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***CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF PRWIN!***  
***EXPERIENCE CONSERVATION AND***  
***DISCOVER THE MCLARTY CENTRE!***



## **Come Out & Explore In Nature!**

*For 25 years, PRWIN has been dedicated to preserving and enhancing the health of the Pine River and surrounding ecosystems.*

*With collaborative efforts, we have implemented many projects focusing on water quality, habitat restoration and community education and outreach opportunities.*

**The McLarty Outdoor Learning Centre provides a conservation area with a trail system, two wetland ponds, an osprey nest and countless mature trees. The area is an opportunity for local youth organizations,**

environmental groups, individuals, and families to discover nature in the local environment.

- Scenic Trails – trail system throughout the area
- Photography – capture nature's beauty
- Outdoor Classroom – engage learning with nature conservation activities
- Educational Hosting – sun shelter, picnic tables and interpretive story boards
- Wildlife Viewing – to explore wildlife species in their nature habitat
- Bird Watching – great spot with a variety of species to observe
- Relaxation – unwind and regroup in nature

*"The Pine River Watershed's McLarty Environmental Area has provided an enriching area for our Horticultural Youth Group to meet each year. The 30 children in our group, ages 6-14, look forward, each year, to the meetings held at the centre. They have had the opportunity to see and learn about our native species of flora and fauna. Hiking on the trail to identify plant and bird species and observing frogs are some of their favorite activities. As a leader of the Youth group I really appreciate that we have access to such a wonderful area so close to home for our children to learn and explore. The Pine River Watershed has been an excellent support for the environmental and horticultural teaching that we*

*do and we greatly appreciate that."*

**Heather Newman - Leader of the Ripley and District Horticultural Society  
For Our Youth Club.**

***To schedule an outdoor experience, please email  
pineriverwin@yahoo.ca***







# **PINE RIVER WATERSHED INITIATIVE NETWORK** McLarty Centre



>Take Concession 6E to Sideroad 20 (just east of the Huron Kinloss Landfill)  
 >Turn north on Sideroad 20 and the McLarty Centre is at the end of road just past the Road Closed sign





## **Community Foundation Grey Bruce Capital Funding**

**Thank you to Community Foundation Grey Bruce for supporting our current initiative along with community partners Corteva Agriscience, Howick Mutual Insurance and NWMO.**

**The project will highlight environmental interaction with a sun shelter, platform area and interpretive story boards. It will create an opportunity to offer an on-site space for recreational experiences.**



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## **Celebrate Culture, Community, and Connection at the 4th Annual Multicultural Day Celebration in Saugeen Shores!**

*Saugeen Shores, ON* – The YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce, in partnership with the Town of Saugeen Shores, invites the public to attend the 4th Annual Multicultural Day Celebration, a free, family-friendly event that brings the world to your doorstep through music, food, art, and cultural traditions.

**Join us on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Pioneer Park** (70 Front St, Southampton, ON) for a vibrant day celebrating the rich cultural mosaic that makes Grey Bruce such a welcoming and dynamic place to live. (Rain location: Southampton Coliseum, 26 Albert St S, Southampton.)

Whether you're passionate about international cuisine, live performances, or simply learning about the customs and traditions of others, there's something for everyone at this unique community event.

### Highlights Include:

- Opening Ceremonies at 11:00 AM with Saugeen First Nation and Mayor Luke Charbonneau
- Live music and cultural performances throughout the day including:
  - Saugeen First Nation Drumming Circle
  - Caribbean Steel Drums
  - Ukrainian and Highland Dance
  - Chinese heritage displays
  - Dhol Bagpipes
- A wide variety of international food vendors
- A bustling arts and crafts market featuring handmade cultural items
- Children's activities such as henna tattoos, face painting, crafts, games, and more!

Attendees are encouraged to wear their traditional cultural attire and celebrate the diversity that makes our communities stronger.

"Each year, this event grows not only in size but in heart. It's a powerful reminder of how diversity strengthens community," says Suneet Kukreja, Manager of Grey Bruce Settlement & Language Services at YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce.

“We are honoured to welcome the Multicultural Day Celebration to Saugeen Shores,” says Mayor Luke Charbonneau. “This event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, learn from one another, and celebrate the many cultures that enrich life in our region. We’re proud to host and be a part of this growing tradition.”

This celebration is made possible thanks to the generous support of The Town of Saugeen Shores, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, and Canadian Heritage.

The YMCA’s Multicultural Day Celebration is hosted in a different community each year to broaden outreach and foster inclusion across the Grey Bruce region. Now, in its fourth year, the event has become a regional highlight and a testament to the vibrant cultural contributions of newcomers and long-time residents alike.

For more information, visit: [ymcaowensound.on.ca/multicultural-day-celebration-2025](http://ymcaowensound.on.ca/multicultural-day-celebration-2025)

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#### **About YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce**

The YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce is a charity that ignites the potential in people by creating opportunities for everyone to achieve personal growth in spirit, mind and body. We offer opportunities for personal development in many program areas: Health, Fitness, Aquatics and Recreation, Child Care, Community and Justice Programs, Settlement Services, Housing Support and Employment Services. Learn more on our website: [www.ymcaowensound.on.ca](http://www.ymcaowensound.on.ca)

#### **About the Town of Saugeen Shores**

The Town of Saugeen Shores, located along the beautiful Lake Huron shoreline in Bruce County, is a vibrant and growing community that values connection, inclusivity, and quality of life. With strong roots in heritage and a commitment to a sustainable future, Saugeen Shores offers exceptional recreational opportunities, thriving local businesses, and a welcoming environment for families and newcomers alike. Learn more at [www.saugeenshores.ca](http://www.saugeenshores.ca).

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June 4, 2025

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## Welcome to the June Edition of the RTO7 Industry E-Newsletter

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

### Real Results from BruceGreySimcoe Promotions

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Looking for more eyes on your business? Douglas Murray from [Evergreen Forest Resort](#) shares the impact of using the BruceGreySimcoe website to promote his offerings. With our ongoing Google Search campaign driving traffic to the Packages & Promotions page, this kind of exposure is exactly what we're aiming for.



*"As a tourism operator in Grey County, I have posted my promotions to the BruceGreySimcoe website, and the results are amazing! At various times during the year, the BruceGreySimcoe seasonal advertising campaigns put a spotlight on my promotions, and drive traffic directly to my website. I have seen a 10-fold increase in daily hits on my site, and am able to reach hundreds of new prospects. Thank you RTO7 for your support!"*  
Douglas Murray, Owner - Evergreen Forest Resort

To take advantage of this free opportunity:

- Update or create your free listing now via the [Operator Login](#).
- Once approved, upload your packages, offers, and promotions for maximum exposure.
- Have a Festival or Event to highlight? Please submit it [here](#).

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Let's work together to showcase the best of BruceGreySimcoe this summer!

**Tech Compass: Expert Digital Support for Tourism Businesses**

Tech Compass continues to support tourism businesses across Bruce, Grey, and Simcoe counties with customized, one-on-one help to strengthen digital operations. From personalized consultations to expert recommendations and a step-by-step implementation plan, the program gives businesses the tools they need to work smarter with tech.

Funding for Tech Compass is nearly tapped out. If you've been considering it, now's the time to move. Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, and spots are going fast.

Wondering what kind of impact it can have? Here's how one local operator made the most of it:



*"Tech Compass provided practical, targeted advice tailored to the specific needs of our business."*  
Kevin McKague, Owner - **Mill Pond Gallery, Bookstore, and Cafe**

Whether it's improving your online presence, simplifying your tech, or making digital tools actually work for you, Tech Compass can help. Apply now while funding is still available.

[Apply Now](#)

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## **Destination Ontario Always ON Partner Content Intake**

Last week, our partners at Destination Ontario, in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, officially launched 'We Stand', a bold new domestic

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marketing campaign. They have ramped up their marketing efforts and now is the perfect time to engage with their team by completing the [Content Intake Form for Tourism Businesses or Events](#). Let them know who you are and what sets your business or event apart. Each submission is shared with the sales and marketing teams, ensuring your business or event information is utilized in multiple ways. For instance, the content team might feature your business in a story or blog on their [website](#), information centres might include your details in their recommendations, or you could be the focus of a lunch and learn session for their travel centre staff. This intake form serves as the primary introduction to Destination Ontario, paving the way for potential future interactions and opportunities.

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## **Funding & Business Support**

### **Trade-Impacted Communities Program (TICP)**

A new competitive funding program designed to help Ontario communities and industries respond to the economic challenges caused by U.S. trade disruptions. Open to Municipal governments, economic development organizations, sector or industry associations, business accelerators and incubators. Learn more on [Ontario.ca](#).

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## Featured Webinars, Workshops & Events

For a full list of upcoming events and opportunities for learning and development, please visit [RTO7.ca/Events](https://RTO7.ca/Events).

- **June 11, Workforce Connect Conference, 8 am to 2 pm**

The County of Simcoe and regional partners will be hosting the 4th annual Workforce Connect Conference at Hawk Ridge Golf Club in the Township of Severn. This year's theme is *Navigating Change: Empowering Talent for Tomorrow* and will focus on equipping HR professionals and business executives with talent attraction and workforce development resources that will help them and their team to thrive in ever-evolving landscapes. [Secure your FREE spot today!](#)

- **June 11, Business to Bruce - Staffed for Success: Social Media Training for your Summer Team, 1 to 2 pm**

Has your business hired summer staff to manage your social media? This 60-minute session will teach them how to use platforms effectively for business by covering tools, best practices, and tips to build confidence and creativity online. [Register for free here.](#)

- **June 12, Business to Bruce – Focus Your Energy: Cut Your Costs and Carbon, 12 to 1 pm**

Discover how your business can stay competitive and resilient in a changing economic landscape. This session explores the benefits of cutting emissions, including cost savings to risk reduction, and shares practical,

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cost-effective steps and support available to help you take action. [Register](#) for this free training today.

- **June 20, Employer Training – Developing Cultural Intelligence, 9 am to 12:30 pm**

Lakehead University in partnership with the County of Simcoe EDO is hosting a DEI training at their Orillia Campus. The training is open to all staff in any industry and will equip participants with an action plan for enhancing their ability to work across domestic and international cultural differences. Complete and submit the [registration form](#) to attend.

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## In Case You Missed It

### **Best Bicycle Friendly Businesses Ontario By Bike Winners**

Congratulations to the following businesses recognized with the annual Ontario By Bike award for their outstanding service to cyclists and support for cycling in their communities.

*Due to volume of nominations, Ontario By Bike have selected two winners in the general award category: Accommodations, Food Services and Attractions.*

**Best Bicycle Friendly Business:** [Bowering Lodge/Eagle Adventures](#) – Blue Mountains



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**Best Bicycle Friendly Business:** [Three Sheets Craft Brewing](#) – Port Elgin

**Best Bike Business:** [Bike Stop of Orillia](#) – Orillia



**TIAO Forward Motion Podcast Episodes Featuring BGS Stakeholders**

- [Tobermory's Tourism Treasure: Ashley Salen's Blue Heron Adventures](#)
- [Playcations & Partnerships: Inside Horseshoe Valley's Resort Strategy with Sarah Tyler](#)

**Agritourism Growth Study for Ontario - Farmer Survey**

Calling all agritourism farmers! If you offer on-farm experiences like farm tours, pick-your-own, an on-farm café/shop, farm stays, or other activities like these,

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Agritourism Ontario need's your input to inform their growth study. Please participate in a short 15-minute survey and enter to win a one-year membership with Agritourism Ontario or a \$100 gift card to Lee Valley Tools!

Complete the survey [here](#) before July 22 and don't forget to share it with your fellow farmers in Ontario.

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## News from the Region

[FlixBus service connects Collingwood to Lake Huron](#)

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## 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!

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### **This month's pick: Interacting with Guests**

**Reviewed by:** Amanda Pausner, Experience & Administration Coordinator

"RTO7 recommends this Typsy course as a top choice for tourism businesses, and it's easy to see why. At just 49 minutes, the course delivers practical insights through bite-sized 5-minute lessons focused on building guest rapport and positive relationships. Perfect for newcomers and experienced staff alike, it covers essential customer service fundamentals that everyone benefits from revisiting. The downloadable toolkits and additional resources are outstanding, providing tools you can use immediately. Beatrice Gallo is highly engaging, relatable and offers real-world advice that resonates with frontline staff. This course is a **MUST** for your frontline staff."



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## Get Started on Typsy

To access the course, 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](mailto:sfatima@rto7.ca).



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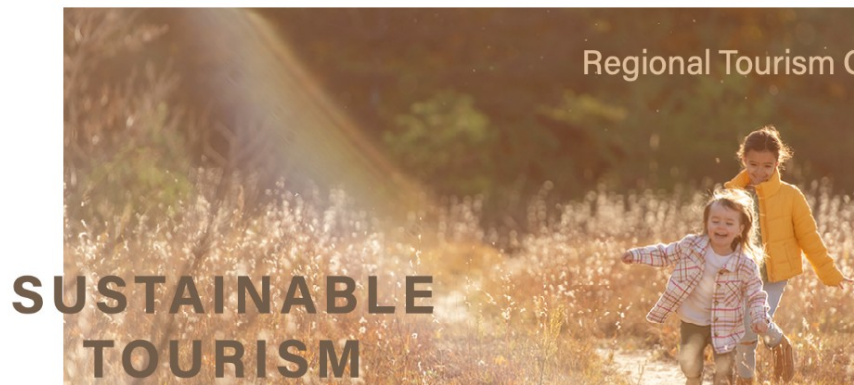
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  - Are You Listed?
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# REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION 7

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### RT07 Supports Future Tourism and Hospitality Leaders Through Annual High School Challenge

**BruceGreySimcoe, June 5, 2025 —** Regional Tourism Organization 7 (RT07) is proud to support the annual *Great Canadian High School Hospitality Challenge*, a signature workforce development initiative aligned with RT07's Business Plan to build a strong and resilient tourism and hospitality workforce across Bruce, Grey, and Simcoe Counties.

This year, the challenge featured two regional events engaging over 230 high school students from 11 schools, bringing classroom learning to life through hands-on, curriculum-aligned challenges. The events took place on May 29 at Cedar Rail Campground for students in Bluewater District School Board and Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board, and on June 4 at Snow Valley Resort for students from Simcoe County District School Board and Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board.

### Building Skills and Exploring Career Pathways

Now in its third year in Bruce-Grey and fourth year in Simcoe County, the Great Canadian High School Hospitality Challenge provides students in hospitality and tourism programs with the opportunity to explore future career pathways, build essential skills, and connect directly with peers and industry leaders.

Through a series of fun, fast-paced challenges including the Mocktail Mayhem, T-shirt Branding, Uphill Ski Team (Hosted by Blue Mountain Resort), Hospitality Jeopardy, and the "Taste of Canada" Bake it 'til You Make It cake competition, students showcased creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills in a dynamic, real-world setting.

"These events are critical to the long-term sustainability of our region's tourism industry," said Bill Sullivan, CEO of RTO7. "With over 3,000 students enrolled in hospitality and culinary courses across our region, initiatives like the Great Canadian High School Hospitality Challenge create an essential bridge between education and employment. We're not just hosting competitions; we're cultivating the next generation of tourism professionals who will drive our industry forward and ensure we have the skilled workforce needed to meet growing demand."

## **Community Support and Industry Collaboration**

These events would not be possible without the collaboration between educators, tourism operators, post-secondary institutions, and event hosts. RTO7 extends its heartfelt thanks to Michael Agema of Agema Work for his continued leadership and passion. His tireless dedication and creativity in organizing these events year after year is instrumental to their success.

We also gratefully acknowledge our Gold Sponsors: Blue Mountain Resort and the County of Simcoe Economic Development Office, for their investment in youth engagement and workforce development.

Industry participants and event hosts included Georgian College, Seneca Polytechnic, Fern Resort, Friday Harbour, Horseshoe Valley Resort, and Sauble Eats, all of whom brought their energy and expertise to the student experience.

For image requests, more information on this initiative, or to explore how your school or tourism organization can get involved in future events, please contact:

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**About RTO7**

Regional Tourism Organization 7 (RTO7) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting the growth and sustainability of tourism in Bruce, Grey, and Simcoe Counties. As one of Ontario's 11 Regional Tourism Organizations, our mission is to work collaboratively with tourism partners and stakeholders to build, sustain and grow visitation, investment and visitor spending. Through strategic initiatives, marketing support, funding programs, and destination management projects, RTO7 works to ensure that BruceGreySimcoe remains a vibrant, welcoming, and sustainable destination. [www.RTO7.ca](http://www.RTO7.ca)

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June 2025 Newsletter

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**A Horse Remembered**





When Lorraine learned that Sir Lance—a beloved horse once owned by her family friend Jerry—had passed away in December, she **decided to honour his memory with a portrait.** Using a photo from the PRANCE Facebook page as a reference, she worked on the painting through January and February.

In April, Lorraine surprised Jerry at the barn with the finished piece. Jerry was moved to tears, saying, **“You got his tail just right. His mane is perfect, his hind quarters, his legs...”** The emotional moment quickly turned to hugs and happy memories.

Barn owner Kathleen Pryde, who had boarded Sir Lance for over 20 years, recalled that Lorraine began riding at PRANCE when she was just a little girl.

The portrait shows Sir Lance without a saddle to keep the composition clean—an artistic choice guided by Lorraine’s instructor, Athina Hunter of Artemis Studio, who has mentored her for years.

Later that day, Lorraine was asked to paint a new portrait—this time of King, one of PRANCE’s newest horses. She’s excited to start, once a few other projects are complete.

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## McHappy Day!



**"It's been another successful year of volunteering for McHappy Day!"** said Volunteer Catherine Benjamin. Each year McDonalds restaurants recruit volunteers across Canada to raise funds to support families with sick or injured children who stay at Ronald McDonald Houses.

"I would recommend this experience to all my friends and family in case they want to volunteer too, because I know I'm going to volunteer again for many years to come. I even won a puzzle and a little shark Squishmallow after entering the raffle! When we received the call that I won a prize from the raffle I was so shocked and excited.

My friend Jen also won a prize, so we celebrated winning together by giving each other big high-fives. When we went to go pick up my prize I was told that we raised over 19k for McHappy Day, **it made me feel extremely glad that I was able to support the fundraiser by volunteering and getting a Happy Meal afterwards to celebrate.** Go McHappy Day go!" - Catherine

**"I enjoyed volunteering with McHappy Day. I helped run the "spin the wheel" event.** I loved waving and saying hi to everyone that stopped by. Earlier in the day, I enjoyed some lunch at McDonald's to support the fundraiser. I also entered the raffle and ended up winning a beautiful necklace! I received the call that I won and I was so excited!!"  
– Jen (translated)

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## Food Forest at Boiler Beach





On Sunday, April 27, we joined the Saugeen Habitat Collective at Boiler Beach Forest to plant over 70 native fruit and nut trees including paw paw, serviceberry, red mulberry, choke cherry, pecan, and hazelnut. These resilient trees will benefit the community for generations to come.

It was a beautiful, sunny day by the lake. Bethany said, **"I liked helping dig holes and plant trees. They'll look beautiful when they grow."** A Bur Oak was also planted and everyone enjoyed feeling its soft, fuzzy bark.

After planting, a delicious lunch was shared with volunteers. Catherine said, **"I loved digging, planting, and meeting new people. The donuts from Best Friends Bakery were my favourite!"** Sam added, **"I enjoyed being outside, spending time with friends, and seeing familiar faces like Eric. I can't wait to walk the trail with Bethany when it's done."**

Susan cheered, "Woohoo!" at her first volunteering event of the year. She was happy to meet new people and wave at everyone.

**"We can't wait to show off our hard work and watch it grow!"** - Catherine

Stop by and see the new Food Forest at 1 Boiler Beach Rd!

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## **KDSS Students Explore Local Businesses and Gain Job Skills**



This semester, students in the KDSS Life Skills Program partnered with Community Living Kincardine and District and the Transitional Age Youth Program to learn about local businesses and explore employment opportunities.

They began with in-class workshops, learning about businesses in Kincardine and discussing which ones they'd like to visit. Tours were then organized, allowing students to meet business owners, ask questions, and gain hands-on knowledge about different jobs.

In May, the students toured:

- **Fincher's** – learning about stocking shelves, customer service, and store operations.
- **Inn at the Harbour** – exploring roles like housekeeping, front desk, and customer service.
- **Tim Hortons** – seeing the kitchen, bakery, and how a busy restaurant runs.
- **CIBC Bank** – discovering banking roles, handling money, and learning how technology has changed banking.
- **Artemis Art Studio** – learning about art careers and exploring their creative talents.
- **Queen Street Vet** - learning about how the vet operates and the types of animals they help
- **Second Wave Boutique** - learning about entrepreneurship and how to pick out clothes for a job interview

The students will continue their learning with visits to other local workplaces this month.

**Thank you to all the businesses for sharing your time, knowledge, and workspaces to help our students learn!**

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## Puzzles!





Every Thursday afternoon, Ian, Caroline, and Charlene are among the regulars who gather with friends to enjoy tea, snacks, and each other's company during their weekly social puzzle.

"It's a great chance to catch up with everyone," said Caroline. **"I love that I get to see my friends and chat with others in the building."**

Charlene agreed, noting how meaningful the weekly tradition has become. **"It's great to have this time to socialize with our friends,"** she said with a smile.

The group recently celebrated a milestone—the completion of their very first puzzle after two months of effort. “I was ecstatic when we finished it!” Caroline shared. **“It took a while, but we finally did it. I’m already looking forward to starting a new one.”**

While puzzles may be the main activity, not everyone comes for the challenge. “I’m not really into puzzles,” Ian admitted with a chuckle. **“I come to talk with my friends. But to be honest, the only thing I’m really into is the pipe band!”** he added with a grin.

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## **Meet Becca - Youth Connections Team Leader**



Hello everyone!

My name is Becca Martin. I am this years **Youth Connections Team Leader** at CLKD. I'm

also a student at Queen's University and enjoy reading and spending time with my loved ones.

My job this summer is to work together with youth and their families we support to develop goals and skills that we can build and work on throughout the summer. This will be done one-on-one or in small groups.

The activities vary from **volunteering opportunities, tour of places in our community or building life and social skills**. I am so excited to get started. I already know we will have a blast!

Looking forward to meeting everyone and the adventures ahead!

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## Introducing ActiveLiving55+



With over 60 years of experience supporting people with developmental disabilities, CLKD is thrilled to announce the launch of **ActiveLiving 55+**, a program for anyone aged 55 and over in the Municipality of Kincardine! Whether you're looking to stay active, make new friends, or find local support, this program is for you.

Thanks to funding from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, CLKD will offer wellness classes, social events, learning sessions, and one-on-one support in welcoming, accessible spaces across the community to anyone over 55 years, regardless of their ability.

“Seniors told us they wanted more connection and activities, and we listened!” says Jodee Beer, ActiveLiving 55+ Program Coordinator. “We’re excited to help everyone age with joy and dignity.”

To learn more or get involved, visit [clkd.ca/activeliving55](https://clkd.ca/activeliving55) or contact Jodee at [jbeer@clkd.ca](mailto:jbeer@clkd.ca).

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## Upcoming Events & Activities

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**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!

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## **Municipalities Encouraged to Act on Floating Accommodations: FOCA Supports New Position Paper Offering Clear Pathways Forward**

MEDIA RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
June 25, 2025 - Ontario

Ontario's inland lakes and rivers are facing an emerging challenge: ***Floating Accommodations (FA)***. Structures such as repurposed shipping containers or wood-frame dwellings placed on flotation devices are appearing more frequently on Ontario waterways, raising significant environmental, regulatory, and taxation concerns.

The **Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA)** is sharing a new position paper developed by the **Floating Accommodations Not Vessels Coalition**, which offers practical guidance for municipalities across Ontario to manage or restrict these unregulated structures within their jurisdictions.

"This position paper brings clarity to a complex and evolving issue," says Lesley Lavender, CEO of FOCA. "It's an opportunity for municipalities to consider proactive approaches that balance environmental stewardship, fair taxation, zoning issues and responsible lake planning."

FOCA has shared its voice on this issue since 2022, helping to raise awareness of the gaps in existing policy, and continues that work today by supporting this effort to provide municipalities with the tools and information they need.

The paper outlines two core regulatory pathways for municipal governments:

1. **Prohibit Floating Accommodations entirely through zoning by-laws, as recently enacted by the Township of Severn and the Township of Georgian Bay.**
2. **Allow Floating Homes in specifically zoned, fixed-mooring locations with permanent sanitary, hydro, and water connections—similar to regulated developments like Bluffers Park in Toronto or False Creek in Vancouver.**

FOCA supports the right to navigation for boaters using Canada's waterways for commerce, transportation, and recreation. However, **the use of our waterways for long-term habitation is not an intended or desirable use**, and it compromises the safety and free enjoyment of Canada's waters by boaters, shoreline residents, and other users.

The environmental implications are significant. Floating Accommodations can release contaminants and disrupt fish habitat, especially when stabilized with steel 'spuds' embedded into lakebeds. The position paper identifies the absence of sanitary infrastructure as a major concern, posing risks to water quality and aquatic ecosystems.

In addition, the structures currently fall outside local taxation frameworks yet may still rely on emergency and waste management services. Without clear zoning definitions, municipalities risk losing oversight over development on their waterways.

The frameworks recently adopted by **Parks Canada, Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources**, and the **Ontario Provincial Police** now provide enforcement mechanisms for federal, provincial, and private lakebeds. However, key regulatory gaps remain—particularly in cases where FAs float over privately owned lakebeds, dock at marinas without proper zoning, or move short distances frequently, to avoid enforcement.

The **Glaspell v. Ontario** ruling, cited in the paper, clarified lakebed ownership and has become central to the legal tools now available to municipalities. The paper encourages local governments to consult legal counsel and consider how zoning by-laws can reflect and reinforce their planning priorities.

"This is not just a legal issue—it's a community and environmental one," adds Lavender. "By working together, we can ensure Ontario's lakes remain healthy, safe, and well-managed for generations to come."

FOCA encourages its member associations and local councils to review the position paper and consider what approach best reflects their local environmental, community, and planning priorities.

**To download a copy of the 13-page position paper, or to learn more about Floating Accommodations and emerging municipal strategies, visit FOCA's webpage:**  
<https://foca.on.ca/floating-accommodations/>

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As a not-for-profit organization working on your behalf, we ask you to please consider making a one-time or recurring donation to support FOCA's year-round work on behalf of waterfront Ontario, if you are in a position to do so.

**Yes, I support FOCA!**

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## About FOCA

FOCA is the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, the only go-to provincial advocacy organization committed to sustaining and enhancing the Ontario cottage experience. We work collaboratively to identify and address key issues by providing credible expertise, environmental stewardship, targeted programs and services, and a robust network of strategic partners.

Since 1963, FOCA has united Ontario's waterfront community. We are a non-profit membership organization representing over 525 lake, road, cottage, camp, and rural waterfront associations—together, 250,000 families and voters who steward 15,000 km of shoreline and 50 hectares of privately owned waterfront land from Kenora to Kingston, Lake Erie to north of Temagami. Our 2022 Economic Impact Study confirmed that every 100 waterfront properties generate 63 jobs in Ontario, with most of those in the local community.



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Important updates

**2025 Ontario Budget: What it means for municipalities**

The 2025 Ontario Budget, *A Plan to Protect Ontario*, includes key measures that will impact property assessment and municipal services. MPAC supports these changes and remains committed to helping municipalities adapt through innovation and data-driven tools.

Highlights include:

- Optional tax rate reduction: Starting in 2026, municipalities will have the option to reduce property tax rates by up to 35 per cent for eligible affordable rental units.
- Digital assessment notices: Changes to legislation will allow MPAC to issue electronic assessment notices beginning in 2026.
- Broader use of assessment data: Proposed updates will enable wider use of MPAC data for research and operations.
- Centralized online access: Work is underway to provide online access to assessment roll data, reducing the need for in-person visits.
- Ongoing system review: The provincial review of the assessment and taxation system continues, with more updates to come.

These updates align with MPAC’s Strategic Plan to modernize service delivery and better support communities. We look forward to sharing more details about the optional tax rate reduction in the coming weeks, along with additional information on other key highlights as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of your [Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Team](#).



**Organizational update**



We’re pleased to announce that Wendy Elliott has joined MPAC as Senior Manager, Property Tax Intelligence & Research in the Municipal and Stakeholder Relations branch. In this role, Wendy will lead efforts to enhance property tax intelligence, strengthen collaboration with municipal partners, and support strategic research that informs decision-making.

Wendy brings more than 20 years of public-sector leadership experience, with a focus on data analytics, governance, and policy development. She previously served as Director of Strategic Initiatives and Government Relations at Halton



Region, where she led performance analytics, strategic planning, and intergovernmental relations. Her experience also includes developing a data governance program at Metrolinx and holding key roles in the Ontario Public Service, where she applied innovative, data-driven approaches to influence provincial policy.

This appointment supports MPAC’s ongoing commitment to delivering value through data, insight, and partnership. Welcome, Wendy!



**We heard you: Property Pulse Dashboard in Municipal Connect**

At MPAC, we’re committed to delivering tools that respond to your needs—and your feedback plays a central role in shaping our services. During our fall 2024 municipal webinar, many of you emphasized the value of having real-time, reliable data to support decision-making. One request stood out: access to the Property Pulse Dashboard within Municipal Connect.

We’re pleased to share that the Property Pulse Dashboard is now available in Municipal Connect as part of a trial with Teranet, running through January 2026. This new feature offers real-time insights into sales activity, building developments, and assessment changes, helping municipalities make timely, informed decisions.

This initiative reflects MPAC’s continued commitment to making property data more accessible, transparent, and actionable for communities across Ontario.

Your input drives innovation. The launch of the Property Pulse Dashboard is a direct result of your engagement, and we’re proud to deliver a solution that supports your work on the ground.

For more information or support with Municipal Connect, please contact your [Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Team](#).

## Inside MPAC's Municipal Liaison Group: Innovating with partners across Ontario

*Explore how this unique forum is driving smarter solutions for stronger communities.*

Join MPAC Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Director, Mary Dawson-Cole, MPAC Regional Managers Anne Haines and Lynne Cunningham, along with Shane Manson, Senior Manager Revenue & Property Tax, City of Markham, for an inside look at the Municipal Liaison Group (MLG). This initiative brings municipal leaders and MPAC together to exchange ideas, test new approaches, and support municipalities as they navigate tax policy and local decision-making. We'll break down the group structure and share real examples of how this "incubator" is delivering meaningful results across the province.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 16, 2025

**Time:** 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. EDT

**REGISTER NOW**

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

### Save the date!

We're pleased to invite you to MPAC's **Annual Municipal Update** webinar, taking place on **Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.**

Stay tuned—full details and registration information will be shared soon!



## MPAC on the move

### Connect with us at the 2025 AMO conference

We're looking forward to connecting with municipal and provincial leaders from across Ontario at this year's AMO Conference in Ottawa!



**Mark your calendars:**

**Tuesday, August 19 | 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.**

## **MPAC's Vision for Data-Driven Municipal Success**

Join MPAC for a session exploring how Ontario's property data can unlock new opportunities to drive innovation and improve operational efficiency, creating lasting value for municipalities. As a customer-centred strategic partner, MPAC continues to look for ways to support municipalities through enhanced service delivery and innovative tools that help enable data-driven decision-making. This session will provide municipal leaders with practical insights into leveraging MPAC services and tools to align with local priorities and reduce administrative burdens.

### **💬 Have a question or topic you'd like us to cover?**

We want to hear from you! Submit your questions in advance to your local MSR team and help shape the conversation.

### **📍 Don't forget to stop by our booth!**

Meet the team, explore our latest digital tools, and learn how we're working with municipalities to deliver value and transparency to property owners across Ontario.

We can't wait to see you there!

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## **Conference season in focus**



*In May and June, our MPAC team hit the road to connect with partners in communities across Ontario. Clockwise from top left: Regional Managers Anne Haines and Jon Hebden with Account Manager Shannon Long at AMCTO in Windsor; Nicole Martin, Clerk/CAO, Township of Amaranth joined Anne Haines at the MPAC booth at AMCTO; Account Managers Christian Bennett and Nicole LaFrance with Regional Manager Lynne Cunningham (centre) at OSUM in Collingwood; Account Managers Mario Levesque, Jeremy Cormier, Judy Sauer, and Alice Newton with Regional Manager Laura Voltti and Government Relations Manager James Harvey at FONOM in North Bay; Regional Managers Lynne Cunningham and Tracy McIntyre at the OMAA Spring Workshop in Muskoka; Raymond Sigouin, Councillor, Township of Opasatika, with Regional Manager Laura Voltti at FONOM.*

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## Partnership spotlight

### **City of Sarnia boosts AMP engagement with digital outreach**

In Fall 2023, the City of Sarnia set out to increase the number of residents registered for MPAC's AboutMyProperty™ (AMP) portal. Looking to enhance outreach while keeping costs low, Sarnia partnered with MPAC and leveraged the [AMP Digital Tool Kit](#), a ready-to-use communications package designed to promote AMP.

“We saw the value AMP offered our residents, so one of our goals for 2024 was to raise awareness of the tool,” said Ronda McIntyre, Tax Analyst for the City of Sarnia. “With that in mind, we integrated promotions into our print and email communications related to taxes, which helped boost both awareness and usage. As a result, our number of registered AMP users grew by 25 per cent last year—from 1,347 to 1,689.”

This successful digital campaign demonstrated the value of proactive communication and easy-to-use resources. In response, MPAC has since developed additional outreach tools for municipalities, including an AMP-specific QR code and a buck slip graphic to help make it even easier for property owners to access their assessment information.

This impactful partnership was recently featured during Zone 1's Coffee Chat in May, where Sarnia's approach and results were shared as a model for other municipalities.

AMP empowers residents to conveniently review their Property Assessment Notices, explore comparable properties, and update mailing addresses—all online, anytime.

For municipalities looking to increase AMP engagement in their own communities, Sarnia's success shows that the right tools—and the right timing—can make a measurable difference.

Have a specific need that could support your day-to-day work? Connect with your local Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team—we're here to collaborate and help find solutions that work for your community.

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## Friendly reminder

- **Time for a Municipal Connect refresh?** To keep your team up to date with the latest enhancements and ensure they have the knowledge to leverage the platform successfully, schedule a virtual tutorial session. Your local Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team can customize each session to meet your needs. Reach out to learn more!
  - The **Q1 2025 Residential Report**, now available, offers market insights, trends, and analysis for residential properties across Ontario. The report draws on data from MPAC's property inventory and registered sales from Teranet Inc., which reflect property transfers officially recorded in the Ontario Land Registry, along with other cited sources.
  - MPAC's **Property Income and Expense Return (PIER)** program is now underway. Eligible property owners who received a letter requesting information about their properties should submit their information by July 14, 2025. Submissions can be made through the PIER portal, accessible via AboutMyProperty™ at [mpac.ca](https://mpac.ca).
  - Coming soon – The **2025 Q2 New Assessment Forecast** will be available in July for your municipality. To view the report, visit MyProducts on [Municipal Connect](#) beginning July 30!
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## Working better, together

At MPAC, we believe that strong relationships lead to stronger communities. That's why we're committed to working alongside municipalities to provide the data, tools, and insights you need to support informed decision-making.

Whether you're looking for a deeper understanding of how we can support your local priorities, training on Municipal Connect, or a tailored information session for your staff or council, we're here to help. Let's connect—your local [Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team](#) is just a call or email away.



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# Media Release

June 12, 2025

## Deceased crow found in Grey-Bruce tests positive for West Nile Virus

Grey Bruce Public Health has received confirmation that an American crow, found deceased in Bruce County, has tested positive for the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus.

The crow was submitted to the Canadian Wildlife Health Co-operative for testing on June 6, 2025.

This positive test is a reminder that West Nile Virus (WNV) can be found in Grey-Bruce and of the importance of protecting yourself and family members from mosquito bites.

“While the risk of acquiring West Nile Virus in Grey-Bruce remains low, there are simple and effective steps people can take to prevent it,” says Senior Public Health Manager Andrew Barton.

“The best way to prevent West Nile Virus is to protect yourself from mosquito bites, such as by using insect repellent containing DEET or Incaridin and covering exposed skin while outdoors, particularly at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.”

This is the first bird to test positive for WNV in Grey-Bruce in 2025.

No human cases of WNV have been reported in Ontario so far this year. In 2023, 61 people – equivalent to a rate of 0.4 cases per 100,000 people – tested positive for WNV, resulting in 37 hospitalizations and one death.

WNV circulates between birds and multiple species of mosquitoes. The virus multiplies in the tissues of infected birds and circulates in their blood. Mosquitoes can pick up the virus when taking blood meals from infected birds. The infected mosquitoes can then, in turn, transmit the virus when they fly to another bird or animal and feed again.

GBPH sets mosquito traps monthly, from May to September, in each Grey-Bruce municipality as part of its West Nile surveillance program. The traps are sent to a laboratory for species identification and viral testing.

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So far this year, no positive mosquito pools have been identified in Grey-Bruce.

Other ways to prevent mosquito bites and prevent WNV, include:

- Wearing light-coloured long pants and long sleeves, socks, and a hat when outdoors;
- Reducing mosquito habitats near the home by eliminating standing water in flowerpots, eavestroughs, etc.;
- Taking extra protection measures between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active; and
- Ensuring door and window screens fit securely and are free of holes.

Most people infected with WNV [do not experience any symptoms](#). Others see symptoms two to 15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Symptoms are usually mild and can include fever and headache; however, serious symptoms may also occur.

Some people are at greater risk of experiencing serious health effects from West Nile virus, including individuals over age 50 and people with chronic diseases, such as cancer, diabetes, alcoholism, and heart disease, or who require medical treatment that may weaken their immune system, such as chemotherapy.

Anyone with concerns about a dead bird can contact the [Canadian Wildlife Health Co-operative](#) at 1-866-673-4781.

Public Health Ontario has developed an [Ontario Vector-Borne Disease Tool](#), which contains data related to West Nile Virus, along with information on mosquito surveillance.

**For More Information:**

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June 2, 2025

## **Grey Bruce Public Health shares steps that are taken when a measles case is reported in a school**

As Ontario continues to experience a multi-jurisdictional measles outbreak, Grey Bruce Public Health is advising the community of the steps that are taken if an individual with measles attends a school.

Public Health's main objectives are to protect the health of students, staff, and the community, while supporting the continuation of in-person, classroom learning.

"Due to the relatively high vaccine rates for measles and our follow-up actions in schools, there is no need for Grey Bruce Public Health to order or advise the closure of a school in the case of a measles exposure within a school," says Grey-Bruce Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arra.

"If a measles case is reported, students and staff who are not fully vaccinated or immune to the virus, and who may have been exposed, will be temporarily excluded from school until it is safe to return. Students who are up-to-date on measles vaccines and staff who can provide proof of immunity can continue to attend school. This approach, which is best practice, balances effective infection prevention and control with the importance of maintaining uninterrupted education for students."

Vaccination remains the best defence against measles. One dose of a measles-containing vaccine is about 93% effective in preventing measles; two doses are almost 100% effective.

By contrast, more than 90% of people who are not immune to measles from vaccination or previous infection will become infected if exposed to the virus.

When a measles case is reported in a school, GBPH conducts a thorough contact-tracing investigation, which includes assessing the vaccination status of all students and staff.

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For students, this involves Public Health checking immunization records on file. School staff, meanwhile, will be asked to provide proof of immunity.

People who have received two doses of a measles vaccine or who were born before 1970 are considered immune to measles. These individuals can continue attending school without interruption.

Students and staff who are not up to date on measles vaccines or cannot provide proof of immunity will be temporarily excluded from school until they become fully vaccinated or the exclusion period ends. This includes students who have a valid exemption from receiving the measles vaccine.

With the current measles vaccine rate, on average around 10% of students and staff will have to be excluded.

**School officials may, however, decide to close a school due to inadequate staffing levels, resulting from staff exclusions. This is not a decision made by Public Health.**

Grey Bruce Public Health knows that the measles outbreak is causing some concern in the community. It's important to note that for people who are fully vaccinated against measles, the risk of acquiring the virus remains very low. GBPH continues to receive reports of influenza, COVID-19, and other respiratory viruses circulating in the area. Anyone who develops non-specific symptoms is advised to stay home while sick and until fever-free and symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours.

Measles symptoms generally start with a fever, cough, runny nose, and sore throat, and then develop into a rash, which starts on the face and spreads down the body, usually three to seven days after preliminary symptoms begin. As per Public Health Ontario, testing is best within seven days of the onset of the rash.

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June 20, 2025

## Grey Bruce Public Health urging people to take precautions during extreme heat

With local temperatures forecasted to climb above 30°C early next week, Grey Bruce Public Health is reminding residents and visitors to take steps to prevent potential heat-related illnesses.

Environment & Climate Change Canada (ECCC) says daytime temperatures in Grey-Bruce are expected to reach 31°C Sunday, 32°C Monday, and 30°C Tuesday, with nighttime temperatures expected to remain above 21°C from Saturday to Monday.

ECCC issues Heat Warnings for southern Ontario communities when two or more consecutive days of daytime maximum temperatures are expected to reach 31°C or warmer and nighttime minimum temperatures are expected to fall to 20°C or warmer.

These temperatures pose an elevated risk of heat-related illnesses, which can include heat stroke, heat exhaustion, or heat cramps.

Anyone can develop a heat-related illness during periods of extreme heat. Heat illnesses can develop quickly and can lead to long-term health problems and even death.

People at [higher risk](#) include older adults, infants and young children, people with chronic illnesses, pregnant individuals, people experiencing homelessness or who live in substandard housing, people with disabilities or who are on certain medications, newcomers to Canada, and people who work, exercise, or play sports in the heat.

To stay safe during extreme heat events, residents should avoid sun exposure, limit physical activity, and drink plenty of cool liquids. Water is best.

Other ways to [reduce the risk](#) of developing a heat-related illness include:

- Wearing loose-fitting, light-colored clothing made of breathable fabric;

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- Engaging in outdoor activities during cooler parts of the day;
- Taking a break from the heat by spending a few hours in a cool place, such as a cooling centre, air-conditioned building, or shaded area;
- Taking cool showers or baths;
- Blocking out the sun while indoors by closing awnings, curtains, or blinds;
- Shading yourself by wearing a wide-brimmed, breathable hat or using an umbrella; and
- Asking your health care provider or pharmacist if the medications you are taking or any health condition you may have increases your health risk in the heat and follow their recommendations.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Symptoms can include a high body temperature, confusion, loss of consciousness, a headache, dizziness, and nausea. If someone is experiencing heat stroke, call 911 immediately and move the person to a cool place, if possible.

GBPH is asking residents to check on loved ones and vulnerable community members during periods of extreme heat to ensure they're staying cool and hydrated.

Public Health has created an [Extreme Weather webpage](#) with additional information on the potential health impacts of extreme heat, how to respond to and protect against heat-related illnesses, and available resources, including public cooling centres in Grey-Bruce.

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June 4, 2025

## **It's tick season in Grey-Bruce, and Public Health is reminding people to take steps to prevent tick bites**

Grey Bruce Public Health is reminding residents and visitors that blacklegged ticks – capable of transmitting bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause potentially serious diseases, including Lyme disease, in people – are primarily active in the spring and summer and are present in the area.

Public Health encourages people to take steps to prevent tick bites, particularly when walking, hiking, cycling, or spending time in outdoor areas where ticks typically live, such as in and near areas with trees, shrubs, tall grass, or piles of leaves.

“The best way to prevent tick-borne illnesses, such as Lyme disease, is to avoid being bitten by a tick,” says Senior Public Health Manager Andrew Barton.

When spending time outdoors, people can prevent tick bites by:

- Using bug spray with DEET or Icaridin (always follow label directions);
- Wearing closed-toe shoes and covering exposed skin (tucking pants into socks and shirts into pants); and
- Walking on cleared paths or trails (this includes keeping children and pets from wandering off established paths).

It's also important for people to check themselves, family members, and pets for ticks after spending time outdoors. Promptly removing any attached ticks is critical to preventing potential infection as ticks must be attached for at least 24 hours, in most cases, in order to pass onto humans the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

People are advised to:

- Wear light-coloured clothing while outdoors, so it's easier to spot any ticks that may have climbed onto them;

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- Use a sticky lint remover before getting back into their car to remove any ticks that may have crawled onto shoes or clothing;
- Perform full body checks for ticks upon returning home and take a shower/bath;
- Check pets for ticks;
- Put clothes in a dryer on high heat for at least 10 minutes to kill any ticks.

Blacklegged ticks, which are about the size of a sesame seed, can carry the bacterium *B. burgdorferi*, which, if transmitted to humans via a tick bite, can cause Lyme disease.

Ticks can also carry the parasite that causes [babesiosis](#) in humans as well as the viruses that cause anaplasmosis or Powassan Virus in people.

In 2024, about 2,330 Ontarians contracted Lyme disease, while there were 160 cases of anaplasmosis, four cases of babesiosis and one case of Powassan Virus.

Each spring, Public Health Ontario releases an Ontario Lyme Disease Map, which identifies [Estimated Risk Areas](#) – locations where blacklegged ticks have been identified or are known to occur and where people could come into contact with infective ticks. A significant section of Grey-Bruce is now considered an Estimated Risk Area.

However, it's important to note that blacklegged ticks can be found throughout Ontario as they feed on and are transported by migratory birds.

Early Lyme disease symptoms can include fever, headache, muscle/joint pain, fatigue, and a bull's-eye rash. Residents should consult a doctor if experiencing these symptoms. If left untreated, Lyme disease can lead to recurring arthritis, neurological problems, numbness, or paralysis.

Public Health follows up with all individuals diagnosed with Lyme disease. If caught early, Lyme disease can be treated effectively with antibiotics.

For tick identification, use the free online platform [eTick](#). GBPH's [tick webpage](#) contains additional information on preventing Lyme disease.

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# Media Release

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June 18, 2025

## Public Assistance Request – Dog Bite – Kincardine

Grey Bruce Public Health is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the owner of a dog involved in a biting incident that occurred on Sunday, June 15, 2025, in the Municipality of Kincardine.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., a woman was bitten by a dog while walking on the Blue Trail, near the North Line Extension, west of Highway 21.

The dog is described as being a large Shepherd-type dog with brown fur. The dog was with a man in his 60s.

Staff at Grey Bruce Public Health need to confirm the dog is not infectious with rabies.

By verifying the health of the dog, the victim can avoid receiving the post-exposure rabies treatment.

If you have any information related to this incident, please contact Grey Bruce Public Health at 519-376-9420 ext. 1530.

### For More Information:

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