenting MPAC’s Annual Update at AMO.

 Upcoming webinar

MPAC Property Insights and Meeting the Evolving Needs of Our Partners – A Municipal Update

Join MPAC's President and CAO, Nicole McNeill, Vice-President and COO, Carmelo Lipsi, and Vice-President, Public Affairs and Customer Experience, Jamie Bishop, for our annual municipal update and learn more about:

- Our work to keep Ontario's property database current.
- How we continue to enhance the municipal and property owner experience.
- MPAC's Data Strategy and leveraging MPAC data for informed decision-making.
- Recent operational highlights, property insights, and market trends.

There will be time provided for questions.

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Time: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. EDT

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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

MPAC on the move

Just a friendly reminder that we'll be at the following September and October conferences:

- **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 26 – 28** Association française des municipalités de l'Ontario (AFMO) Conference in Clarence-Rockland.

- **September 29 – October 2** Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA) Conference in London.
- **October 1 – 5** International Plowing Match in Lindsay.
- **October 16 – 18** Ontario Municipal Administrators Association (OMAA) Fall Workshop in Huntsville.
- **October 25** Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus in Chatham-Kent.

If you're attending these conferences, stop by the MPAC booth! Our team is ready to showcase our latest products and services, answer your questions, and discuss ways to collaborate.

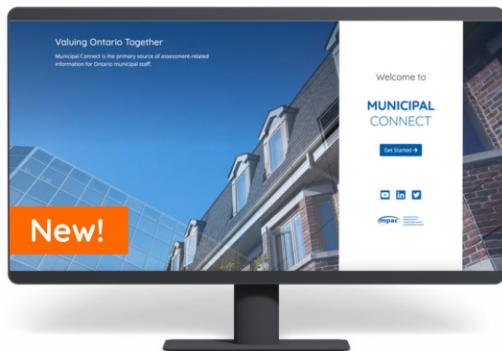
Friendly reminder

2024 Q2 New Assessment Forecast update now available

As part of our Service Level Agreement, MPAC provided municipalities with the 2024 Q2 New Assessment Forecast at the end of



July. We are projecting nearly \$41 billion, a slight increase from the Q1 forecast shared at the end of April. If you haven't done so, head to MyProducts on Municipal Connect and view your customized report now.



Time for a Municipal Connect refresh?

In the [June/July issue of InTouch](#), we shared some exciting product updates in Municipal Connect, like the MFIPPA-compliant notification

list and the new MPAC Data Report. To keep your team up to date with the latest enhancements and ensure they have the knowledge to leverage the platform successfully, schedule a virtual tutorial session. Your [local Municipal and](#)

[Stakeholder Relations Account Manager](#) can customize each session to meet your needs. Reach out 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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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 6, 2024

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Appoints Erik Downing as General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

ALL SAUGEEN WATERSHED MUNICIPALITIES – Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Municipality of Brockton, Township of Chatsworth, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Town of Hanover, Township of Howick, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, Municipality of South Bruce, Township of Huron-Kinloss, Municipality of Kincardine, Town of Minto, Township of Wellington-North, Town of Saugeen Shores, Township of Southgate, Municipality of West Grey.

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Erik Downing as General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer (GM/S-T), effective September 9th, 2024. Erik's appointment follows a comprehensive internal and external recruitment process, solidifying his leadership after having served in the Acting GM/S-T role over the past year.

With more than 20 years of experience in environmental management, natural hazard protection, conservation enforcement, and watershed governance Erik brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to this position. His extensive career across multiple Conservation Authorities, including 17 years with SVCA, has equipped him with a broad skill set and a profound understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the Saugeen, Teeswater, Pine, and Penetangore watersheds.

“Erik has provided strong leadership during this past year as Acting General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer. With his deep understanding of the watershed and the organization, we are confident that he will continue to guide SVCA with stability and vision as we move forward.”

- Barbara Dobreen, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board Chair

As a Provincial Offences Officer and a graduate of York University with a Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES), Erik has committed his career thus far to balancing safe and sustainable development with environmental protection. As SVCA looks to the future, Erik is committed to collaborating with the Board, stakeholders, and the broader community to strengthen the organization's role in environmental conservation.

Erik is eager to lead SVCA in continuing its mission to protect and manage the natural resources of the Watershed for future generations. His personal connection to the Saugeen watershed, where he resides with his family, bolsters his passion for conserving the local natural environment.

Erik's appointment marks a pivotal moment for SVCA, and his leadership is expected to bring stability and progress as the organization navigates evolving provincial mandates and growing environmental challenges.



Photo credit: Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. Photo 1: Headshot, Erik Downing. Photo 2: Erik Downing standing beside a 'Virgin Pine' tree in the Greenock Swamp.

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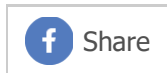
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September 2024 Newsletter

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An inclusive caring community.

**Collaborating to Bring Sensory Space to Ripley
Fall Fair**



Pictured above are members from the Ripley Agricultural Society, NWMO and CLKD with a big cheque from NWMO to support the Sensory Space at this year's Ripley Fall Fair.

To make the Ripley Fall Fair even more inclusive for people of all abilities and to support families/caregivers with young children, the Ripley Agricultural Society and Community Living Kincardine and District worked together to create a space with quiet sensory experiences where people of all ages and abilities can find calm.

This space can act as a redirection tool for parents and caregivers and/or a quiet place for people who are feeling overwhelmed but are not yet ready to leave the fair. This space also features a changing and feeding space for babies and their families.

With support from sponsors, NWMO & Trillium Mutual Insurance, sensory activities such as bins with kinetic sand and toys, mats, blankets, fidgets etc. will be provided for use. Noise cancelling headphones can be signed out and used while a person enjoys the fair to support people with sensitivities to sound.

The Fair is a highlight of fall for many and we are excited to help make it even more accessible for all!

The space, named Harmony Haven, will be located in the arena, outside of the exhibit hall in the first changeroom.

100 People Who Share Kicks off Fundraising Initiatives for Senior Supports



With the Support of 100 People who share, CLKD will facilitate the establishment of *intentional* community-based networks of people that will address mental and physical health, isolation, loneliness, and offer support for people age 55+.

CLKD will be building on research gathered during a previous grant that recognized relationships and sense of community are critical to actively aging and do not 'just happen.'

Through local research and feedback collected, we determined CLKD is well positioned to provide education, facilitated activities and mentorship that could assist the re-establishment of a culture of "neighbour supporting neighbour". This cost-efficient approach will assist community members and their caregivers in creating Networks with Purpose to maintain independence, well-being, and connection among people 55+, and their caregivers.

CLKD will be facilitating workshops, activities and promoting conversations on a grassroots approach to build on what already exists, while expanding community awareness beyond the agreed challenges of transportation and housing. The benefits and outcomes of such efforts

will increase community connections, strengthen a person's sense of belonging, and allow people to have options as they age in the Municipality of Kincardine and Township of Huron-Kinloss.

We would like to thank 100 People Who Share for investing in services and supports for those 55+ and their caregivers.

Summer Camp Leader in Training



In the photo collage, Bethany proudly wears her orange Leader in Training shirt (L.I.T). She is featured on the cover of the week 8 brochure as the L.I.T Volunteer of the week and giving a high 5 to a coworker.

I have been working at the Davidson Centre as a L.I.T (Leader in Training) for the kid's summer camp every Friday. I worked there last year and really liked it so I decided to do it again this year.

I work with kids in the summer camp program creating and helping with activities. We colour, play games, like peekaboo, and eat pizza.

I enjoy my role as a L.I.T and hope to do it again next year. I enjoy spending the day with the kids doing fun things and it is something I look forward to every week. When I get home, I like telling everyone about my day.

- Bethany Collins
(Translated)

Music in The Fields



Pictured above is Randy enjoying the outdoor concert, Music in the Fields.

Music in the Fields was great for another year.

It's something I look forward to every summer. I got to see people I know and say "hey". I like country music so this was my kind of concert; I like the entertainment. The Recklaws were my favourite band I saw and sang along with. We went to the food truck for dinner and I got poutine - one of my favourite meals.

Lots of people stopped by to say "hey" at our picnic table. They were happy to see me and I was happy to see them. I got a glow bracelet from folks we were next to.

The concert was so packed it felt like a maze to get out of there. I sat by some people who were rowdy. As the night went on people were drinking a lot. I would like to go again, but maybe not around people that were so hammered, haha.

- Randy Smith

Youth Connections Wraps Up for 2024



Youth are featured throughout the photo collage in the kitchen cooking and preparing food, outside around a campfire and feeding and watering chickens.

This summer, Youth Connections was nothing short of amazing!

We tackled a wide range of learning experiences while having an absolute blast. We embarked on regular visits to Allies for Alley Cats, the Kincardine Trails, and PAWS, where we built valuable volunteer skills and fostered community connections. The youth thoroughly enjoyed their time outdoors, especially interacting with animals. They learned to care for chickens, ducks, rabbits, goats, and cats, all while socializing with these adorable creatures. Additionally, we took pride in maintaining the trails we often walk, ensuring they were safe and tidy for everyone to enjoy. The cat shelter was a highlight as we witnessed three new kittens grow bigger each week!

Our day trips this summer were equally memorable. At Camp Kintail, the youth had the opportunity to try archery, rock climbing, disc golf, geocaching, fire building, and more! Many faced their fear of heights, conquering the rock wall and high ropes. We also visited MacGregor Point Provincial Park, where we engaged in pond dipping and observed various species in swampy areas. A wildlife show at the park allowed us to learn about snakes, raccoons, and birds.

Our final day trip took us to the Grey Roots Museum where we explored the fascinating ways animals have inspired technology and delved into the history of Grey County. The Moreston Village, with its antique-style buildings, offered a glimpse into 19th-century life, complete with demonstrations by a woodworker, blacksmith and an old-fashioned mechanic.

Beyond our day excursions, we enjoyed several other summer highlights. At Family Funland,

youth raced around the go-cart track and scored impressive results in mini golf. Our visit to Prance inspired many to volunteer with excitement brewing about future visits. We also engaged in recreational activities such as yoga, lawn bowling, cooking, art classes, and board games where youth discovered they enjoyed some activities they weren't sure of originally. Life skills were developed throughout all of these experiences and some our engaging lessons even sparked conversations about budgeting!

Overall, this summer was an extraordinary experience. Youth Connections continues to grow and improve each year. My time working with Community Living Kincardine & District has been nothing short of wonderful! I wish the best to all the youth throughout the school year!

-YC Team Leader, Abby

Bethany and Catherine Take on the Track!



Above is a group photo of the Kincardine Special Olympic Athletes in the parking lot at their meet in Midland

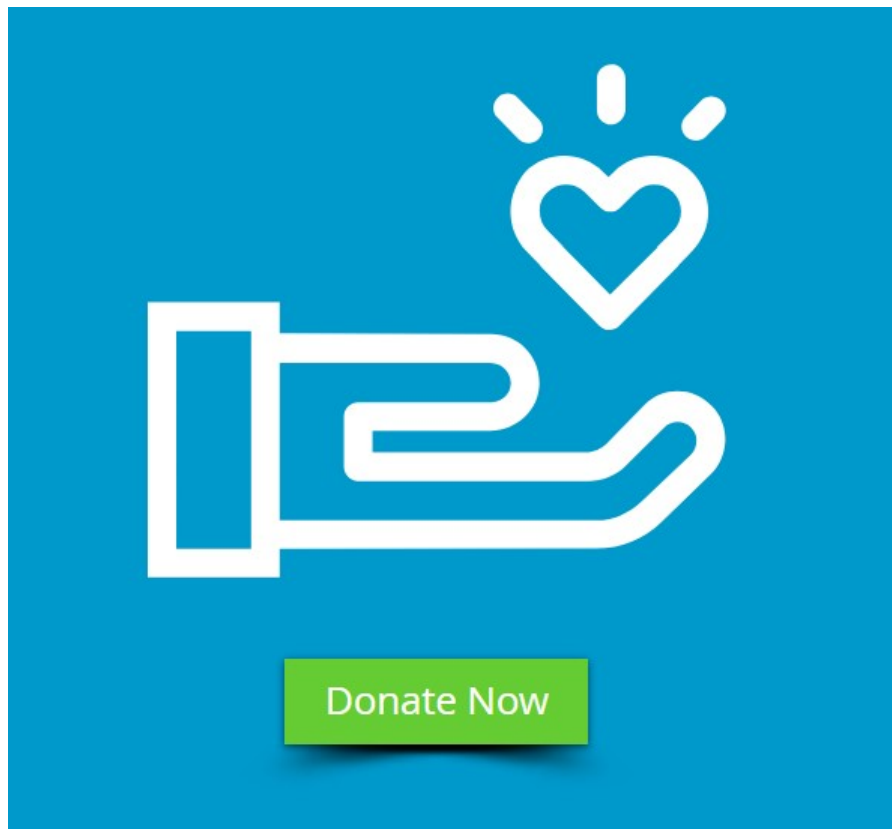
I did so much running yesterday [at the track meet]... I ran a pile! It was a great time. It was so fun to cheer on my friends. [I am] so happy that we did it! All our practices paid off. We've been working so hard.

- Catherine Benjamin

My favorite event running. I liked spending time with friend and the food!

- Bethany Collins
(Translated)

Generator Fundraiser



As we begin to rely more heavily on electricity in our 24 hour supported homes for personal lifts, CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) machines, recharging electric wheelchairs, and the safety and security of residents, we, Community Living Kincardine & District and the Families of people supported, are seeking support in the purchase of a generator to ensure an uninterrupted power supply during outages.

In the recent years we have experienced longer outages due to more extreme weather occurrences, highlighting the need for a generator. With a goal of uninterrupted support for residents living with a developmental disability and specific physical support needs at the Saratoga home, we are raising \$75,000 for the purchase of a commercial generator.

If you wish to support this initiative, you may [donate online](#), drop off cash or a cheque to the Community Living Kincardine & District office at 286 Lambton Street or e-transfer to donations@clkd.ca with a note indicating the donation is in support of a generator. We thank you in advance for your support.

Upcoming Events & Activities



Baby & Me

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Baby & Me Groups

Running Every Thursday of the Month!

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

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



National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October

The purpose of Disability Employment Awareness Month is to promote employment inclusion for people who experience disability and to celebrate the many and varied contributions of workers with disabilities.

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



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REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION 7

September 5, 2024

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



As the end of the vibrant summer season approaches and we transition into fall, we are excited to bring you the latest updates and opportunities to enhance and grow tourism in our beautiful region.

In This Newsletter:

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

Explore, Dream, Discover Social Media Feature

Introducing **ExploreDreamDiscover**, a weekly social media feature designed to inspire and help visitors plan their next BruceGreySimcoe adventure. We spotlight 2 to 3 of the region's best local operators, attractions, events, and experiences each week, offering you a *FREE* advertising opportunity to showcase your business. The boosted social media post, paid by RTO7, will help you reach thousands of potential visitors across BruceGreySimcoe's highly engaged social media platforms. Whether you're looking to boost your fall or winter visibility, attract more visitors, or share something new, this is a simple and effective way to get noticed.

To request a feature in **ExploreDreamDiscover**, please reach out to **Allison Davies**, Communications Assistant and inquire about availability in our social media calendar. Here's what we need from you: after determining availability, simply provide Allison with 3 to 5 high-resolution images along with information about what you'd like to showcase. It's that easy! Don't miss the chance to be featured in this highly popular advertising opportunity!

Destination Ontario Updates

The 'Always ON' Content Intake Form is an excellent way to engage with Destination Ontario. Your submissions help fuel Destination Ontario's content marketing efforts and may be used in any of the following marketing initiatives:

- Ongoing organic and/or paid media efforts
- Media relations and broadcast activities
- Trade itineraries
- Business development training
- Educating their travel counsellors and contact centre staff to include in their recommendations

DMOs and sector associations can share content through the Always ON Partner Content Intake Form linked [HERE](#).

For Tourism Businesses & Events, Destination Ontario has created a separate Content Intake Form linked [HERE](#).

Funding & Business Support

Tourism Growth Program

The Tourism Growth Program (TGP) provides \$108 million over 3 years (2023-2026) to support communities, small and medium-sized businesses and not-for-

profit organizations in developing local tourism products and experiences. The current intake period is open until September 17, 2024, at 4:59 pm EST.

To benefit as many tourism operators as possible, FedDev Ontario is focusing this intake on new applicants only. Guides on how to apply and the application links can be found on the [FedDev ON TGP website here](#).

Webinars, Workshops & Events

- **September 10, Collingwood Tourism Master Plan Open House, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm**
Save the date and join fellow tourism stakeholders at the Collingwood Public Library for an Open House where the draft Tourism Master Plan will be presented for public awareness and discussion. Learn more at [Engage Collingwood here](#).
- **September 12, Online - 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 12, Online - Equity, Diversity & Inclusion: Hiring & Retention, 12 to 1 pm**
Rainbow Registered is hosting an impactful webinar series with diversity champion Ren Navarro. This session will look into the details of hiring and retention and answer your questions about how DEI concepts can (and should) impact your hiring processes. [Click here to register for this free online event](#).
- **September 17, Online - Four County Labour Market Planning Board AGM, 6 to 7 pm**

This virtual meeting will include a message from the board chair and a presentation of the annual report of activities with the Executive Director. To register for the event, email executivedirector@planningboard.ca.

- **September 17, Online - Business Basics 101: Writing a Business Plan, 12 to 1 pm**

Hosted by Nottawasaga Futures, this essential workshop is designed to help you get started on your business journey. Learn the key sections and requirements necessary to create a comprehensive plan. Register for this free online session [here](#).

- **September 17, XcelerateHER Entrepreneurial Lessons for Small Business Owners, 1 to 3 pm**

Join the South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre for the next XcelerateHER speaker event at the Blue Mountains Public Library in Thornbury. The session will be packed with insights and actionable education for new and seasoned business owners. [Register for free today](#).

- **September 17, Online - Web Presence 101: Ensuring Your Foundation is Set, 10 to 11 am**

Having a strategy for your online presence allows you to market your small business online so customers can easily find you. Join the Digital Main Street squad and learn how to build the foundation for your business's web presence. Register to attend the free webinar [here](#).

- **September 18, Loss Prevention for your Business, 1 to 4 pm**

Jointly hosted by the Orillia Area CDC, City of Orillia, Experience Simcoe County and Orillia & Lake Country, this hands-on workshop has been designed to empower your business with essential loss prevention and security strategies. [Register your attendance](#) for this event at Rama Community Hall here. Tickets are \$65 pp + HST.

- **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!](#)

- **September 26, Business Model Canvas Workshop, 1 to 3:30 pm**
Hosted by the Town of Wasaga Beach and the South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre, this in-person event will dive into the art of crafting a successful business model canvas. Perfect for aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners looking to enhance their understanding of their business model. [Sign up](#) for the free workshop now.
- **October 3, Grey County Rural Communications Summit, 8:45 am to 4 pm**
At this one-day conference event, participants will have the opportunity to hear first-hand accounts from other public sector communicators, hear from industry experts, and make connections through organized networking. Registration is \$152 pp and the event is taking place at the Best Western Inn on the Bay in Owen Sound. Don't miss out on this great event by registering [here](#) now.
- **October 10, Orillia Area CDC Lunch N' Learn - Adaptive Innovation, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm**
Join the Orillia Area CDC at Casino Rama for a day of networking, inspiring stories, education and delicious food! This annual event will explore the transformative power of adaptive intelligence, innovation, and the future. Early bird prices are available until September 13. Don't wait - [get your tickets](#) today!
- **October 22 to 23, 2024 Ontario Tourism Summit**
Join TIAO and its members for their annual 2-day conference in Hamilton. This year's summit is about Awareness, Collaboration, and Making it Happen. Register at the Advanced Member Pricing rate until September 2 on the [TIAO website here](#).
- **November 5, Hire & Keep Apprentices, 8:15 to 10:30 am**
Join the Four County Labour Market Planning Board for breakfast followed by a workshop at Trillium Mutual Insurance in Listowel. The workshop will provide small and mid-sized employers with the knowledge and resources needed to attract, train, and retain apprentices. Reserve your spot [here](#).

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- **November 19, Tourism Simcoe County Partner Meeting, 9:30 am to 1 pm**

Simcoe County tourism stakeholders are invited to attend the 2024 partner meeting at Fern Resort. The meeting will include a presentation of their draft 2024 work plan, provide an update on the Craft Beverage Development project, and share their latest visitor statistics from the County. [Register here](#) for this free meeting including a networking lunch and optional tour of the Resort!



Correction: The July edition of our Industry Newsletter was published with an error.

Andrea Hamlin 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 her work, visit AndreaHamlinPhotography.com.



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RTO7 Programs and Resources

Our programs and resources aim to support business growth, foster collaboration, promote sustainability, provide market insights, attract more visitors, and improve tourism experiences in BruceGreySimcoe. Click on the links below for more info:

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 - **Partnership Programs**
 - **GoEV Funding Program**
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 - **T3 Accelerator**
 - **Tech Compass**
 - T3 Accelerator Podcast
 - **Tourism Biz Bites from the 7**
 - **Implementation Programs**
 - **Operations Implementation Program (OIP)**
 - **Recruitment Implementation Program (RIP)**
 - **Sustainability Inclusivity Program (SIP)**
- **Resources**
 - **Careers in Tourism**
 - **Resource Guide**
 - **RTO7 Connection Blog**
- Are You Listed?
 - **FREE Tourism Operator Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com**
- Need Help Pushing Out a Promotion?

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- Add Your Festival or Event!
 - **FREE Festivals and Events Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com**



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For Immediate Release
September 11, 2024

YMCA Peace Medal Nominations are Now Open!!

The prestigious YMCA Peace Medal honours people of all ages from coast to coast who are helping to build better communities by exemplifying the values of PEACE.

Owen Sound, ON —The YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce is calling on our community to nominate a Peacemaker for our annual YMCA Peace Medal. This award honours an individual or group who, without any special resources, status, wealth, or position, has demonstrated a commitment to building peace within our community or globally.

Participation, Empathy, Advocacy, Community and Empowerment: these are the values the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce is looking for in the next recipient of the YMCA Peace Medal. **Residents are invited to visit ymcaowensound.on.ca/peace-week and nominate a deserving person or group for this award before Friday, October 18.** Hard copies of the nomination package are available at our YMCA Health, Fitness & Aquatics facility.

The YMCA Peace Medal was developed in 1987 by the International Committee at the YMCA of Fredericton. Here at our YMCA, we have honoured 26 individuals and 13 groups from our community, who inspire us with their actions. A list of those recipients can be found on the YMCA website.

The 2023 YMCA Peace Medal was awarded posthumously to Sharif Rahman for his exceptional contributions to peace-building within the community and beyond. Despite his passing in August 2023, Sharif's legacy continues to resonate with those who knew him and shines in our community every day.

From November 16-23, during YMCA Peace Week, the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce, together with YMCAs across Canada, celebrate the presence of peace in our communities, and reflect on the peace-building work that happens all year both inside and outside the YMCA. Peacebuilding is core to the YMCA's commitment to strengthening the foundation of healthy communities and part of the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce's year-round programs.

YMCA Peace Week invites people of all ages to reflect on peace, to talk, and to take action, individually and with others. It is during this week that the 2023 YMCA Peace Medal recipient will be announced and awarded the prestigious medal.

Learn more and find the nomination form here: ymcaowensound.on.ca/peace-week

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About YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce

The YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce is a charity dedicated to building a caring, healthy community by creating opportunities for all people to achieve personal growth in spirit, mind and body. We offer opportunities for personal development in many program areas: Health, Fitness, Aquatics and Recreation, Child Care, Community and Justice Programs, Settlement Services, Housing Support and Employment Services. Learn more on our website: www.ymcaowensound.on.ca

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Regional Tourism Organization 7 Secures Federal Funding to Propel the Tech Compass Program in Bruce, Grey and Simcoe Counties

September 18, 2024 - Thornbury, Ontario – The Regional Tourism Organization 7 (RTO7) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded crucial Government of Canada funding through the Tourism Growth Program, delivered in the region by the [Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario](#) (FedDev Ontario). This funding will support the implementation of the Tech Compass program, designed to empower tourism businesses in Bruce, Grey,

and Simcoe Counties through their technological advancements.

The Tech Compass program is a collaboration of efforts between RTO7, [Community Futures South Georgian Bay](#) and [Rappid Software Design](#). It aims to accelerate digital transformation in the tourism sector by providing businesses with the tools and knowledge needed to thrive in an increasingly digital landscape. This funding will provide up to 70 participating businesses across the region with access to expert guidance and resources to implement cutting-edge technologies that will improve operational efficiency and enhance guest experiences.

William Sullivan, CEO of RTO7, expressed his gratitude for the funding, stating: "This investment is a game-changer for the tourism industry in our region. The Tech Compass program will empower local businesses to embrace new technologies, enhance visitor experiences, and remain competitive in a rapidly evolving market. We are thrilled to see the federal government recognizing the importance of technological innovation in driving the future of tourism."

The Government of Canada continues to demonstrate its dedication to revitalizing and expanding the tourism sector through targeted support initiatives. Highlighting this commitment, the Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, stated: "The Tech Compass program is an exciting addition to the tourism ecosystem of Bruce, Grey and Simcoe Counties, bringing together key stakeholders and partners, like Community Futures South Georgian Bay, to help this key sector in the region reach new heights. Congratulations to Regional Tourism Organization 7 on this wonderful new tool, the Government of Canada is pleased to support initiatives like this through the Tourism Growth Program."

By fostering innovation and digital adoption, the Tech Compass program will help create and maintain jobs, attract new visitors, and strengthen the region's

economy. Tourism businesses in Bruce, Grey, and Simcoe Counties are encouraged to apply for the Tech Compass program. Successful applicants will receive support in assessing their digital needs, developing implementation plans, and executing technological upgrades.

For more information about the Tech Compass program and how businesses can apply, please visit techcompass.ca.

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About RTO7

[Regional Tourism Organization 7](#) (RTO7) provides strategic and collaborative leadership to build, sustain and grow tourism in [BruceGreySimcoe](#). We are one of 13 RTOs – independent, not-for-profit corporations - to which the Ontario government provides annual funding to lead tourism planning, marketing and development in their respective regions. Follow the RTO7 industry social media platforms for relevant tourism industry news and information on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About FedDev Ontario

For 15 years, the Government of Canada, through [FedDev Ontario](#), has worked to advance and diversify the southern Ontario economy through funding opportunities and business services that support innovation, growth and job creation in Canada's most populous region. The Agency has delivered impressive results, which can be seen in southern Ontario businesses that are creating innovative technologies, improving productivity, growing revenues, creating jobs, and in the economic advancement of communities across the region. Learn more about the impacts the Agency is having in southern Ontario by exploring our [investment profiles](#), our [Southern Ontario Spotlight](#), and FedDev Ontario's [X](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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Hello everyone,

On September 19, 2024, Fisheries and Oceans Canada posted the **Management plan for the Silver Lamprey (*Ichthyomyzon unicuspis*), Great Lakes-Upper St. Lawrence populations, in Canada** on the Species at Risk Public Registry.

You can access the document at the following links:

- **English:** [Management plan for the Silver Lamprey \(*Ichthyomyzon unicuspis*\), Great Lakes-Upper St. Lawrence populations, in Canada - Document search - Species at risk registry](#)
- **Français:** [Plan de gestion de la lamproie argentée \(*Ichthyomyzon unicuspis*\), populations des Grands Lacs et du haut Saint-Laurent, au Canada - Recherche de documents - Registre public des espèces en péril](#)

For any questions or further information regarding the Silver Lamprey, please reach out to Colin Illes at Colin.Illes@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Kind regards,

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CSWBP STAR Reducing Risk in Grey and Bruce Communities

The CSWBP Situation Table for Acutely Elevated Risk (STAR), is an evidence-informed initiative that involves over 35 partners from police services, human services, and other community agencies who work together to reduce the chance of imminent harm or victimization in situations where there is a combination of elevated risk factors.



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

September 27, 2024

The CSWBP Situation Table for Acutely Elevated Risk (STAR), is an evidence-informed initiative that involves over 35 partners from police services, human services, and other community agencies who work together to reduce the chance of imminent harm or victimization in situations where there is a combination of elevated risk factors.

The table works collaboratively to provide immediate interventions to individuals, families, neighborhoods, dwellings, and environments. The multidisciplinary partners use their combined expertise and experience to determine the threshold of Acutely Elevated Risk, to ensure risk is not only examined through one service provider's lens but all service representatives at the table.

STAR follows a 4-filter approach developed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the Ministry of the Solicitor General to ensure the highest standards of privacy and confidentiality.

What is Acutely Elevated Risk (AER)?

Acutely Elevated Risk (AER), is a situation that negatively affects the health and/or safety of an individual, family, group, or place where there is a high probability that there will be imminent and significant harm to self or others. The risk factors of these situations span across multiple human service disciplines.

2023 STAR Example

In 2023, STAR was able to support an individual with immediate wrap around support to provide them with the health and social services they required to improve their overall wellbeing and reduce their imminent risk of harm.

The intervention also reduced the individuals 911 calls from 53 in 2.5 months to 6 in the 2.5 months following the intervention, seeing an 89% reduction in 911 calls and over \$15,000 in cost reduction to police and EMS services. This was just 1 of 25 situations the table reduced the Acutely Elevated Risk in during 2023.

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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