

# Light Up the Holidays at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre invites families and friends to celebrate the season at its annual Light Up the Holidays event happening Friday, December 13, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.



#### November 27, 2024

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre invites families and friends to celebrate the season at its annual Light Up the Holidays event happening Friday, December 13, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

This year's event will feature performances by Erin Milley-Patey and her studio singers, adding a musical touch to the evening's festivities. Families will have the opportunity to take a photo with Santa himself, and make some traditional Victorian crafts, and watch live heritage demonstrations.

The evening will also feature face painting, a scavenger hunt, and *Holiday Storytime* presented by the Bruce County Public Library, which will have its Bookmobile on-site for those looking to borrow some books to read over the holidays.

Guests will enjoy complimentary refreshments, including coffee, tea, hot chocolate, snacks, and get hands-on with some

festive cookie decorating.

This event is proudly presented by Georgian College & Meridian; media partner 101.7 the One.

Seating for musical performances is limited – guests are encouraged to preregister to save their seats. No registration required for general on-floor programming. Walk-ins welcome! Members FREE; General admission applies.

For full event details and registration, visit 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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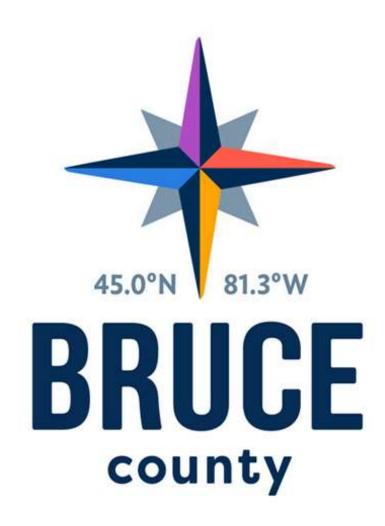
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# Winter Road Safety Reminder for Bruce County Roadways

The Bruce County Transportation Department reminds the public about Winter Road Safety. All roadway users must travel safely, share the road, and respect others.



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### Stay informed on Winter Road Conditions!

Explore the Bruce County Road Conditions webpage, which includes closure and conditions mapping, weather radar mapping, and detailed tables of closures and conditions on County-maintained roads. This information is provided as a public service and therefore drivers are encouraged to use care and caution in winter weather as these conditions can change at a moment's notice. <a href="https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/road-conditions">www.brucecounty.on.ca/road-conditions</a>

# Winter Road Safety!

Prepare for quickly changing conditions by having working winter tires, windshield wipers, and washer fluid. Stock your vehicle Emergency kit with a shovel, blanket, booster cables, flashlight, and more. Check road conditions and give yourself

extra travel time.

Avoid collisions by removing all snow and ice from your roof and windows, ensure windshield wipers are in working order, turn taillights on, reduce speed, leave extra space, avoid sudden braking and accelerating. Slippery conditions require caution. See and be seen!

Deciding to pass is a serious decision. Use your turn signals, consider conditions and obstacles, and look for approaching vehicles and vehicles passing from behind. Pavement lines are simply a guide and could be snow-covered. When there is ice and snow, take it slow.

Police close roads for safety. Do not drive on closed roads. In a whiteout, don't stop on the roadway. Find a driveway or parking lot to pull into. Vehicles parked or abandoned on roadways can be towed and fined. For winter road conditions, please visit <a href="https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/road-conditions">www.brucecounty.on.ca/road-conditions</a>.

When there's ice and snow, be patient and take it slow. Snow plow equipment travels at 25km/hr to 60km/hr working to keep roads safe. Passing a snow plow is never encouraged. If you pass, ensure adequate distance, road conditions, and space to return.

To drive or not to drive in wintery weather is a big decision. Ask yourself do you really need to travel, is it safe, and is it worth the risk? It's OK to stay where you are. Abandoned vehicles could be towed and fined. For road conditions, please visit <a href="https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/road-conditions">www.brucecounty.on.ca/road-conditions</a>.

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# Be Prepared for Winter Weather with an Emergency Kit for your Vehicle

Winter weather is right around the corner and Bruce County shares this reminder with the public to be prepared for winter storms with Emergency Kits for your home and vehicle.



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Winter weather is right around the corner and Bruce County shares this reminder with the public to be prepared for winter storms with Emergency Kits for your home and vehicle.

"Being prepared for winter weather includes being prepared while you are travelling. First responders may not be able to get to you right away due to call volume or weather conditions. Please be prepared to keep yourself and your family safe and warm until help can arrive," said Ray Lux, Bruce County Emergency Management Coordinator. "Motorists can be prepared with a Vehicle Emergency kit filled with items that will keep you more comfortable and safer in the event you get stranded due to closed roads or while waiting to be pulled out of a ditch."

What to include in a winter weather Emergency Kit for your vehicle:

Blanket and warm clothes, i.e. hats, gloves and a scarf

Snacks and water

Flashlight and extra batteries

Whistle

Cell phone charger

Portable snow shovel and ice scraper

Basic First Aid supplies

#### Additional items could include:

Booster cables

High visibility vest

Reflective safety triangle

Tow rope

It is also recommended that if you are heading out of the house, even just for a short trip or errands, that you dress for the weather. If you don't want to wear that heavy winter jacket or those winter boots, at least take them with you. Having them in the event of an emergency will keep you more comfortable and safer while waiting for assistance.

Prepared Emergency Kits for Vehicles can be purchased at a local store or online. Building your own kit is also an option. Discover more about Emergency Preparedness at <a href="https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared">www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared</a>

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# Bruce County holding 2024-2025 Inaugural Council Meeting on December 5, 2024

On Thursday, December 5, 2024, Bruce County will hold the inaugural Council Meeting of the 2024-2025 Bruce County Council term in the Council Chambers at the Walkerton Administration Centre. The Meeting will begin at 9:30 AM and will be livestreamed online on the Bruce County website.



#### November 29, 2024

On Thursday, December 5, 2024, Bruce County will hold the inaugural Council Meeting of the 2024-2025 Bruce County Council term in the Council Chambers at the Walkerton Administration Centre. The Meeting will begin at 9:30 AM and will be livestreamed online on the Bruce County website.

Bruce County's Councillors, the locally-elected Mayors of the eight lower-tier municipalities in the County, will elect a Warden and Deputy Warden for the 2024-2025 term in this inaugural meeting.

Bruce County Council for the 2024-2025 Term:

Chris Peabody - Municipality of Brockton

Don Murray - Township of Huron-Kinloss

Jay Kirkland - Town of South Bruce Peninsula

Kenneth Craig - Municipality of Kincardine

Luke Charbonneau - Town of Saugeen Shores

Mark Goetz - Municipality of South Bruce

Milt McIver - Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Steve Hamell - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Interviews and photo opportunities with the 2025 Warden and Deputy Warden will be available following the meeting. To schedule a one-on-one interview, please contact Adam Ferguson, Corporate Communications Specialist, at <a href="mailto:aferguson@brucecounty.on.ca">aferguson@brucecounty.on.ca</a> or 226-909-6399.

Discover more about Bruce County Council.

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# NOTICE: Temporary Removal of Crosswalk Ramps at the Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton

Please be advised that the pedestrian crosswalk ramps at the Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton will be temporarily removed during the upcoming severe winter weather event. This measure is to maintain operational effectiveness and ensure public safety on the roadway.



#### November 28, 2024

Please be advised that the pedestrian crosswalk ramps at the Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton will be temporarily removed during the upcoming severe winter weather event. This measure is to maintain operational effectiveness and ensure public safety on the roadway. The severe weather event is expected to start on Thursday, November 28, 2024, and the ramps will be reinstalled once normal operations resume. The crosswalk will remain in place and users are to use caution during this significant weather event.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete this important infrastructure work in Bruce County. Stay tuned for ongoing updates throughout this construction project on the Bruce County website newsfeed and social media

channels.

Visit the <u>Bruce County Winter Road Conditions Page</u>. Discover more about the <u>Walkerton Bridge Project</u>.

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# Bruce County Now Offers Electronic Transportation Permitting

The Bruce County Transportation & Environmental Services Department is pleased to announce that starting on Monday, December 2, 2024, residents and businesses can submit and manage over-dimensional load moving permits online using Permit Central, through Transnomis. An over-dimensional load permit is required when vehicles and loads traveling on Bruce County roads exceed the dimensions and/or weight limits as outlined in the Highway Traffic Act.



#### December 02, 2024

The Bruce County Transportation & Environmental Services Department is pleased to announce that starting on Monday, December 2, 2024, residents and businesses can submit and manage over-dimensional load moving permits online using Permit Central, through Transnomis. An over-dimensional load permit is required when vehicles and loads traveling on Bruce County roads exceed the dimensions and/or weight limits as outlined in the <a href="Highway Traffic Act">Highway Traffic Act</a>. Each permit has specific conditions that must be adhered to.

The new digital road permit system, Permit Central, streamlines the permitting process and significantly reduces the time and costs for both the applicant and the Transportation & Environmental Services Department. Applicants can quickly access their applications and all associated document uploads, communication logs, change logs, and more. Applicants will

be kept informed of status changes automatically and can retrieve historical data as needed.

Permit Central is also fully integrated with Municipal 511. Applicants can view road closures, construction, truck routes, and cautions as they map their route, allowing for adjustments to plans and timing to work around known road-use conflicts.

Visit the <u>Transportation Permits and By-laws webpage</u> to create an account and get started.

For additional support, please contact Bruce County Transportation & Environmental Services:

519-881-2400

transportationinfo@brucecounty.on.ca

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

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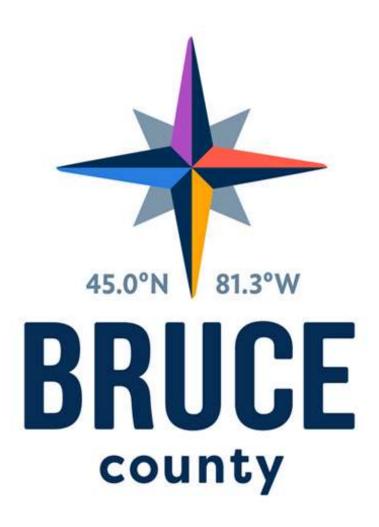
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# Bruce County Announces New Director of Information Technology Services

Bruce County is pleased to announce the appointment of Jaron Kerr as the new Director of Information Technology Services, effective December 2, 2024.



# December 02, 2024

Bruce County is pleased to announce the appointment of Jaron Kerr as the new Director of Information Technology Services, effective December 2, 2024.

As a member of the County's Senior Leadership Team, Jaron will manage teams responsible for end-user computing, server and network infrastructure, software management, cyber security, and voice and data communications.

Jaron is a dynamic and experienced IT executive with a demonstrated history of developing and managing comprehensive IT strategies that align with corporate goals and that enhance operational efficiency. He has held manager, supervisor, and analyst roles with Bruce County since 2007, most recently as the Infrastructure and Operations Manager responsible for

strategic and operational leadership, vendor management, and oversight of the organizational IT systems and security. Jaron previously spent 7 years in the private technology sector.

"I am very pleased to offer congratulations to Jaron Kerr, our new Director of Information Technology Services, who will drive important technological innovation and policy, manage cross-functional teams, and foster partnerships that will benefit our organization and the region," said Warden Chris Peabody.

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# 2024 Stuff-The-Ambulance Holiday Food Drives in Bruce County Communities

Join Bruce County's Paramedic Services and their local 911 Emergency Service partners for Stuff-The-Ambulance Holiday Food Drives across the region this December. All donations will be given to the local Food Banks.



#### December 03, 2024

Join Bruce County's Paramedic Services and their local 911 Emergency Service partners for Stuff-The-Ambulance Holiday Food Drives across the region this December. All donations will be given to the local Food Banks.

Help support your community this holiday season!

Wiarton Foodland – Saturday, December 7, 2024 – 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Kincardine Sobeys – Sunday, December 15, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Kincardine No Frills – Sunday, December 15, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

"Thank you for joining our first responders in supporting the local food banks this holiday season," says Bruce County Warden Chris Peabody, "Your generous contributions to this meaningful cause will support families in need in our

Discover more about Bruce County Paramedic Services.

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# Quirky, colourful, upcycled bird houses the feature of upcoming exhibit at Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre (BCM&CC) is delighted to announce the opening of its newest exhibit, For the Birds: Upcycled Bird Palaces, a whimsical showcase of one-of-a-kind birdhouses created by 81-year-old folk artist Graeme Chalmers.



### December 03, 2024

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre (BCM&CC) is delighted to announce the opening of its newest exhibit, *For the Birds: Upcycled Bird Palaces*, a whimsical showcase of one-of-a-kind birdhouses created by 81-year-old folk artist Graeme Chalmers.

The opening event will take place Saturday, December 14, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Guests are invited to fly on over to the BCM&CC for a first chance to see the exhibit and enjoy a casual afternoon of complimentary light refreshments and a cash bar. This free event is open to all, with RSVPs encouraged.

Chalmers, an artist with a lifelong passion for folk art, transforms ordinary thrift store finds into extraordinary birdhouses that are colourful, quirky, and full of charm. By upcycling discarded items like chess pieces, Scrabble tiles, toy wheels, and wooden

figurines, he breathes new life into forgotten treasures, creating abodes fit for the most discerning of feathered friends.

Don't miss the opportunity to experience this joyful exhibit and celebrate the beauty of upcycled art. The exhibit will run through April 30, 2025.

For full details on the exhibit and to RSVP for the exhibit opening, visit brucemuseum.ca.

# **About Graeme Chalmers**

Dr Graeme Chalmers has a distinguished career as an art educator. Born in Aotearoa/New Zealand he graduated in Fine Arts from the University of Auckland, attended Teachers' College, and taught art in Papakura, South Auckland, before a Fulbright award made it possible to study art education in the USA.

Graeme came to Canada in 1972, first to Sir George Williams (now Concordia) University in Montreal. 33 years at the University of British Columbia followed, along with many national and international awards. A list of his many publications can be found on www.millieandgraeme.ca

Now Graeme enjoys time in his studio workshop making and painting the colourful architectural fantasies you see in this exhibition.

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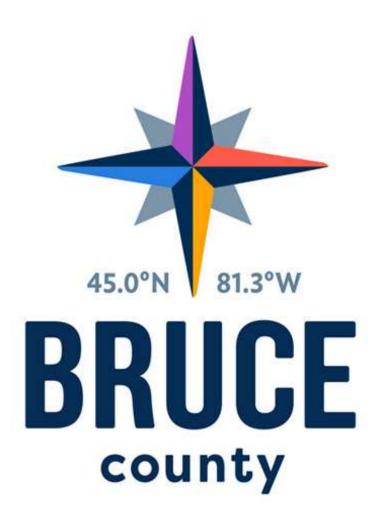
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# NOTICE: SSASO Event on Brant Tract Trails on December 7, 2024

Brant Tract trail users are advised that the Sleddog Sports Association of Southwestern Ontario (SSASO) is holding a timed racing event at Bruce County's Brant Tract on Saturday, December 7, 2024. The event will run from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.



# December 04, 2024

Brant Tract trail users are advised that the Sleddog Sports Association of Southwestern Ontario (SSASO) is holding a timed racing event at Bruce County's Brant Tract on Saturday, December 7, 2024. The event will run from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The Brant Tract Trails that will be affected by the event will include the West Road and Red Pine Loop. If you plan to visit the Brant Tract, please avoid these trails and respect event participants. Please keep your dogs on a leash at all times.

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

For more information about the SSASO training event, please visit: https://ssasoinfo.wixsite.com/ssaso/other-events-fundraisers

Discover more about Bruce County Trails.

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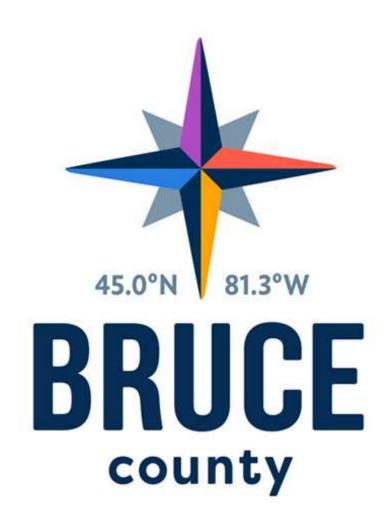
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# Bruce County Council Elects Saugeen Shores Mayor Luke Charbonneau as Bruce County Warden

On Thursday, December 5, 2024, the Inaugural Council Meeting of the 2024-2025 Bruce County Council term was held in the Council Chambers at the Walkerton Administration Centre. Bruce County's Councillors, the locally-elected Mayors of the eight lower-tier municipalities in the County, elected a Warden and Deputy Warden for the 2024-2025 term in this inaugural meeting.



#### December 05, 2024

On Thursday, December 5, 2024, the Inaugural Council Meeting of the 2024-2025 Bruce County Council term was held in the Council Chambers at the Walkerton Administration Centre. Bruce County's Councillors, the locally-elected Mayors of the eight lower-tier municipalities in the County, elected a Warden and Deputy Warden for the 2024-2025 term in this inaugural meeting.

Bruce County Council elected Luke Charbonneau, Mayor of the Town of Saugeen Shores, as Bruce County's Warden for the 2024-2025 term. This is Mayor Luke Charbonneau's first term as County Warden. Luke Charbonneau was elected to

municipal council in the Town of Saugeen Shores in 2006, served one term as Councillor, two terms as Deputy Mayor, and was acclaimed as Mayor in 2018 and 2022.

Bruce County Council also elected Don Murray, Mayor of the Township of Huron-Kinloss, as Bruce County's Deputy Warden for the 2024-2025 term. Don Murray was elected to municipal council in the Township of Huron-Kinloss in 2006, served three terms as Councillor, one term as Deputy Mayor, and was elected as Mayor in 2022.

Warden Charbonneau and Deputy Warden Murray were sworn into their 2024-2025 roles on Bruce County Council by Linda White, Bruce County Clerk. The position of Warden is achieved through a vote of peers on County Council, who manage the affairs of the County's shared community and resources. The Warden chairs Council meetings, represents Bruce County at official functions, acts as an official spokesperson, and much more. The Deputy Warden supports the Warden's duties in the Warden's absence.

"I am humbled and honoured to carry the responsibilities of Warden and I pledge to do my best to try to live up to the example set by outgoing Warden, Chris Peabody. It is a privilege to continue serving the residents and businesses of Bruce County," said Warden Luke Charbonneau. "Bruce County is a provincial and national leader in energy, agriculture, health care, and the fight against global climate change. We stand poised to be at the very heart of Ontario's prosperity. County Council strives to continue working with staff, key partners, neighbours, and as allies of the Saugeen Anishnaabek, to make life easier for young families and active seniors, and to deliver value for taxpayers with good planning, sound management, and affordable and reliable services."

"Thank you for this opportunity to be the Deputy Warden of Bruce County. I look forward to working with Warden Charbonneau and all Members of Council to advance important growth and support initiatives and to ensure that life in the County is better for all residents and the generations to come," said Deputy Warden Don Murray.

"On behalf of Bruce County Staff, I wish to congratulate Mayor Luke Charbonneau and Mayor Don Murray on their election. I look forward to the year ahead as we continue to make infrastructure and public service a priority, and plan for community and economic growth," said Chief Administrative Officer Christine McDonald.

Bruce County Council for the 2024-2025 Term:

Chris Peabody - Municipality of Brockton

Don Murray - Township of Huron-Kinloss

Jay Kirkland - Town of South Bruce Peninsula

Kenneth Craig - Municipality of Kincardine

Luke Charbonneau - Town of Saugeen Shores

Mark Goetz - Municipality of South Bruce

Milt McIver - Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Steve Hamell - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Discover more about <u>Bruce County Council</u>.

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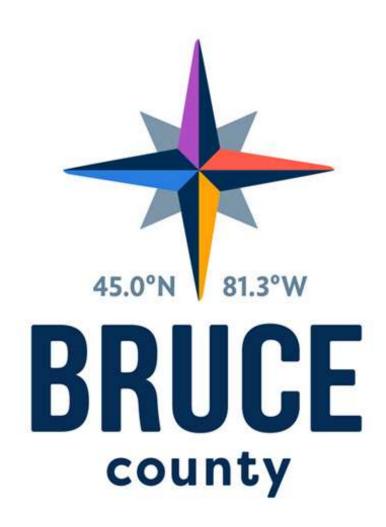
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# Council Meeting Highlights - Thursday, December 5, 2024

Bruce County Council met on December 5, 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



#### December 05, 2024

#### **Inaugural Meeting**

Mayor Luke Charbonneau (Town of Saugeen Shores) was acclaimed as the 2025 Bruce County Warden. Warden Charbonneau took the Oath of Office, and was presented with the Chain of Office by Past Warden Chris Peabody and the Warden's Pin by CAO Christine MacDonald.

Mayor Don Murray (Township of Huron-Kinloss) was acclaimed as the 2025 Bruce County Deputy Warden. Deputy Warden Murray took the Oath of Office, and was presented with the Deputy Warden's Pin by CAO Christine MacDonald.

#### **Bruce County Council Meeting**

Council received a presentation from James Scongack, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice-President Bruce Power. Bruce Power pledged \$1mil to support affordable housing initiatives in Bruce County and recognized the service of Past Warden Chris Peabody.

Council received a presentation from Stephanie Keating, Director of Environment, Nuclear Innovation Institute on The Climate Project. <u>Presentation</u>

Council received the December 2024 Museum Information Report. Report

Council directed staff to prepare the application for Bruce County to join the Ontario Food Cluster in 2025. Council authorize staff travel out-of-province as required, within approved budgets for activities related to the Ontario Food Cluster. Report

Council approved By-law 2024-068, a by-law to adopt an Investment Policy for Bruce County to Provide Guidelines for the Investment of County Funds Not Required for Immediate Use. <u>By-law</u>

Council approved By-law 2024-069, a by-law to Amend By-law 2023-048, Respecting County-Wide Development Charges for Bruce County. <u>By-law</u>

Council approved By-law 2024-070, a by-law to adopt a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for Bruce County. By-law

Council received communication from the Municipality of Brockton on Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Costs.

<u>Communication</u>

Council received communication from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula on Road Level of Service and Jurisdiction Request from Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation. <u>Communication</u>

Council received communication from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula with a Request for Additional Time to Comment to Official Plan. Communication

Council received communication on the Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities - Tara Battery.

Communication

Council received communication from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula on County Accessibility Coordinator.

<u>Communication</u>

Council received communication from the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula on County Accessibility Coordinator.

Council received communication with the Grey Bruce Public Health Board Minutes - October 25, 2024. Communication

Council received communication with the Bruce County Public Library Board Minutes - September 25, 2024. <u>Communication</u>

This publication identifies highlights from recent Bruce County Council and Committee meetings. Bruce County's Office of the CAO maintains complete agendas and minutes from all Council and Committee meetings, which can be reviewed at <a href="https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes">www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes</a>

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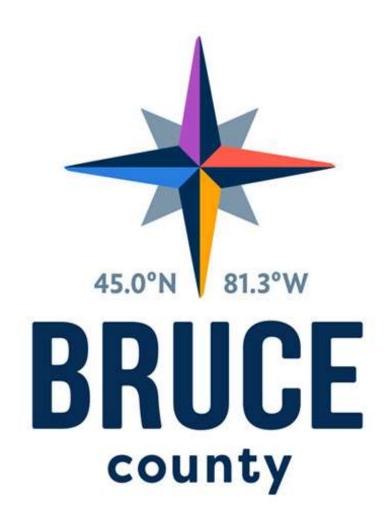
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## Notice of Passing of County-wide Development Charges By-law

Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Bruce passed a county-wide development charges Amending By-law No. 2024-069.



#### December 06, 2024

Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Bruce passed a county-wide development charges Amending By-law No. 2024-069. This By-law amends county-wide Development Charges By-law 2023-48. This Amending By-law was passed on the 5th day of December, 2024 under section 2 (1) of the *Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O., 1997 c.* 27, as amended; and comes into effect on January 1, 2025.

This Amending By-law adds development charges for Growth-related studies as provided in the table below.

Effective January 1, 2025, the schedule of development charges imposed by By-law 2023-48 and Amending By-law 2024-069 is as follows (note, these charges are phased-in as per section 3.14 of By-law No. 2023-048):

#### **SCHEDULE B**

By-law No. 2024-069, as amended

Service		Non-Residential				
	Singles and Semi-Detached	Other Multiples	Apartments - 2 Bedrooms +	Apartments Studio and 1 Bedroom	Special Care/Special Dwelling Units	(per <u>sq.ft</u> . of Gross Floor Area)
Services Related to a Highway	\$6,302	\$4,028	\$3,973	\$2,674	\$2,603	\$2.76
Fleet	\$33	\$21	\$21	\$14	\$14	\$0.01
Parks and Recreation Services	\$96	\$61	\$61	\$41	\$40	\$0.01
Long-term Care Services	\$910	\$582	\$574	\$386	\$376	\$0.12
Child Care and Early Years Programs	\$58	\$37	\$37	\$25	\$24	\$0.00
Ambulance Services	\$266	\$170	\$168	\$113	\$110	\$0.04
Growth Studies	\$273	\$174	\$172	\$116	\$113	\$0.12
Total	\$7,938	\$5,073	\$5,006	\$3,369	\$3,280	\$3.06

No key map has been provided as the by-law applies to all lands located within Bruce County.

A copy of the complete by-law is available for examination at the Bruce County office, 30 Park St, Walkerton, Ontario, NoG 2Vo during regular business hours (weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM) excluding statutory holidays.

DATED at the Bruce County office, Walkerton, Ontario, this 5th day of December, 2024.

Linda White
County Clerk
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Discover more about **Development Charges in Bruce County**.

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## Donation Supports Paramedic Services in Bruce County

Bruce County Paramedic Services would like to thank Marvin Freiburger and Sons Inc. for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 to support paramedic services in our region.



#### December 10, 2024

Bruce County Paramedic Services would like to thank Marvin Freiburger and Sons Inc. for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 to support paramedic services in our region. Angela Freiburger presented the donation to Bruce County's Deputy Chief of Paramedic Services, Raymond Lux, on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

These funds will be used towards new IV training arms that will help with the transition to new response equipment.

"Marvin Freiburger & Sons Inc. appreciates local first responders and all that they do to keep people safe. Emergency Services are such an important resource for our community," said Angela Freiburger.

Paramedic Services Chief Steve Schaus said, "Bruce County Paramedic Services is very honored that Marvin and Angela support our service every year. Their donation supports the community in such a meaningful way."

Bruce County Paramedic Services employs a staff of about 100 Full-time and Part-time paramedics that provide pre-hospital

care to citizens and visitors of Bruce County. We respond to medical and trauma emergencies with a fleet of 13 ambulances and 3 supervisor units that serve, and can be deployed to, communities across the County.

Discover more about Bruce County Paramedic Services.

Marvin Freiburger and Sons Inc. is a truck and trailer repair shop near Walkerton, Ontario.

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# Local Students in Bruce and Grey Counties Compete in GIS Story Mapping Competition

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#### December 11, 2024

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GIS is not only a key tool used for navigation in everyday life, but it also plays a crucial role in decision-making across business and government sectors. Held annually in November, GIS Day celebrates the power of GIS — a scientific framework for gathering, analyzing and visualizing geographic data to help us make more-informed choices.

The GIS Day contest had 69 StoryMap team entries. Each team was mentored and judged by the organizing committee made up of GIS experts from Bruce County, Grey County, Bruce Power and the Town of Saugeen Shores. Students learned how to

use the ArcGIS Online platform to develop their contest presentations using an ArcGIS StoryMap and presented their projects to the committee.

"Bruce County is pleased to be able to provide students with this opportunity to learn and connect to their local geography through the GIS Day contest," says Bruce County's Warden, Luke Charbonneau. "Congratulations to all the GIS Day participants and winners!"

"Grey County is proud to support initiatives like GIS Day that inspire young minds to explore the connection between technology and geography," said Grey County Warden, Andrea Matrosovs. "Participating in the GIS Day contest has empowered our students to harness the transformative power of GIS technology to address real-world challenges in our local communities. Their creativity and dedication are truly inspiring!"

First place, and winner of Millcreek chocolates donated by Bruce County, GIS software license and \$50 Visa prepaid card donated by proud sponsors Esri Canada and Bruce County:

Sports Campus and Fro Yo! by Madi J., Maddy B., and Leah F. at Holy Family School, Hanover

Second place, and winner of a 16oz Yeti cup from Grey County and Bruce County swag pack:

Creature Carnival + BayWave Boat Rental by Holly H., Madin S., Addison F. at Hepworth Central School, Hepworth

Third place, and winner of a large 400z mug donated by long-time supporter Bruce Power and Bruce County beach pack:

Fitness & Fun by Isaac H., Mikey St. M. and Ryder G. at Hepworth Central School, Hepworth

"It is always a pleasure to see students develop new mapping, data management and analysis skills through the GIS Day contest," says Justin Kraemer, GIS Coordinator at Bruce County and chair of the Bruce-Grey GIS Day Organizing Committee. "Thank you to all the teachers who helped incorporate GIS into their classrooms. Special thank you to Mr. Cory Munro, teacher at Owen Sound District Secondary School, for the support with web development and rubric crafting to ensure another successful year of the GIS StoryMap contest."

Learn more about the contest and view all contest entries.

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## County Administration Buildings Closed for Christmas and New Year's

Please take notice that the Bruce County Administration Centre in Walkerton, the Lakeshore Hub in Port Elgin, the Peninsula Hub in Wiarton, and the Penetangore Hub in Kincardine will be closed from Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at Noon to Wednesday, January 1, 2025 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.



#### December 17, 2024

Please take notice that the **Bruce County Administration Centre** in Walkerton, the **Lakeshore Hub** in Port Elgin, the **Peninsula Hub** in Wiarton, and the **Penetangore Hub** in Kincardine will be closed from Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at Noon to Wednesday, January 1, 2025 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Virtual and in-person service will be available again on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 8:30 AM.

**Bruce County Public Library Branches** will be closed from Wednesday, December 25, 2024 to Thursday, December 26, 2024 and on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Online resources are available 24/7. <a href="https://www.library.brucecounty.on.ca">www.library.brucecounty.on.ca</a>

**Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre** will be closed from Wednesday, December 25, 2024 to Thursday, December 26, 2024 and on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Please see the full holiday season hours at <a href="https://www.brucemuseum.ca">www.brucemuseum.ca</a>.

EarlyON Child and Family Centre in-person programming will be closed from Wednesday, December 25th, 2024, to Tuesday, January 2nd, 2025. Please see the EarlyON Facebook Page for pre-recorded virtual options from December 25, 2024 to January 2, 2025. Pre-registered live virtual programs are scheduled for January 2, 2025 and January 3, 2025. EarlyON Schedule.

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For essential services, please call **211** to assist with accessing community services and support. The service is 24/7 and language interpretation is available.

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

For road conditions/closures, please visit <a href="www.brucecounty.on.ca/road-conditions">www.brucecounty.on.ca/road-conditions</a>

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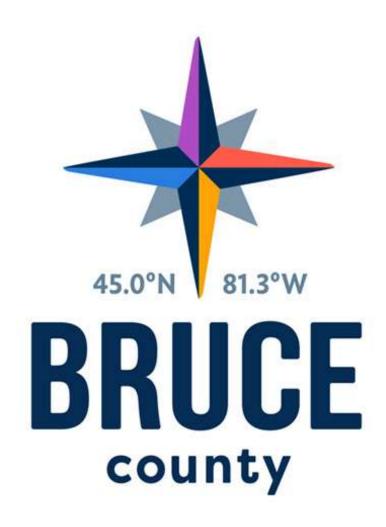
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# Spark Program Awards Funding to Bruce County Tourism Innovators

On November 26, Bruce County celebrated local tourism innovators and entrepreneurs for the sixth annual Bruce County Spark Program. Five finalists pitched their innovative and sustainable tourism ideas, and three winners were selected to receive a tourism mentorship and a \$3000 grant to help them take their concepts to the next level.



#### December 18, 2024

On November 26, Bruce County celebrated local tourism innovators and entrepreneurs for the sixth annual <a href="Bruce County Spark Program">Bruce County Spark Program</a>. Five finalists pitched their innovative and sustainable tourism ideas, and three winners were selected to receive a tourism mentorship and a \$3000 grant to help them take their concepts to the next level.

The Bruce County "Spark" Mentorship & Grants Program is a partnership between <u>Bruce County</u>, <u>Bruce Power</u>, <u>Bruce Grey Simcoe Regional Tourism Organization (RTO7)</u>, Government of Ontario, and the <u>Tourism Innovation Lab</u>.

"Bruce County continues to shine as a hub for innovative tourism ideas. The Tourism Innovation Lab, along with our regional partners, is proud to support these creative thinkers," says Alex Berlyand from the Tourism Innovation Lab. "We're eager to

see this year's Bruce County (Round 6) "Spark" Program winners turn their ideas into reality."

The 2024 Bruce County Spark Grant and Mentorship Program winners are:

Rebecca Walsh - September Artisan Market, Sauble Beach

Evan Walker Ertl - Saugeen Glass Works, Saugeen First Nation

Lisa Holland - Kayakomat, Lake Huron Edition, Kincardine

"The Bruce County Spark Program taps into a wealth of creativity from local entrepreneurs, individuals, small businesses and non-profits," says Bruce County Warden, Luke Charbonneau. "Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 Spark Grant and Mentorship Program."

The goal of the "Spark" Program is to find, foster and support new sustainable tourism ideas in Bruce County. The Program exists to nurture new, innovative ideas that enhance current tourism offerings; create high-quality, low impact tourism experiences; address gaps in tourism products and service; motivate longer stays and repeat visits; and increase shoulder season visits and tourism spending.

"The 2024 Spark Program showcased a range of unique sustainable tourism ideas from across Bruce County," says Jeff Loney, Economic Development Manager for Bruce County. "It is always a pleasure to see how their ideas transform into reality to help enhance Bruce County's tourism offerings. We can't wait to see more innovative ideas in 2025."

For more information, visit <u>www.tourisminnovation.ca/bruce</u>.

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## Be Prepared with a Winter Home Emergency Kit

Bruce County's Emergency Management division reminds the public that having an Emergency Preparedness Kit at home will help ensure that you and your family can remain safe for a number of days in the event of an emergency.



#### January 03, 2025

Winter is back and the region has already experienced significant snow and winter weather events. Bruce County's Emergency Management division reminds the public that having an Emergency Preparedness Kit at home will help ensure that you and your family can remain safe for a number of days in the event of an emergency. It is important to refresh your home emergency kit a few times every year, especially for the winter months, with items that will keep families comfortable and warm. Heavy snow and freezing rain could cause downed power lines, resulting in power failures. Please make sure that your home emergency kit has items that will sustain your household in the event of a power outage.

Recommendations for your winter home emergency kit:

Have a backup generator to help with lights and heat for your home during a power outage.

If having a generator is not an option, identify a room that can be kept contained in order to retain as much heat as possible. Keep the door closed in order to keep the heat in.

Warm blankets or thermal blankets, wool socks, and extra mitts and hats should also be available in your kit, even for use in your home.

Have at least one flashlight with batteries to assist once it gets dark.

Non-perishable food and water are also key items all year round.

"Extra consideration should be taken for your home emergency kit during the winter months. Power outages can have more implications for your family with cold weather. Make sure your kit has the appropriate supplies to help keep your family safe and warm in the event of a power failure during a winter storm," said Ray Lux, Bruce County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Discover more tips for how to build a home emergency kit:

Making an emergency kit (Canada)

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Discover more about Emergency Preparedness at <a href="https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared">www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared</a>

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# BCPL Brings Back Popular Valentines for Seniors Program to Bruce County

Bruce County Public Library invites the community to join hearts for its Valentines for Seniors Program, running Monday, January 6 to Friday, February 7, 2025. This heartwarming initiative helps spread connection by encouraging patrons and the put to create handmade Valentines Day cards for seniors in local care homes.

Participants have the option to attend a scheduled staff-led program to create cards drop into any of the Library Branches including the Bookmobile to use provided supplies, or pick up a take-home craft bag to make cards at home and return them t Branch. This year's programs include a special PA Day event for kids ages 5-12, offering young creators the chance to make a difference while having fun with friends.

Since its launch in 2022, the Valentines for Seniors program has grown into a cherished tradition. In 2024, an incredible 1,058 cards were made by 680 participants and delivered to local seniors, spreading joy.

"This program is about more than just making cards; it's about reminding our seniors that they're cared for and valued. Every card carries a heartfelt message of kindness that can brighten someone's day," said Program Coordinator, Nancy Kuhl.

Learn more about upcoming programs on the Library's Event Calendar.

Bruce County Public Library is committed to its role as a trusted community connector, digital community facilitator and community sharing place. Consisting of 17 Branches and a Bookmobile BCPL provides access to information, resources, and programs throughout Bruce County.

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