
Media Release: Weight/Load Restrictions will be in effect on several Bruce County Roads

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Weight/Load Restrictions will be in effect on several Bruce County Roads

February 26, 2025

Effective February 26, 2025, Bruce County Transportation & Environmental Services Department will place weight/load restrictions of 5 tonne per axle on several County roads until further notice. Please refer to the [Weight Load Restrictions Map.pdf](#) to verify the impacted Bruce County roads.

Bruce County staff have implemented road weight/load restrictions to protect the integrity of our road infrastructure. During spring thaw, roads are susceptible to damage and the reduction of axle-weights helps preserve the life span of Bruce County roads.

For up-to-date Road Weight/Load Restriction information call 519-881-2400 or visit the [County Website](#).

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

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Media Release

March 4, 2025

Elora Adventure Film Festival highlights set to feature at Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre March 21

Bruce County, Ontario: The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre is excited to present Muse-Talks: Highlights from the 2024 Elora Adventure Film Festival with Ian Evans on Friday, March 21. Taking place from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM in the Museum's Bruce Power Theatre, this event will bring the spirit of adventure to Bruce County, offering an inspiring evening of short films and storytelling.

Following its second consecutive sold out year, The Elora Adventure Film Festival is now making its way to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre. Ian Evans, the founder of the festival, will showcase a selection of short films from the 2024 event. These films celebrate ordinary individuals accomplishing extraordinary feats in adventure and exploration.

With his perspective as both a filmmaker and festival organizer, Ian will provide behind-the-scenes insights into these remarkable stories. The evening will conclude with a question-and-answer session, allowing attendees to learn more about the world of adventure filmmaking.

This event is recommended for individuals aged 16 and older and is proudly presented by Georgian College. Tickets are \$10 for Museum members and \$15 for non-members. Seating is limited. Tickets can be purchased at brucemuseum.ca.

About Ian Evans

Ian is the Founder of the Elora Adventure Film Festival and has embraced adventure all his life – from scaling the shed roof at age 3 to skiing to the South Pole at age 58. He has climbed 5 of the 7 Summits, cycled 5,000 KMS unsupported across Australia (twice) around the coastline of Iceland, to the Arctic Ocean, 8,000 kms across Canada, and run 10 marathons. Ian produced the documentary Lunatic: Life Begins at the End of Your Comfort Zone, after becoming the oldest Canadian to ski from the coast of Antarctica to the South Pole.

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For Immediate Release

Bruce County's Energy Transition Initiative is Underway to Help Support Local Businesses

Bruce County, Ontario: Bruce County's Economic Development team is excited to announce new support for local businesses adopting cleaner energy practices with the new Energy Transition Initiative. Launching March 4th, the Energy Transition Initiative will provide services to assist businesses in adopting clean energy solutions, fostering innovation and partnerships and accessing resources to support their transition. The project is funded in part by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness.

The Energy Transition Initiative provides local businesses with resources to shift from high-carbon energy sources to lower-carbon or clean energy alternatives. This initiative will build connections between local businesses, suppliers of clean energy technology and services and funding organizations to support in making energy transition possible for local Bruce County businesses.

Bruce County businesses will have access to support, cutting-edge resources, training and guidance to help with energy transition planning. This includes direction on regulations and financial incentives, developing formal energy transition plans and workshops.

Leading suppliers of cleaner energy technology and funding organizations will be encouraged to participate to build direct connections with interested local businesses and partnership developments to build collaborative solutions. Networking and connection opportunities will further support the development of capacity building and innovative solutions. Marketing and public recognition efforts will also be integrated into the initiative to increase visibility and showcase successes.

"Bruce County is proud to support our local businesses through the Energy Transition Initiative" says Jeff Loney, Economic Development Manager. "Providing businesses with the tools, connections and resources to integrate clean-energy practices will us to build more sustainable businesses and communities."

Bruce County businesses have the unique opportunity to lead the adoption in energy transition and leverage a network of resources, technologies, and expertise, to reduce their energy

emissions and create more robust and sustainable businesses for the future. If you're a local business who is interested in learning more, visit: businessstobruce.com/energy-transition-initiative/

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Are You Prepared for Communications in an Emergency?

Bruce County, Ontario: When we think of emergencies, we often picture tornadoes, floods, or power outages. But what if the crisis impacted something we rely on daily—our ability to communicate? In an increasingly connected world, a failure of phone networks or internet services can leave families struggling to reach one another. That's why including a communications plan in your emergency preparedness strategy is crucial.

Cell phone networks and internet services can go down due to severe weather, cyberattacks, or infrastructure failures. Having a plan in place can ensure you and your loved ones stay connected when it matters most.

How to Prepare for a Communications Failure:

- ✓ **Keep a landline phone at home.** Ensure it will still work during a power outage and consider having a battery backup.
- ✓ **Use a generator wisely.** If you have one, test it before an emergency to understand how many devices it can support. Unplug non-essential appliances to extend its capacity.
- ✓ **Have a hard copy of key contacts.** Store written phone numbers for family, emergency services, and medical providers in case your phone battery dies, or digital records are inaccessible.
- ✓ **Set a family meeting location.** If phone contact isn't possible, agree in advance on a place to reunite.
- ✓ **Know your child's school emergency plan.** Schools have procedures in place for communication failures—ensure your family's plan aligns with theirs.
- ✓ **Back up essential documents.** Print copies of medical records, insurance information, and emergency plans. Store them in a waterproof container and keep digital backups on an external drive or in the cloud.

✅ **Prepare for recovery.** Regularly back up important computer files so you can quickly regain access to critical information after an outage.

"We rely so heavily on our phones and computers that a communications failure can cause significant stress," says Ray Lux, Bruce County Emergency Management Coordinator. "Having a backup plan will help keep your loved ones safe and ensure you can stay connected when it matters most. Talk to your family now, so you're prepared before an emergency happens."

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit
www.brucecounty.on.ca/living/public-safety

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Media Release: Bruce County's Jeff Loney Recognized as a 40 Under 40 in Economic Development Award.

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For Immediate Release

Bruce County's Jeff Loney Recognized as a 40 Under 40 in Economic Development Award.

Bruce County, Ontario: Jeff Loney, Bruce County's Economic Development Manager has been announced as a recipient of the 2025 Economic Development 40 Under 40 Award, the biennial award recognizing rising stars under 40 years old in the economic development industry.

"Economic development is a purpose-driven field that shapes communities worldwide, and young professionals are at the heart of that impact," said Julie Curtin, president of DCI's economic development practice. "These 40 rising stars are driving change through their innovation, commitment, and leadership. Their contributions are already making a difference, and I'm excited to see how they continue to shape the industry in the years to come."

"As the economic development industry continues to evolve, these emerging leaders are rising to meet new challenges with expertise and innovation," said Todd Jorgenson, managing director and principal of Jorgenson Pace, Inc. "Congratulations to this year's 40 honorees—your leadership is making a lasting impact on both your communities and the industry at large."

"We are incredibly proud of Jeff's accomplishments as our Economic Development Manager," said Luke Charbonneau, Warden of Bruce County. "This award recognizes Jeff's dedication to the field of economic development, and Bruce County. Through his work stewarding Bruce County's Economic Development Strategic Plan Jeff has profiled our County on both a North American and International Stage."

About Jeff Loney:

Jeff Loney is dedicated and forward-thinking with over a decade of experience in municipal economic development. As Bruce County's Economic Development Manager, Jeff plays a pivotal role in driving strategic initiatives that foster growth, innovation, and investment. This has included work to attract the medical isotope supply chain to Bruce County, attraction of agri-food processing businesses, and the recent launch of Energy Transitions Initiative.

Before joining Bruce County in 2022, he served as the Manager of Economic Development, Marketing, and Tourism for the Town of Gravenhurst. Jeff holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) in Local Government from Western University, as well as an Economic Development Certificate from the University of Waterloo. Jeff also serves on the Economic Developers Council of Ontario's Board of Directors.

About the Award:

The awards program is hosted by Development Counsellors International (DCI), a New York-based integrated marketing firm that works with economic development and travel organizations around the globe, and Jorgenson Pace, Inc, a leading national executive search firm serving organizations in non-profit, economic and community development industries. An independent selection committee of six economic development leaders and site

selection consultants evaluated nominations based on the demonstration of strong leadership, commitment and innovation every day in the workplace. For more information on the 40 Under 40 awards program and this year's winners, visit <https://aboutdci.com/insights/40-under-40/>.

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About DCI:

Development Counsellors International (DCI) is the leader in travel, economic development and talent attraction marketing. Since 1960, DCI has worked with more than 500 cities, regions, states and countries, helping them attract business investors, visitors and workers. DCI has offices in New York and Denver. For more information, visit aboutdci.com.

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About Jorgenson Pace, Inc.:

Jorgenson Pace is America's leading executive search firm specializing in the economic development, community development, and non-profit sectors. With over 60 years of collective experience, Jorgenson Pace is committed to understanding our client's needs and delivering tailored executive search services that drive impactful results. Our firm is built on the strong foundations laid by former PHH Fantus colleagues Joan Jorgenson and John Lovorn, who created and grew their respective firms, Jorgenson Consulting and The PACE Group, over the past 30 years. Jorgensonpace.com

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Durham Street Bridge Closed – Alternative Routes Available

Walkerton, Ontario: Due to high water levels and large debris impacting the construction platform, the Durham Street Bridge in downtown Walkerton is closed to through traffic until further notice.

Emergency vehicles, including Fire, EMS, and Police, will be permitted to use the bridge when responding to calls.

Alternate Routes Available

Motorists are advised to use the posted Alternative Truck Routes for the duration of the Durham Street Bridge Closure:

- **Northerly Alternative Truck Route:** Bruce County Road 19 → Concession 8 (Brant) → Bruce County Road 3
- **Southerly Alternative Truck Route:** Grey County Road 10 → Concession 10E (Carrick) → Highway 9

A link to the posted alternate truck route is available here: [[Alternative Truck Route](#)]

The County is closely monitoring conditions and will provide updates as more information becomes available. Motorists are encouraged to follow posted detours and allow for extra travel time.

For the latest updates, please visit [[Bruce County Website](#)] or follow [[Bruce County Facebook](#)].

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Media Release

March 18, 2025

Archives Awareness Week Talk at Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre to highlight Bruce County's 160th Battalion Soldiers

Bruce County, Ontario: The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre is pleased to present *Bruce in Battle: Life in the 160th Battalion* as part of Archives Awareness Week. Happening on April 12 at 2:00 PM, this talk will explore the experiences of Bruce County's 160th Battalion soldiers during the First World War, featuring a presentation by military historian and researcher Kent Kraemer.

Since 2015, Kraemer has chronicled the 160th Battalion's day-to-day activities through the 160th Bruce Battalion Facebook page. During his talk, he will share incredible stories of Bruce County's soldiers, including "Paddy" Pettigrew and his championship wiring team, as well as Robert Clarke Rowand, the most highly decorated soldier of the 160th Battalion. In recognition of Archives Awareness Week, Kraemer will also discuss his inspiration for researching the Battalion, insights from the *Bruce in Khaki* newspaper, and the valuable role played by the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre's Archives and other historical repositories in his work.

Following the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to join Archives staff for a behind-the-scenes tour of the archival storage area, where they can view rare archival items that are not often on display. Visitors will also be able to explore the exhibits at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, where a tour guide will be present in the military gallery to share additional stories about Bruce County soldiers.

Admission is free for all attendees. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required. To register, visit brucemuseum.ca or call the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre at 519-797-2080.

In addition, the Archives & Research Room will be open for free admission during Ontario's Archives Awareness Week, which runs from April 7 to April 12.

The story of Bruce County is reflected in the photographs, documents, videos and books donated by members of the public to the Archives. The Archives welcomes contact from individuals, businesses and organizations who wish to share their stories and documents to become part of our collective history. Information about Bruce County soldiers from all conflicts may also be explored at BruceRemembers.org.

This event is proudly sponsored by the Bruce County Historical Society.

About Kent Kraemer

Kent Kraemer is the founder of the [160th Bruce Battalion Facebook page](#), which has chronicled the Battalion's 100-year anniversary since November 2015. He is also the author of *The 160th Dispatch* column in *Marathon of History* magazine, where he continues to highlight the experiences of Bruce County soldiers.

About Archives Awareness Week

Celebrated each year during the first week of April, [Archives Awareness Week](#) provides the opportunity to highlight the importance of preserving the documentary heritage of Ontario's

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Joint Media Release

March 20, 2024

Community Partners Unite to Combat Human Trafficking across the Region

Human Trafficking is a serious crime that often goes unnoticed, but communities in Grey and Bruce Counties are taking action. The CSWBP Crime Prevention Action Table in partnership with the Joy Smith Foundation and Violence Prevention Grey Bruce are raising awareness about the dangers of human trafficking and providing resources to help prevent this crime.

Short-term rentals (STR) owners and operators can play a crucial role in preventing human trafficking by recognizing signs, implementing preventative measures, and reporting suspicious activity. There is a growing trend of traffickers using STRs due to the greater possibility of anonymity. This initiative educates STR owners and operators on how to identify potential trafficking situations and respond appropriately to protect their communities and properties.

Key Warning Signs of Human Trafficking in Short-Term Rentals

- Frequent use of short-term rentals
- Last-minute bookings and multiple bookings that are in the same area
- People arriving and departing from your property with minimal luggage not appropriate for the length of stay
- Individuals that appear to be under the control of another person

How to Deter Human Traffickers from Choosing your Rental

- Screen bookings carefully including guest reviews from other STR
- Don't accept last-minute bookings
- Install cameras on the outside of your property to record those coming and going
- Do not allow guests to have unregistered guests on your property
- State clearly in your listing that you are committed to preventing human trafficking and other illegal activities

Human Trafficking affects communities across Canada, and awareness is the first step in preventing it. By educating STR owners/operators and the public, Grey and Bruce Counties are working together to create a safer and more informed community.

Thank you to our many community partners for their collaboration and dedication in supporting the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and this initiative. Together, we are working to build a safer, healthier, and more inclusive community.

To access the Short-Term Rental Anti-Human Trafficking resource for your area please visit: [Resources - 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 Responds to Tariffs with Support & Advocacy

Bruce County, Ontario: In response to tariffs on Canadian goods, Bruce County is taking action to support local businesses and mitigate the economic impact on the region. With key sectors such as agriculture, energy, and tourism facing heightened uncertainty, Bruce County has launched a comprehensive strategy focusing on advocacy, business support, and local economic resilience.

To address these challenges, Bruce County has outlined these key actions:

- **Advocacy at the Provincial and Federal Levels** – Bruce County is calling on higher levels of government to provide municipalities with greater flexibility to respond to tariffs and support local businesses.
- **Business Support Framework & Action** – Bruce County is working with local businesses to assess the impact of tariffs and educate businesses on the resources available to respond. We are also implementing targeted support measures to address Bruce County specific challenges.
- **Support Local Campaign** – Bruce County is launching a campaign to encourage residents and visitors to support local businesses with their purchases and encourage Canadians to plan their local vacations in Bruce County.
- **Change to Municipal Procurement** – Where allowable under trade agreements, Bruce County will prioritize purchasing from Canadian and local suppliers

"Bruce County is taking action to combat the negative effects of these tariffs," said Warden Luke Charbonneau. "And we are advocating for federal and provincial policies to support and protect our businesses and residents."

Bruce County will continue monitoring economic conditions and adjust its response as needed. Businesses and residents are encouraged to visit [Business to Bruce's Tariff Support Hub](#) for resources and guidance.

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Bruce County Celebrates King Charles III Coronation Medal Recipients

Bruce County, Ontario: Bruce County proudly recognized two outstanding community members, Muriel Shular and Owen Riegling, as recipients of the King Charles III Coronation Medal at a special ceremony held at Bruce County Council Chambers today.

Warden Luke Charbonneau presided over the event, highlighting the significance of the medal, which was created to mark His Majesty's coronation and honour Canadians who have made exceptional contributions.

Muriel Shular, a dedicated volunteer at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, was recognized for her seven years of service and over 700 volunteer hours, supporting children's programs, special events, and community outreach.

Owen Riegling, a rising star in Canadian country music from Mildmay, was honoured for his remarkable achievements in the music industry, including winning multiple Canadian Country Music Association awards and earning a Juno Award nomination for Breakout Artist of the Year in 2025.

Hon. Minister Lisa Thompson (MPP Huron-Bruce) joined Warden Charbonneau in presenting the King Charles III Coronation Medals to the recipients. In addition to receiving this prestigious honour, Bruce County Council also presented separate certificates of recognition to Muriel and Owen, celebrating their contributions to the community.

"Muriel and Owen embody the spirit of service and excellence that makes Bruce County so special," said Warden Luke Charbonneau. "Muriel's dedication to preserving and sharing our local history, and Owen's incredible success in Canadian country music, are both inspiring examples of the impact our residents have, locally and beyond. It is an honour to recognize them today."

Bruce County extends heartfelt congratulations to Muriel Shular and Owen Riegling for their achievements and their lasting impact on the community.

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Joint Media Release

March 21, 2025

Bruce County Celebrates International Women's Day with "Accelerate Action" Event

Bruce County, Ontario: On March 20, 2025, local business owners, entrepreneurs, leading women and changemakers gathered at Ainsdale Golf Course in Huron-Kinloss to celebrate International Women's Day. Bruce County's [Business to Bruce program](#) hosted this year's event—**Accelerate Action: Building Businesses and Breaking Barriers**—aimed to inspire, empower and support women in business, in partnership with [Women's House Serving Bruce and Grey](#).

Attendees heard from Brandi Leifso, an award-winning social impact entrepreneur, resilience advocate, author, and international speaker. Her keynote presentation, *Fearless Choices – The Power of Owning Your Decisions*, inspired the audience with personal stories of determination and success.

The event also featured Tracy Primeau, a respected mentor and relationship builder, who shared her journey of overcoming adversity as an Indigenous woman in STEM. She provided meaningful insights on authenticity in the workplace and how individuals can contribute to a more inclusive world.

"Events like this inspire me as we celebrate the women leading in our community," said Bruce County CAO Christine MacDonald. "I am grateful to see these leaders supported by such a strong and encouraging network within our community."

Honoring Women of Distinction

The event also recognized outstanding women in Bruce County:

- Beth Aubrey, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters Grey County received the 2025 Women of Distinction Award.
- Laura Fohkens received the Young Women of Distinction Award.

- Additional nominees who have made significant contributions to their communities include Sasha Beatie, Andrea Clark, Barb Fedy, Lauren Morris, Pam Rantz, Rachel Salisbury, Amanda Saxton and Donna Taylor.

Beyond the evening's inspiring presentations, the event raised \$3,560 for Women's House Serving Bruce and Grey. An online auction, hosted by *Nuclear Promise X*, featured local items donated by community sponsors raised \$1,155.

About Women's House Service Bruce and Grey (WHSBG):

WHSBG provides free and confidential services, within a supportive environment, to women 16 years of age and older, and their children, who have or are experiencing abuse, sexual violence or homelessness. Women's House operates a 24/7 shelter in Kincardine, Ontario to provide a safe, supportive and secure environment for women and children fleeing domestic violence. Women's House also provides sexual assault services in Bruce and Grey, a child witness program, transition services, education services, a volunteer program, community counselling and second-stage housing in Kincardine, Saugeen Shores and Wiarton. WHSBG is a registered not-for-profit charity governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and staffed by trained professionals.

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Community Updated on Bruce County's Cultural Action Plan

Bruce County, Ontario: In Bruce County, culture plays a vital role in shaping people's lives, enriching communities, and bolstering the economy. It creates opportunities for shared experiences, enhances quality of life, promotes a sense of vitality, and encourages job creation and innovation across a range of economic sectors.

Bruce County's Cultural Action Plan uses strategic directions and actions to support the growth and development of the arts and culture sector. In a new [Community Update](#), Bruce County highlights the goals and progress of the Cultural Action Plan, how the County is responding to cultural trends and community needs, and how members of the community can get involved.

Bruce County formed a Cultural Roundtable to coordinate cultural planning, improve cultural communication, and provide input into how the County can support building cultural capacity. Roundtable membership include municipal staff, representatives from cultural organizations and groups across the County, and Bruce County staff (representing the Cultural Action Plan Steering Committee). To join Bruce County's Cultural Roundtable, or for more information, contact Brooke McLean at bmclean@brucecounty.on.ca.

"Continued involvement in cultural action planning by members of the community is key to keeping Bruce County vibrant and shapes the County's distinctive and diverse identity," encourages Warden Luke Charbonneau.

- Explore the Cultural Action Plan Community Update
- Explore expanding cultural opportunities and resources at www.brucecounty.on.ca/culture.

Bruce County's Cultural Action Plan (CAP) recognizes, incorporates, celebrates, and preserves Bruce County's rich and diverse cultural heritage. The CAP identifies key opportunities for growth in the arts, culture, and heritage sectors, including building

cultural capacities, developing and maintaining cultural assets, enhancing cultural communication, and implementing coordinated cultural planning.

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Join us for the Largest Networking Event in Grey and Bruce Counties

Bruce County, Ontario: Step aboard the [M.S. Chi-Cheemaun](#) on April 24th, 2025, to experience an unforgettable night with professionals from across Grey and Bruce Counties at the Cruise and Connect networking event.

[Grey County](#) and ~~-----~~ [Bruce County](#) are partnering to offer this exciting opportunity for local professionals to network, cruise, and connect. Boarding starts at 6:15 p.m. at 1155 1st Avenue West, Owen Sound where the Chi-Cheemaun is docked during the winter months. The ship leaves at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

- [Tickets](#) are \$40 per person, plus applicable taxes.
- Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres with the option to purchase beverages.
- Enjoy live music from local musicians Just Duet and Ken Kelly Jazz Trio.
- Experience networking sessions hosted by Heather Travis, public relations expert, marketing strategist, and small business branding coach.

Networking is essential for personal and professional growth. Cruise and Connect is your opportunity to connect with hundreds of professionals aboard the iconic M.S. Chi-Cheemaun.

Both Grey and Bruce Counties welcome professionals from across the region to take this opportunity to meet new people and build strong connections.

Limited tickets are available. Buy yours today: [Cruise and Connect Tickets, Thu, 24 Apr 2025 at 6:15 PM | Eventbrite](#)

About Bruce County:

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About Grey County:

Grey County is an upper tier municipality serving more than 100,000 full-time residents, 12,000 business and more than 3 million tourists annually. Grey County is a place where people feel genuinely at home and naturally inspired - enjoying an exceptional blend of active healthy living and economic opportunity. Grey County is committed to the coordinated delivery of responsive and cost-effective services that strengthen the economic, social, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of the diverse communities we serve.

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Local Authors Visit BCPL in April and May

March 28, 2025

Share:   

With Canadian Children's Book Week approaching, Bruce County Public Library (BCPL) is inviting the public to join them in celebrating Canadian talent with special author events taking place in April and May at various Branches.

Canadian Children's Book Week (CCBW) occurring the week of April 21, is a national celebration of books and reading, bringing authors, illustrators, and storytellers to communities across Canada. What is a better way to recognize our incredible local authors then by showcasing them at our local Libraries?

Local authors will visit regularly scheduled Story Times, a popular drop-in program designed for preschool-aged children. Here is the schedule:

Dorothy Ladd, Wiarton Branch, Tuesday, April 29, 11am

Elizabeth Davaze, Kincardine Branch, Wednesday, April 30, 10:30am

Jenny Lee Learn, Sauble Beach, Friday, May 2, 11 am

Catherine Swartz, Port Elgin, Tuesday, May 13, 10:30am

Additionally, the Mildmay Branch will welcome Doug Archer to their After School Program for grades 1-6, on Tuesday, April 29, 3:30pm, kids will need to be registered online for this special program.

BCPL will also be hosting some special events for the adults, with Michelle Unsworth-Foote, author of *How to Get Your Sh*t Together* (so your loved ones don't have to do it for you), visiting the Sauble Beach Branch, Wednesday, April 16, at 2pm, and then the Wiarton Branch, at 5pm. Refreshments will be provided at both events.

Bonnie Sitter, author of *"Onion Skins and Peach Fuzz: Memories of Ontario Farmerettes"*, will be presenting photos and information about her books and her upcoming film *"We Lend a Hand"*, at the Teeswater Town Hall, Wednesday, April 30 at 7pm. This event is in partnership with the Teeswater Agricultural Society, who will be providing refreshments, and the Municipality of South Bruce, who generously provided the Hall.

Books will be available for purchase (cash only).

Be sure to take advantage of BCPL's new [online events calendar](#) and registration forms to secure your spot today! All events are free to attend.

Looking for other ways to support Canadian authors? Join us for the upcoming Evergreen Reading Program. Register through the Beanstack app or pick up a ballot bookmark from a Branch and read the listed titles. In September, vote for your favourite, with all votes collected and counted from across Ontario to determine this year's award winner.

Visit our [online catalogue](#) for the list of nominees.

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Joint Media Release

March 14, 2025

Community Town Halls: Understanding Drug Trafficking and Substance Use in Our Community

The CSWBP Crime Prevention Action Table, Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy and various partners invite community members to informative town halls featuring policing, health and social experts who will provide critical insights into drug trafficking, substance use, addictions and harm reduction strategies in our communities.

The sessions will offer a comprehensive look at drug trafficking, including what it is, warning signs, how investigations are conducted, and emerging trends. Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear from health professionals about substance use, harm reduction approaches, and the range of addictions services to support individuals and families.

By bringing together experts from law enforcement, health and social services, this workshop aims to enhance awareness, foster collaboration, and strengthen community responses to the challenges associated with drug trafficking and substance use.

The events are open to the public and welcome all who are interested in learning more about these important issues and the resources available in our region. No registration required.

Event Details:

Time: 6:00PM-8:00PM

Dates:

- **April 3, The Plex- Port Elgin**
- **April 10, Durham Community Centre, Durham**
- **April 16, Walkerton Community Centre, Walkerton**
- **April 23, Sydenham Campus, Owen Sound**
- **April 28, P&H Centre, Hanover**

Thank you to our many community partners for their collaboration and dedication in supporting the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and this initiative. Together, we are working to build a safer, healthier, and more inclusive community.

To learn more about the events and find one near you please visit: [Community Events - 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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Media Release

March 26, 2025

For Immediate Release

2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events in Bruce County

Bruce County, Ontario: Bruce County residents are encouraged to safely dispose of household hazardous waste materials as part of their annual home and property clean-up. In support of this effort, Bruce County will host thirteen Household Hazardous Waste Collection events at various locations across the County throughout 2025.

These events provide residents with a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of common hazardous items, such as:

- Paints and stains
- Propane tanks
- Used oil and oil filters
- Aerosols and solvents
- Batteries and antifreeze
- Household cleaners
- Fluorescent lights
- Fertilizers and pesticides
- Fuel and pool chemicals
- Pharmaceuticals and fire extinguishers

A complete list of accepted materials is available at:
www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste

2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule:

Southampton

- 429 Peel St., Southampton Works Yard
- May 3 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- September 27 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Kincardine

- 140 Valentine Ave., Kincardine Public Works Yard
- May 10 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- July 12 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Walkerton

- 94 Bruce Road 2, Bruce County Transportation Yard
- May 31 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- September 20 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Lion's Head

- 1252 West Road, Eastnor Landfill Site
- July 5 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Paisley

- 242 Canrobert St., Bruce County Transportation Yard
- June 14 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Warton

- 441048 Elm St., South Bruce Peninsula Works Garage
- July 26 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Mildmay

- 169 Bruce Road 3, South Bruce Municipal Building
- August 9 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tobermory

- 71 McArthur Road, St. Edmunds Landfill Site
- August 16 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Lucknow

- 545 Ludgard St., Bruce County Transportation Yard
- September 6 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sauble Beach

- 413 Municipal Road, Amabel Works Yard
- August 23 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Important Notes:

Commercial, industrial, agricultural waste, PCB materials, ammunition, and flares will NOT be accepted. Only containers 30 litres or smaller will be accepted. Waste must be delivered in disposable containers. Containers will not be emptied and returned (e.g., gas

cans will not be returned). Empty metal paint cans are recyclable through your blue box program.

For full details and updates, visit:
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Media Release

April 1, 2025

For Immediate Release

Spring into Preparedness: Refresh Your Emergency Kit This Season

Bruce County, Ontario: With spring just around the corner, many households are getting ready for their annual spring cleaning. This year, why not use the opportunity to review and update your home's Emergency Preparedness Kit?

"We always encourage our Bruce County residents to ensure their families are prepared for emergencies. Creating and maintaining an Emergency Preparedness Kit is a simple but effective way to gain peace of mind, knowing you can remain self-sufficient for a few days if needed," says Ray Lux, County Emergency Management Coordinator. "Being prepared allows emergency services to focus on the areas and individuals who need them most."

Every household should have an easily accessible Emergency Preparedness Kit in case you are required to shelter in place during an emergency. A well-stocked kit takes some planning and should be reviewed at least once a year to ensure it's ready when you need it most. Here are a few helpful tips to guide your spring refresh:

- **Replenish your water supply** to meet your family's drinking needs for at least three days.
- **Check expiry dates** on non-perishable food items and replace as needed.
- **Inspect battery-powered items**, such as radios and flashlights, and ensure you have fresh batteries on hand.
- **Review your Family Emergency Plan** and update emergency contact information if anything has changed.
- **Print hard copies** of important documents, such as insurance policies, wills, and medication prescriptions.

Don't have an Emergency Kit or Plan in place yet? Spring is the perfect time to get started! For guidance on building your own kit, visit: [Get an Emergency Kit - Canadian Red Cross Emergency Kits](#) or visit [Canada's emergency kits guide](#).

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March 6, 2025

Municipality of Kincardine

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Dear Jennifer Lawrie, Clerk:

Re: Request for County Accessibility Coordinator

The County of Bruce acknowledges receipt of the Municipality of Kincardine's resolution dated October 9, 2024, requesting consideration to create a County Accessibility Coordinator position.

Unfortunately, the request was received after the County's budget meeting held on October 10th and was not considered as part of the 2025 budget. Government grants to fund a full-time accessibility coordinating position are not currently available. Staff will continue to monitor funding opportunities to support accessibility.

The County recognizes the importance of improving accessibility and will consider a County-wide Accessibility Coordinator position, or opportunities to fund shared resources, in a future years' budgets.

In the meantime, the County remains committed to working collaboratively with the local municipal staff to enhance accessibility through shared training and educational opportunities.

Regards,

Linda White, Clerk

cc. Bruce County Municipalities