

CLKD's April 2025 newsletter is here!

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April 2025 Newsletter

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Inspiring Possibilities

An inclusive caring community.

Rosewood RVilla is the 2025 Winner of the Golden Sock Award!



With 108 participating businesses, over 900 community votes, and 1000's of people rocking their brightest, loudest socks, we're incredibly proud of our community and their amazing display of support for the 2025 Lots of Socks campaign in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day!

The coveted Golden Sock is awarded to the business who receives the most votes from the community on their Lots of Socks window display. Congratulations to Rosewood RVilla - the 2025 winner of the Golden Sock Award for their creative "Hippity Hoppity from Sock to Sock" display.

We would also like to congratulate this year's runner up - South Bruce OPP Kincardine Detachment for an incredible, interactive "One Ocean, All Abilities" display.

We would like to thank each and every one of the businesses and community members who participated in this event by decorating, voting, wearing your socks, starting a conversation and/or spreading awareness - all in support of World Down Syndrome Day!

Huge thanks are also in order to **Jamie Edwards** of <u>JME Photography Studio</u> for capturing the beautiful portraits, **Bruce Power** for printing all the posters, and to the businesses such as **HuronTel** and **Kinetrics** who expanded the campaign and had their out of town locations participate.



April is Autism Acceptance Month with World Autism Day recognized on April 2nd.

"If you have met one person with autism, you have met one person with autism." - Dr. Stephen Shore.

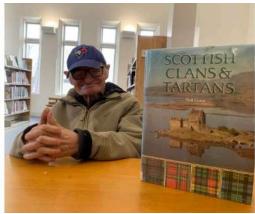
Autism exists in all cultures, ethnicities, races, gender identities, and socioeconomic statuses. It is a type of neurodiversity which means their brain may process information differently than neurotypical people. It affects how a person communicates, which may include speaking, using pictures, or using technology to interact with others. Every autistic person is unique and many experience differences in how they process sensations like sound, taste, light, touch, pain, smell and more.

To learn more about autism, visit https://www.autismontario.com/

Rick's Day Out







Pictured above is a collage of photos of Rick on his day out for lunch and at the library.

Rick had a fantastic, sunny day out!

He got to enjoy a few things he loves to do - having a yummy chicken lunch, settling into a comfy chair and flipping through the pages of his favourite books. "I like big books and small books, books about Elvis or gardening, and even books about food." - Rick

Rick likes how friendly the people at the library are and how they know him by name. He is looking forward to another trip back! He may even try a book store next time.

Myles Celebrates St. Patrick's Day in Style



Pictured above is a picture collage of Myles and his parents celebrating St. Patrick's Day in the sun.

In March, Myles made his annual voyage to Fort Myers, Florida with his parents, Hugh and Janey.

They had a great vacation, in part because they were able to join in on the St. Patrick's Day celebrations which included parades, festivals and pub crawls.

Myles donned his green shirt, sequin bowtie and clover beads for the community wide fun and enjoyed taking in the sights and sounds of parade goers. After a particularly snowy winter, Myles was thrilled to make family memories in the warmth and sunshine!

Kincardine's Rhythmic Gymnastics, Special Olympics Team!



Pictured above is a collage of photos of Kincardine's Rhythmic Gymnastics, Special Olympics team.

In 2024, Special Olympics Kincardine and Area started a Rhythmic Gymnastics team!

Teammates were eager to try a new sport and find their groove together. With support of coach Jessica Brown, from Hype Performing Arts Academy, and local Special Olympics organizer, Joy Laidler, the team has been honing their skills with dancing and ribbons.

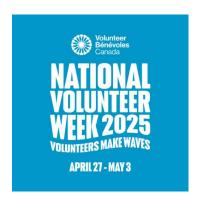
"I love going to gymnastics. I especially love the exercises on the floor. We wave the ribbon around and it's so much fun! I love spending time with my friends." - Samm

"I love running around, and dancing. Dancing is my favourite activity to do with my friends. I love waving the ribbons up and down." - Bethany

"My favourite part of gymnastics is dancing with the ribbons. They are so colourful and fun. I love going out with my friends and spending time together." - Jen (translated)

We look forward to sharing our routines with the community! Check us out performing at the Special Olympics Banquet on Friday May 2.

Upcoming Events & Activities



National Volunteer Week April 27 - May 3

During National Volunteer Week, we recognize every volunteer and celebrate each contribution they make!



Save the Date!

Friday July 18, 2025

CLKD's annual Charity Golf Classic is returning to Ainsdale Golf Course - mark your calendars!

Details and registration information to come.



Active Living 55+ Speaker Series

Join us for our upcoming speaker series events. Wednesday's from 1-2:30 at the Davidson Centre. Open to all adults over 55. Free. No registration required (with the exception of April 16).

April 9 - Local Library - More than Books

April 16 - Getting your Ducks in a Row (registration required via emailing info@huronshoreshospice.ca or calling 519-385-5683)

April 23 - Taking Care of Mental Well-Being

April 30 - Walker House Happenings



Community Living Month

May

Community Living Month is a province-wide annual awareness campaign to recognize the accomplishments of the Community Living movement.



Baby & Me Groups Running Every Thursday from 10-11am!

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.

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April 3, 2025

Welcome to the April Edition of RTO7's Industry E-Newsletter

The recent ice storm has caused significant damage and disruption across the region. While many areas are now recovering, we recognize that some communities are still without power. We hope everyone affected is staying safe and supported during this time.

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Limited Tech Compass Funding Remains

The available funding for Tech Compass is nearly maxed out. If you've been thinking about applying, now is the time. Spots are limited and applications are being reviewed on a first-come basis. If you have questions, please **email Tech Compass** and one of the team will respond.

The Tech Compass program is a collaboration of efforts between RTO7, Community Futures South Georgian Bay and Rappid Software Design, and is funded by the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

Apply Now







Destination Ontario Updates

Destination Digest is a bi-monthly industry newsletter for tourism stakeholders across the province. It delivers timely updates, research insights, marketing opportunities, and highlights from across Ontario's tourism landscape. If you are not currently subscribed, **click here** to sign up!

Recent Research Insights

Destination Ontario partnered with Context Research Group (CRG) to gain a better understanding of travel intentions from within Ontario and in the U.S. market. These findings offer a snapshot of current consumer sentiment and interests to help inform planning and marketing strategies. A summary of the results are provided below:

Ontario Consumer Survey

The primary goal of the study was to generate insights on Ontarians' favourite travel experiences and destinations, as well as gauge their travel intentions.

Survey highlights:

- Nearly 60% of Ontario residents highly consider local cuisine, shopping and nature experiences when planning upcoming pleasure trips.
- Visiting farmers' markets and dining at lakeside restaurants are top food experiences.
- Visiting small towns, taking scenic drives, hiking and nature walks, patio or outdoor dining, camping or cottage getaways, and swimming are the top warm season activities, with nearly 50% of Ontarians listing them as their favourites.

Read the full results here

Wave 1 U.S. Pulse Study

Last week's Destination Digest newsletter provided insights into the factors influencing travel from the U.S.

A pulse study was conducted among U.S. high value gGuests in both fly and drive markets. This research explores sentiment toward Canada and Ontario as leisure travel destinations.

Study highlights:

- The majority of U.S. residents (75%) indicate that political news or commentary does not impact their travel plans to Ontario.
- Canada and Ontario are rated highly as pleasure travel destinations by U.S. residents, with four in five giving them top ratings.
- One in three US residents believe Canada will become even more welcoming to them next year.

Watch the findings presentation here

Funding & Business Support

To support tourism operators across BruceGreySimcoe, we've compiled a selection of partner resources that provide detailed information of available grants and funding at the federal, provincial, regional, and municipal levels:

If you're developing events for Culture Days or running other arts, culture, and heritage programs, Culture Days provides a curated list of

funding sources. This includes opportunities with upcoming deadlines as well as those accepting rolling applications.

Explore the Culture Days Funding Resource

Simcoe County's Economic Development Office maintain an up-to-date directory of funding programs across all levels of government. This includes opportunities relevant to tourism, business development, and community initiatives.

Visit the Simcoe County EDO Funding Page

Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO) offers a dedicated funding and grants resource hub for tourism operators. This includes current programs and application links to help businesses access available support.

View TIAO's Funding Hub

Tourism Mini-Conference



Join us for an insightful, in-person event, focused on empowering tourism operators in Bruce, Grey, and Simcoe counties. The morning will feature engaging presentations, panels and networking opportunities.

You will learn how to:

- · Create powerful marketing & promotion strategies
- Champion sustainable tourism for a better future
- Elevate your customer experience to new heights
- Implement smart digital tools for growth & efficiency
- · Develop effective storytelling techniques to engage food tourists

Tickets can be purchased for \$20 pp and the event will be held at the John Saunders Centre in Collingwood.

Thank you to organizing partners Community Futures South Georgian Bay and the South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre!

Register Today!

Featured Webinars, Workshops & Events

For a full list of upcoming events and opportunities for learning and development, please visit RTO7.ca/Events.

- April 8, Destination Bike Welcoming Cyclists in Saugeen Shores & Bruce SW, 10 to 11 am
 Saugeen Shores, Bruce County southwest partners, and Ontario By Bike are pleased to invite you to join a free webinar to learn about exciting cycling and cycle tourism developments in the region and how to tap into the growing cycle tourism market by getting certified as bicycle friendly with Ontario By Bike. Pre-register here.
- April 24, The Blue Mountains & Area Sustainability Summit, 1 to 8:30 pm
 The 2nd annual sustainability summit is taking place at the Beaver Valley Community Centre in Thornbury and will bring together attendees from diverse sectors including business, non-profits, and residents. Learn more and register for the free event here.
- May 5 to 6, IMPACT Sustainability Travel & Tourism, Ontario Regional Event

 Join us at the annual TIAO regional event for an opportunity to connect with professionals and change-makers in the tourism industry.

 Information and tickets can be purchased here. Open to TIAO members and non-members.
- May 6, Annual Grey Bruce Brochure Swap, 10 am to 12 pm
 Gather for the annual tourism brochure swap at Grey Roots. Swap brochures, network and get a sneak peek of what's new at Grey Roots! Register to attend the free event here.

In Case You Missed It

OTEC Tourism Workforce Survey

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting workforce development in Ontario's tourism and hospitality sector, we are partnering with OTEC to gather valuable insights on the current challenges businesses face in hiring, training, and retaining staff. Your participation in this survey will provide data that shapes evidence-based strategies, offering actionable, local insights to help businesses thrive and grow in a competitive environment. Whether you are part of the tourism and hospitality industry, employment services, educational institutions, or provide other support services to the sector, we want to hear from you!

Take the survey now to help us gather comprehensive insights that will drive meaningful change and support workforce development across the province. Together, we can make a difference!

Complete the Survey!

Typsy Picks

Each month, the RTO7 team will spotlight a recommended course from Typsy, the online training platform that's free for anyone working in tourism across BruceGreySimcoe. This valuable resource offers training for all levels—from business owners and managers to full-time, part-time, and seasonal employees. Stay tuned for our top picks to enhance your skills and grow your expertise!

This month's pick: Customer (Experiential) Service

Reviewed by: Robyn Hewitt, Senior Communications Coordinator, RTO7

Total Course Length: 13 minutes



This short course provides some excellent examples of how to personalize a service experience with your customers and build trust. These touch points with your customers will ensure that they stay longer, spend more, return to your business, and tell their friends about their

positive experience. The skills and techniques discussed are applicable to all customer facing employees and are simple, yet very effective. Another key piece in this course is identifying and satisfying unhappy customers by following a few simple steps. If you haven't introduced your team to Typsy, this course would be a great place to start!

Get Started with Typsy

To access this course and other training content on Typsy, follow the steps below:

- 1. If you already have a free Typsy account with us, log in here
- 2. If you haven't set up a free Typsy account, register your interest on RTO7.ca and fill out the form (at the bottom of the web page).
- 3. Navigate to "Search" under the "Discover" tab
- 4. Type in the video name and click on the video in the results

If you need assistance, please reach out to our Learning & Development Coordinator, Fatima, at sfatima@rto7.ca.



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 - Tech Compass
 - T3 Accelerator Podcast
 - Tourism Biz Bites from the 7
- Resources
 - o Careers in Tourism
 - Resource Guide
 - RTO7 Connection Blog
- · Are You Listed?
 - o FREE Tourism Operator Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com
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 - FREE Promotions Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com (complete and up-to-date operator profile required)
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 Know Where You Are: Respect the Rules Regarding Illegal Motorized Vehicle Use On Conservation and County Lands

BRUCE COUNTY, GREY COUNTY – Bruce County, Grey County, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Issue Joint Call for Respect of Lands.

Imagine asking your neighbour if you can ride your ATV across their property and then ignoring their answer. Would you? Most people wouldn't. So why is it different when it comes to County and Conservation Authority land?

Bruce County, Grey County, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority are coming together to call for greater respect for trails, beaches, forests, and conservation lands. Illegal motorized vehicle use continues to cause damage, disrupt natural habitats, and divert critical funding away from recreational improvements.

Unauthorized use of ATVs, dirt bikes, trucks, and even golf carts is creating lasting damage on County and Conservation Authority lands. Deep ruts, eroded slopes, and crushed vegetation are not just unsightly, they impact ecosystems, destroy habitats, spread invasive species, and jeopardize the future of our natural spaces.

Every Dollar Spent on Repairs is a Dollar Not Spent on Recreation

Funds meant for trail maintenance, accessibility improvements, and new recreational opportunities are being swallowed up by costly repairs. When riders damage these lands, the cost of restoring them is left to municipalities, counties and conservation authorities, pulling resources away from enhancements that benefit all users.

Respecting Land, Respecting Community

Before hitting the trails, riders must "Know Where You Are." Counties and Conservation Authorities have clear rules to protect these spaces. If an area is not explicitly designated for motorized vehicle use, it is off-limits. No county or conservation lands allow for unauthorized off-road motorized vehicles.

"Most people would never assume they have the right to drive through a neighbour's yard without permission. That same courtesy needs to extend to the shared lands we all enjoy. Respect these unique and beautiful spaces; stay out."

- Donna Lacey, Manager of Forestry and Lands, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

Enforcement is Increasing

To protect public lands, enforcement efforts are ramping up in 2025. Riders caught operating motorized vehicles illegally may face fines, impoundment, or charges under municipal bylaws and provincial regulations.

By working together, Bruce County, Grey County, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority are committed to keeping lands safe and open for all. But it starts with respect. Know where you are. Respect the land. **Ride responsibly.**

For more information regarding this release, please contact:

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TIAO Tourism Industry Pulse Check

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April 21, 2025

Tourism Industry Pulse Check: Urgent Action Required

As we move into the busy travel season, media reports and sentiment tracking are pointing to strong travel intent from key markets, including the U.S. and from within Ontario this summer. But intent doesn't always equal action.

To better understand what's actually happening at the ground level, TIAO (Tourism Industry Association of Ontario) has launched a new province-wide industry pulse check. The results will help inform TIAO advocacy work and support data-driven conversations with decision-makers at all levels of government. In addition, RTO7 will be able to review regional results and can use those insights to adjust how we support you in the coming months.

This short survey focuses on:

- Summer 2025 bookings
- Tariff-related cost impacts

Please take five minutes to complete the survey and help inform what support may be needed across BruceGreySimcoe this season. Thank you for taking the time to share your insights. Your participation directly strengthens our provincial and regional tourism industry!

The deadline is Thursday, April 24 at 11:59 PM.

Complete Survey























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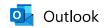
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Government and Ontario Medical Association Confirm Funding Increase That Will Protect Provincial Health Care

April 22, 2025
Ministry of Health

TORONTO — The Ontario government and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) have received a mediated arbitration award that increases funding to expand access to physician services across the province, including expanded services in rural and northern Ontario and stable staffing for emergency departments across the province. This funding is a result of a <u>September 2024 arbitration award</u> that will increase funding for specific targeted health care investments.

"Today's strategic investments build on our government's progress to protect Ontario health care to ensure everyone has reliable access to care, no matter where they live," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "By investing in emergency department staffing and strengthening rural and northern health care, we are making significant strides to conveniently connect Ontario families, especially those in rural and northern communities, to the care they need, where and when they need it."

This award includes:



- Improvements to physician funding for emergency department agreements, including the introduction of the new Rural Emergency Medicine Coverage Investment Fund (REMCIF) to ensure people can connect to care at emergency departments with reliable and appropriate physician staffing levels year-round, especially during weekends, holidays and peak seasons in rural and northern communities, effective April 1, 2025.
- Significant investments in the Rural and Northern Physician Group Agreement (RNPGA) primary care model to help people in underserved communities connect to a physician. The agreement helps recruit physicians to rural and northern communities by standardizing compensation rates for physicians, providing essential funding for physician office overhead costs and ensures emergency departments have reliable, stable staffing.
- A new compensation model for physicians at the All Nations Health Partners
 Ontario Health Team in the Kenora area that will help connect people to
 physician care services by recruiting and retaining physicians. The new model
 offers physicians simplified funding, consolidated and streamlined physician
 services contracts and a new hourly rate for emergency department coverage.
- Increased funding for an existing physician services agreement for the Sioux Lookout region that will increase physicians' compensation for travelling and working more days in the community. It also includes a new hourly rate for emergency department coverage, increased compensation for specialists and funding to recruit and retain physicians to the region.

Through the <u>Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care</u>, the Ontario government will continue to make unprecedented investments into the health care system. Ontario's plan to provide more connected and convenient care includes historic investments to connect every person to primary care, the largest expansion of medical education in more than a decade, new programs to pay for school and supplies for family doctors, and new community surgical and diagnostic centres.

Quick Facts

- The OMA serves as the representative body for Ontario's physicians, advocating for their well-being, as well as the health of their patients.
- The Ontario government is continuing to invest to ensure reliable access to health services and promote long-term stability in Ontario's emergency department system, especially in northern Ontario.
- The Ministry worked closely with Indigenous leaders and stakeholders in Sioux Lookout and the Kenora area to develop agreements that provide increased supports for health care delivery in northern Ontario.
- These investments are designed to improve health care delivery and support physicians across Ontario and the government continues to work with the OMA to negotiate the remaining years of the 2024 Physician Services Agreement.

Quotes



"This significant funding will ensure physician care is available for Ontarians in northern and rural communities and for those who require emergency care across the province. This arbitrated award offers greatly needed support to many of Ontario's doctors, who have been working tirelessly to keep emergency departments open and have ensured the health and well-being in northern and rural communities. The OMA would like to thank Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, for her continued support, and we look forward to working with her to ensure Ontario has the best health care system in Canada."

- Kimberly Moran CEO, Ontario Medical Association

Additional Resources

- Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care
- Ontario Government and Ontario Medical Association Reach Agreement to Increase Access to Primary Care

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Making it easier for private well owners to get their water tested

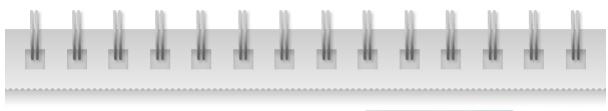
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Be Water Wise

Water Sampling Event!

Hosted by the Dublin Lions Club



We will ensure your water sample gets to Huron Perth Public Health for testing.

Water testing sample bottles are available from:

- · Dublin Lions Club members
- At the event

Drop off your filled water sample bottle to Dublin Community Centre on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Water sampling is a key step in ensuring safe water for your family.

Information on protecting and maintaining your well and septic system will be available.

To learn more go to: sourcewaterinfo.on.ca • 519-235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610



Thanks to funding support from the County of Huron's Huron Clean Water Project



Dublin Lions to host Water Wise event for private well owners to bring in their well water samples for testing

Do you have a private or shared well but find water sampling difficult? Dublin Lions Club is trying to make it easier for you.

The Dublin Lions are hosting a Water Wise event to make it easier for private well owners to get their well water tested. The event is on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Dublin Community Centre, 7015 Helen Street, Dublin, Ontario.

People can get a water sampling bottle at the event or they can get a water bottle ahead of time from a Dublin Lions Club member. They can fill the water sample bottle the day of the event, keep the bottle cold, and drop it off on April 29.

When they drop off the sample bottle, they can also learn how to *Test, Protect* and *Maintain* (Test their well water; Protect their well water; Maintain their well and septic system).

The April event is the eleventh Water Wise well testing and public information event held in the region since 2023. More than 420 well owners have attended the events. Organizers have delivered more than 440 water sample bottles to local public health. Service clubs and volunteers have distributed more than 1,500 bottles with the initiative.

Lions Club volunteers and drinking water source protection staff ensure samples are kept chilled and delivered to Huron Perth Public Health for testing the morning after the event. Information on well protection and septic maintenance is available at the event.

Learn more on the drinking water source protection best practices web page.

Dublin Lions Club encourages well owners to take advantage of this convenient way to check on the safety of their well water.

When water sampling of private wells is made easier, more people will do it. That's the idea behind the 'Water Wise' events that have been happening in some villages, hamlets and shoreline communities in the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region. Well owners may know having well water tested is important to ensure their family, friends and neighbours are safe but it isn't always as convenient as they would like. Getting a sample bottle

locally, and having someone deliver it to Huron Perth Public Health for them, makes it easier.

The April 29 event is posted on social media with #TestProtectMaintain and #WaterWise and #WellWise and #BestPractices hashtags.

The Water Wise well water sampling event is possible thanks to funding support from the County of Huron's Huron Clean Water Project.

Learn more:

• <u>Dublin Lions host April 29 event for well owners</u>













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Pesticides Rat poison Cleaning Fluids FLAMMABLE

Gasoline BBQ starter Paint/solvents REACTIVE

Pool chemicals Ammonia Bleach

IN EVERY HOME THERE ARE PRODUCTS THAT NEED SPECIAL CARE. YOU'LL RECOGNIZE THEM BY THESE WARNING SIGNS.

The County of Huron Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program is an opportunity for you to clear potentially dangerous wastes out of your home and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner, at no cost to you. The Huron County HHW Depot at the Mid-Huron Landfill in Holmesville (37506A Huron Rd) is open year-round Tuesday to Saturday 8:00am to 1:00pm (last load accepted at 12:30pm) and FREE to all County Residents.

THE COUNTY OF HURON 2025 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday, May 10th, 2025 Works Yard, 445 Josephine St Wingham (North Huron)

No PCB's, commercial, infectious or radioactive wastes will be accepted.

For more information Visit

https://www.huroncounty.ca/public-works/waste-management/ or call 519-524-8394

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The 2025 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day is **Saturday**, **May 10**, **2025** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Wingham at the North Huron Public Works Yard

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Ontario Unlocking Free Trade Within Canada

Province unleashing billions in new economic opportunity by tearing down barriers to internal free trade and labour mobility

April 16, 2025

Premier's Office

TORONTO — As a next step in its plan to protect Ontario by unleashing the province's economy, the Ontario government is introducing the <u>Protect Ontario through Free Trade within Canada Act</u> to unlock free trade and labour mobility within Canada. This legislation will, if passed, create new opportunities for job creation and investment attraction, supporting economic integration across Canada and cutting costly and unnecessary red tape to help protect and grow Ontario and Canada's economies.

"For too long, we've let red tape and endless regulations hold back our economy, making us vulnerable to external threats, including from President Trump's tariffs," said Premier Doug Ford. "Not anymore. The legislation we're introducing today will make Ontario a national leader when it comes to trade between provinces and territories, so we can strengthen and unify Canada and create new markets and opportunities for Ontario workers and goods."



Trade barriers within Canada cost the economy up to \$200 billion each year and lower gross domestic product by nearly eight per cent. These barriers also increase the cost of goods and services Ontario families rely on by up to 14.5 per cent, at a time when families are already struggling from increased costs due to tariffs. Ontario is leading the charge to tear down these barriers to unlock Canada's full economic potential.

Ontario's plan, including the measures in the *Protect Ontario through Free Trade within Canada Act*, will support free trade and mobility across Canada by:

- Becoming the first province in Canada to remove all its party-specific exceptions (PSEs) under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) without exception and encouraging other provinces and territories and the federal government to follow suit.
- Allowing workers from other parts of the country to come and work in Ontario
 by enabling the government to remove labour mobility barriers, reduce
 administrative burdens and simplify the movement of certified workers across
 Canada. By expanding labour mobility with new "As of Right" rules, Ontario will
 allow certified workers from other provinces and territories to begin working in
 Ontario immediately while they complete a streamlined registration process.
- Enabling mutual recognition with reciprocating provinces and territories, so that goods, services and registered workers that are good enough for other parts of Canada are recognized as good enough for sale, use or work in Ontario.
- Moving to allow more regulated health professionals in good standing to begin
 practising in Ontario while they wait for registration in an Ontario health
 regulatory college and removing restrictions on where they may work using "As
 of Right" rules. The government will also begin consultations to allow American
 health professionals, including doctors and nurses, to be included under these
 new "As of Right" rules.
- Enabling direct-to-consumer alcohol sales with reciprocating provinces and territories so that consumers will be able to purchase alcohol directly from producers across Canada for personal consumption.
- Establishing a "Buy Ontario, Buy Canadian" day held annually on the last Friday in June to help consumers support local businesses and workers through programs such as Ontario Made, Ontario Wood, VQA and Foodland Ontario.

Ontario is also launching the new \$50 million <u>Ontario Together Trade Fund</u> to help businesses make near-term investments so they can serve more interprovincial customers, develop new markets and re-shore critical supply chains, strengthening Ontario's trade security and diversification.

As part of this effort, Ontario is signing memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick that will bolster interprovincial trade. These MOUs will support the reciprocal removal of barriers to trade between Ontario and Nova Scotia and Ontario and New Brunswick by advancing mutual recognition, such that a good, service or registered worker that is acceptable for sale, use or work in one province is acceptable in the other. Ontario will also work with Nova Scotia and with New Brunswick on a framework for direct-to-consumer alcohol (DTC) sales, so that producers have easier access to new



market opportunities, and so that consumers have greater choice and access to a broader selection of alcoholic beverages. This collaboration will enhance economic resilience, create job opportunities and set a precedent for other provinces to follow.

"This is a significant moment for our country and Nova Scotia is proud to be leading the way with Ontario," said Premier Tim Houston. "Last month, Nova Scotia passed the Free Trade and Mobility within Canada Act, a first in our country. It's short and succinct. This action says a lot about our commitment to make our economies stronger, and about fairness to workers, opportunities for businesses, and respect for Canadians' right to move, work and trade freely across their own country."

"Ontario is New Brunswick's second biggest trading partner, and we are excited to be building on the positive momentum to reduce internal trade barriers across Canada," said Premier Susan Holt. "Today's signing of this MOU commits both our provinces to enhance direct-to-consumer alcohol sales and improve interprovincial labour mobility. It will also encourage the free flow of goods, services, and investment, all while maintaining and strengthening the safety of our communities. We encourage other Canadian jurisdictions that have not already done so to join us in driving progress on internal trade by tabling their own legislation to reciprocally remove barriers to trade across Canada, including through mutual recognition."

"Ontario is leading the way when it comes to free trade within Canada, and we're pleased to work with our partners across the country to get it done," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "The legislation being announced today and the historic funding we are providing through the Ontario Together Trade Fund will create new opportunities to grow our economy, secure our supply chains and unify our country."

Ontario is Canada's largest interprovincial trader. With access to more than 41 million customers and purchasing power per capita among the highest in the world, the opportunity for Ontario businesses and workers through increased internal trade needs to be leveraged in an increasingly unstable global market. The government of Ontario is committed to supporting business and workers through these challenging economic times and will pursue additional measures and supports to ensure stability and resiliency.

Quick Facts

- In 2023, two-way trade in goods and services between Ontario and its provincial and territorial counterparts resulted in \$326.6 billion in economic activity.
- Thirty-five per cent of Canada's trade takes place within its own borders.
- In a <u>recent survey</u>, nine in 10 Canadians say they want stores to promote Canadian products.
- Party-specific exceptions allow CFTA Parties (i.e. all provinces, territories, and the federal government) to maintain or adopt measures (i.e. legislation, regulations, and policies) that may be inconsistent with certain rules of the



- Agreement. PSEs insulate those measures from a successful trade challenge under the Agreement's dispute resolution mechanism.
- Certified workers coming through the "As of Right" rule under the Ontario
 Labour Mobility Act, 2009, would be required to submit their certificate of
 registration from their "home" province or territory to the Ontario regulator.
 Upon confirmation, the worker would be able to work immediately in Ontario for
 up to six months while completing their labour mobility application for
 registration with the Ontario regulator.
- Approximately 3,000 labour mobility applications in total were processed in 2023 across 14 regulated professions and 23 compulsory trades governed under the Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act, 2006.
- Approximately 20 per cent of occupations are regulated in Canada.
- Ontario is actively working to advance the use of mutual recognition on various fronts, including as part of the Mutual Recognition Pilot Project in the trucking sector, as well as through the CFTA's Regulatory Recognition and Cooperation Table negotiations to mutually recognize regulatory measures governing the sale and use of consumer goods, except food.

Quotes

"Ontario is unlocking Canada's economic potential by building our workforce and expanding labour mobility. This will reduce red tape, help more professionals get to work faster, support Ontario employers with addressing their labour needs and boost our economy."

- David Piccini Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

"Our government is taking bold, decisive action to protect Ontario and support the needs and livelihood of all Ontarians during this uncertain time. By building on our success and further expanding our innovative "As of Right" rules, our government is recruiting even more health care professionals from other jurisdictions, bolstering our nation-leading health care workforce and making world-class health care more accessible for people and their families across the province, for years to come."

- Sylvia Jones Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

"Unlocking Ontario's economic potential isn't just about growing our economy today: it's about building long-term economic prosperity that future generations can count on. By lifting interprovincial trade barriers, we're creating opportunities for people in Ontario and across Canada to thrive in their communities while benefiting our nation as a whole."

- Peter Bethlenfalvy Minister of Finance



"In this time of tariff threats and uncertainty, empowering consumers to support locally made goods and homegrown talent is more important than ever. That is why our government is proud to establish Buy Ontario, Buy Canadian Day: a call to arms and a new annual tradition that celebrates our incredible Ontario and Canadian businesses, producers and workers."

- Stephen Crawford

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement

"This landmark legislation demonstrates strong nation-building leadership. The Ontario government's bold action on internal trade barriers unlocks new heights for provincial and national prosperity."

- Ryan Manucha Research Fellow, C.D. Howe Institute

"Strengthening relationships at home first, while ensuring we maintain safety as a core value, is key to Ontario's and Canada's economic success. We commend Premier Ford for his commitment to addressing inter-provincial barriers to trade and labour. The legislation introduced today will reduce uncertainty faced by Ontario's mining sector, particularly amid the ongoing tariff disputes with the U.S. By broadening access to qualified professionals, we can alleviate the rising costs associated with third-party certification of closure plans and ensure that our industry remains competitive. This proactive approach not only strengthens our relationships with other provinces, but also reinforces our dedication to fostering a robust mining environment across Canada."

- Priya Tandon President, Ontario Mining Association

"This legislation is a historic step toward making the movement of goods and people freer across Canada. It is also a call to action for other governments across the country. As we face the threat of American tariffs across a range of sectors, enabling governments and individuals to help manufacturers by buying more goods made right here in Canada is timely and important. We encourage all provinces to follow Ontario's lead to build our country's strength, to completely remove all internal barriers, and support industry-led initiatives that support local jobs, such as CME's Ontario Made program."

- Dennis Darby

President and CEO, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters

"We applaud the Ontario government for introducing bold legislation that responds to several CFIB asks and helps to build Canadian economic independence. The government has turned the U.S.-Canada trade war into positive action for Ontario and other provinces to unite in removing barriers to growth and opportunity within their own boundaries. We urge all provinces to rise up to the challenge."

- Julie Kwiecinski

Director of Provincial Affairs (Ontario), Canadian Federation of Independent Business



"This legislation helps break down barriers to labour mobility which means more opportunities, fairer access to jobs, and stronger economic growth across Canada. The Carpenters' Regional Council is proud to stand behind it."

- Jason Rowe

Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Carpenters' Regional Council

"The Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario supports greater trade within Canada as being foundational to our nation's security and prosperity. As this Bill makes its way through the legislative process, we look forward to sharing our Council's expertise on interprovincial mobility in the construction industry. The Building Trades are committed towards training to the highest standard so that the health and safety of all construction workers is protected."

- Marc Arsenault

Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer, Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario

"On behalf of the United Association of Workers of HVAC&R Local 787, we commend Premier Ford's leadership as his government seeks to cut barriers to work across Canada. Now more than ever, our country needs to unite our economies into one strong Canadian powerhouse that supports workers from sea to sea. We know Premier Ford, Minister Vic Fedeli and Minister David Piccini all have our backs during this trying time against American protectionism. Together, we will all successfully protect Ontario."

- Andrew Tarr

Business Manager, United Association of Workers of HVAC&R Local 787

"The Health Profession Regulators of Ontario, which represents 26 regulatory bodies, is committed to patient safety, seamless registration processes, and enabling access to qualified health care professionals. The new Bill demonstrates the government's efforts to reduce barriers for professionals to come to Ontario, and it complements HPRO's efforts to speed up registration processes while still making sure health care professionals practice safely in the province."

- Daniel Faulkner HPRO Board Chair

"NPAO welcomes the Ontario government's introduction of "As of Right" rules to attract and expedite the integration of Nurse Practitioners into Ontario's healthcare system. NPs are well-positioned to play a key role in addressing gaps in primary and specialty care across the system, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the government to integrate and empower NPs to provide high-quality, compassionate, and accessible care for all Ontarians."

- Dr. NP Michelle Acorn CEO of the Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario (NPAO)



"Qualified doctors who wish to work in Ontario should face minimal barriers or delays to beginning practice. The Ontario Medical Association supports the government's move to continue to make it easier for these physicians to join our system in need. Ontario's doctors look forward to working with their new colleagues. We look forward to working with the government and partners on continuing to reduce unnecessary barriers to practice in Ontario."

- Dr. Dominik Nowak President, Ontario Medical Association

"The "buy Canadian/buy local" sentiment has grown exponentially during the past few months and there has never been a better time for provinces to work together to get more VQA wines into the hands of consumers. The threat of U.S. tariffs has shown the urgency for us to break down interprovincial trade barriers and that we can't accept the status quo any longer. Our message is simple. Anything that can be done to reduce barriers for VQA wines is long overdue. As a first step, we support consumers' ability to order Canadian VQA wine directly to their homes - wherever the winery is and wherever they live in Canada."

- Michelle Wasylyshen
President & CEO - Ontario Craft Wineries

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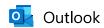
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Evenings 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Learn from our Policing experts on all aspects of drug trafficking and from our Health experts on substance use



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 600 Tomlinson Dr, Port Elgin
- Thursday, April 10 Durham Community Centre 451 Saddler Street West, Durham
- Wednesday, April 16 -Walkerton Community Center
 290 Durham St West, Walkerton
- Wednesday, April 23 Sydenham Campus 1130 8th St. E, Owen Sound
- Thursday, May 29 P&H Centre 269 7th Ave, Hanover



CLKD's May 2025 newsletter is here!

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May 2025 Newsletter

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Inspiring Possibilities

An inclusive caring community.

Inclusive Education, Celebrated!



On Friday April 4, 2025, Kirsten Ryan and her Grade 5 students at Huron Heights Public School received their class pizza party for winning the Inclusive Education month contest.

"This opportunity allowed us, as a class, to explore the theme of social justice and to remind the students how much power they have to make change in the world through celebrating diversity, promoting equity and being active in inclusive practices." – Kirsten Ryan, Gr. 5 teacher at Huron Heights

"I like learning about inclusivity because it teaches us to be better people." – Student, Huron Heights

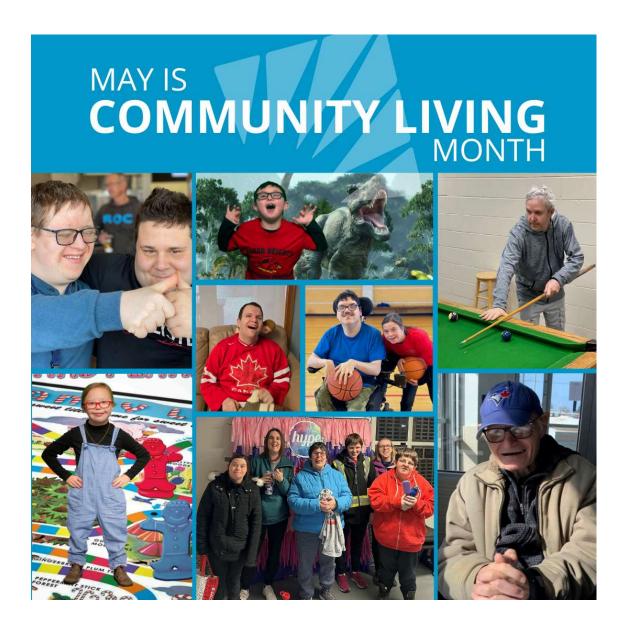
This winning class showcased multiple efforts to create an inclusive, welcoming environment, not only within their own classroom, but within their school community as well. They:

- Completed an ASL course to improve communication for all students
- Created a collaborative art project focused on helping those with anxiety feel included by providing strategies on how to cope
- Created a quiet lunch, reading, art and colouring club that offers a soft-lit, peaceful alternative to the loud lunch room
- Had an inclusion based show and tell that fostered kindness and empathy from all students
- Built a classroom board that includes daily updates for students who may not hear or recall announcements
- Created a suggestion box where students can submit ideas to improve school inclusivity

We were so impressed with the dedication to inclusion that this class has shown not only in February, but all year round. "When we include everyone, and when we all come together, we make something beautiful. We're better together." - Kirsten Ryan, Gr. 5 teacher at Huron Heights

Congratulations to all of the amazing inclusive classrooms and thank you to all those who entered the contest!

May is Community Living Month



Community Living Month is a province-wide, annual awareness campaign to recognize the accomplishments of the Community Living movement.

Founded by families who wanted more for their children born with a disability, Community Living Kincardine and District has been supporting people with developmental disabilities for over 60 years. We are fortunate to have a great network of businesses, organizations and community members who share our vision of an inclusive caring community.

Throughout the month of May, we'll be communicating with the people we support - getting to know what they want people to know about them, and posting their messages and stories on our Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as our blog.

Thank you for helping us *Inspire Possibilities* while creating a community that is welcoming for people of all abilities.



Ellie is a spunky toddler living life in Point Clark with her family, including parents Steven and Kayla, and her beloved dog. She is curious and determined, and wants everyone to know that nothing is going to hold her back in life.

Like most toddlers, she loves playing outside and being on the go. Going to the park to play on slides and swings is her favourite.

Unlike most toddlers you may meet, Ellie was born with a serious heart defect. Before she could come home from the hospital, she underwent a big surgery to help her heart grow healthy and strong. As a result, Ellie sports a scar on her chest that shows how tough she is.

Ellie was also born with a cleft palate. Although it has recently been repaired and she's learning to eat more table foods, she still relies on her G-Tube for nutrients.

When you meet Ellie, you may notice that her adorable face is a bit asymmetrical which is a result of hemifacial microsomia. She also has microtia, a smaller, differently formed ear. Because of this, Ellie wears a hearing device on a headband. Her family is learning sign language (ASL) and different ways to communicate with her.

Ellie and her family have worked hard to meet milestones and has come so far in the last 18 months. Despite Ellie's differences, she and her family hope that everyone sees her as just a typical toddler, that her peers accept her for who she is, and that she is treated like one of the gang. Ellie's family and friends expect she'll be fully included when she starts school, and they know she'll bring so much to her community.

It's okay to be curious, so if your children see Ellie out and about, her parents welcome you to say hi and ask respectful questions.

Please talk to your kids about Ellie and remind them that we're really all more alike than different!

Registration is OPEN!



Join us on Friday July 18th, 2025 for the 17th Annual CLKD Charity Golf Classic, presented by 2mPower!

Enjoy a fun-filled day at the beautiful Ainsdale Golf Course and help to *Inspire Possibilities* within our community. Funds raised at this tournament will positively impact the people we support, those with developmental disabilities, and all people 55+, by enhancing Community Living Kincardine and District's many person-directed services.

The day will feature specialty holes, putting contest, silent auction and a dinner reception immediately following 18 holes of golf.

Ainsdale Golf Course

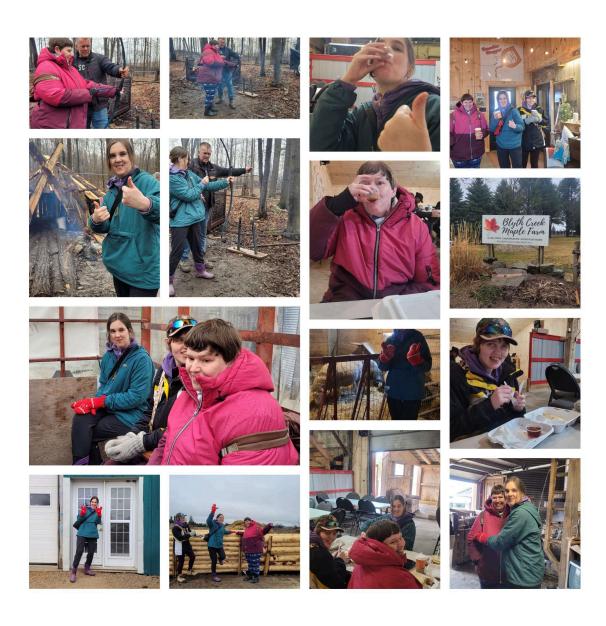
Friday July 18, 2025 Registration opens at 11:30am **Shotgun start at 1pm**

Gather your team and secure your spot! **Register online at** https://www.clkd.ca/golf-tournament

Interested in sponsorship? Email cmc@clkd.ca

See you there!

Sweet Times at the Maple Syrup Festival



Pictured above is a collage of photos of Beth, Sam and Catherine at the Blyth Creek Maple Farm.

A couple weeks ago, Beth, Catherine and Sam spent some time at the Blyth Creek Maple Farm. From maple syrup tasting and pancakes, to bonfires, farm animals and archery - they did it all!

 $^{\circ}$ I like the maple syrup and shooting the arrows, I stepped out of my comfort zone and faced my fears. I recommend this place to all my friends." – Catherine

"I liked the wagon ride" - Sam

"I liked the animal farm, eating the pancakes, but most of all I got to spend the day with friends that I love! I also loved the coffee." – Beth (translated)



April 28 - May 3, 2025 was National Volunteer Week.

We are incredibly grateful for all of the fabulous volunteers we have at CLKD. From the Board of Directors, to the individuals who help with our programs and work one-on-one with the people we support - **THANK YOU for sharing your skills, time, and energy to build a more inclusive and caring community.** Your kindness makes a lasting difference.

We'd also like to recognize and thank all of the people we support who are active volunteers in our community. From school programs to Lots of Socks to the golf tournament and Baby and Me, **THANK YOU for your dedication to these programs and for helping to create an inclusive caring community.**

Upcoming Events & Activities



Active Living 55+ Speaker Series

Join us for our upcoming speaker series events. Wednesday's from 1-2:30 at the Davidson Centre. Open to all adults over 55. Free. No registration required

May 7 - Wills Part 2

May 14 - Avoiding Frauds and Scams

May 21 - Brainstorming Session

May 28 - Benefits of Drawing and Painting



All Kids Can Play

Interested in making your youth recreation team/league more inclusive?

Dates for our FREE training sessions will be announced shortly.

Email info@clkd.ca for more information.



Baby & Me Groups Running Every Thursday from 10-11am!

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.

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