



Council / Committee Meetings – Thursday, February 4, 2021

Explore highlights from Bruce County's Council & Committee Meetings. These meetings are held on Thursdays, twice monthly, beginning at 9:30 AM, unless otherwise posted. Meetings are video livestreamed and complete agendas and minutes are available for public review.



Feb 8 2021 - 2:00pm

By-laws

Bruce County Council:

approved the annual remuneration to be paid to the Warden and members of Council of the County of Bruce for the Year 2021.

established fees and charges for the Corporation of the County of Bruce.

authorized the execution of an extension of lease agreement with Joanne Weishuhn-Lee to provide rental space for a Bruce County Ambulance Station in Port Elgin.

authorized temporary borrowing of money to meet the current expenditures for the year 2021.

authorized the Warden and Clerk to execute the Offer to Purchase Surplus Lands Agreement between the Ministry of Transportation and the County of Bruce for the property being in Part of Lot 19, Concession 1ND shown as Part 9 on Ministry Plan 2024-11 and as Part 9 on Plan 3R-10097 and to execute any, and all documents, consents, affidavits or assurances required to give effect to the Agreement.

authorized the execution of a one-foot reserve described as Part 5, 3R-3016 to the public highway and forming part of Bruce Road 13.

authorized the execution of an Emergency Response Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Bruce and the Salvation Army Warton Corps and Community & Family Services to acquire a Caseworker for the pathway to Hope Program.

Supporting a Review of Municipal Insurance Costs

Bruce County Council approved that a letter of support will be provided for the Municipality of Grey Highlands' call to the Province of Ontario to immediately review increasing municipal insurance costs that unfairly eat at critical municipal services and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID-19 delays, as insurance premiums grow out of reach for many communities.

Delegations

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Nuclear Innovation Institute www.nii.ca (<http://www.nii.ca/>)

Clean Energy Frontier www.nii.ca/clean-energy-frontier (<http://www.nii.ca/clean-energy-frontier>)

Response to Closed Meeting Investigator's Report

On Thursday, February 4, Bruce County's Executive Committee approved the Staff Report on the December 31, 2020 Closed Meeting Investigator's Report. This approval included re-endorsement of the recommendation that Council participate in "Closed Session Best Practices" training annually, which was previously endorsed in early 2020. A training session for members of

Council and County staff entitled “Closed Session Best Practices” was held on February 13, 2020. Bruce County has made changes in its policies, practices, and procedures and has taken other steps to enhance accountability and transparency with respect to closed meetings in response to previous findings and recommendations. Bruce County Council and Staff acknowledges their highest responsibility is to provide good governance for all stakeholders in an accountable and transparent manner. County Staff have been directed by Council to review all closed committee meetings from the past 5 years. A report on this will go to the Executive Committee when complete in March or April and will be shared with the public.

Xplornet Application to Universal Broadband Fund

The Executive Committee approved that a letter of support will be provided for Xplornet’s application to the Federal Universal Broadband Fund which supports high speed internet projects in Bruce County. The company was recently successful in receiving funding under the SWIFT 1.0 Program for three projects in Bruce County that will deliver 1 Gbps of fibre internet to 3,247 households in Wiarton, Sauble Beach, and Lion’s Head.

Spruce the Bruce 2021

The Executive Committee approved that the Spruce the Bruce program be amended for 2021 to remove the requirement for matching contributions of 50% for the Façade Improvement and Patio, Perpendicular Signage and Awning, and Collaborative Marketing grants. The Committee also approved that for 2021, there be a funding cap of \$30,000 per municipality until July 1, at which time the cap would be removed. The Committee endorsed prioritizing those applicants who did not receive Support the Bruce Business Sustainability funding in 2020. Spruce the Bruce is more than a granting program and is purposely focused in commercial core areas in order to build community capacity where the heartbeat of a community lives and builds from. It is through this program that community identity & brand comes to life and spurs positive change forming the essence of pride for the places we call home. Supporting these commercial centres continues to be important as businesses continue to navigate through uncertain times.

2020 Q4 Annual Business Plan Update

Consistent with most of 2020, the fourth quarter of County operations was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the Corporation strived to maintain operations, deliver services, ensure safety for residents and staff, and provide in-person service, the end of the year saw an increase in provincial and community infection rates and COVID-19 case counts. In response to the late December provincial lockdown, the County implemented measures, including keeping administrative offices closed during and after the holiday break, a reality that remains in place today. Notwithstanding, during the 4th quarter, County staff:

Implemented additional essential safety measures to address COVID challenges including mandatory COVID testing for all Long Term Care staff

Enhanced computer and IT access to ensure continued service delivery.

Boosted social media and website postings to support community efforts and to share updated information on County Council and corporate activities and actions

Maintained open access to all libraries and the Museum (until December 26, 2020)

Worked collaboratively with Public Health, all Bruce County local municipalities, Grey County and community stakeholders to shared information and best practices

Continued to support Bruce County staff with alternative work options, enhanced communications, and additional supports to manage pandemic challenges and anticipated lockdown

Museum & Cultural Centre Update

The Museum Committee approved the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre's revised Community Standards Policy to include references on hours of operation, community partnerships, and accessibility.

In 2021, the Museum will be developing a Digital Content Strategy, encompassing all areas of the Museum, pursuant to the Strategic Plan. The Museum manages 138,567 archival donation digital files, including 8,000 newspaper pages and 83,247 online files for public viewing. Over the next 12-18 months, the Museum will be systematically migrating digital files from degrading information carriers such as CDs, DVDs, and floppy disks. The Museum is investigating how best to initiate a further newspaper digitization project. Digitization will help facilitate access to items and information from a distance, will enable more efficient discovery of information within a textual item, and will spare originals from repeated physical handling.

A Kid Zone March Break Camp for kids aged 5-12 is being planned but will depend on provincial shutdown status and health measures in place.

The Museum's Education Centre is offering digital field trips and downloadable resources for teachers.

The Museum is working on opportunities to deliver virtual live programs using Microsoft Teams, Open Broadcaster Studio, and YouTube. These methods can be used in various ways for digital programming, including pre-recorded content, live programs with an external guest presenter, live Q&A, and multiple videos on the screen at the same time.

Virtual Adventure Talks: On February 10, 24, and March 10, travel near and far with explorers sharing their trips of a lifetime.

Virtual Family Day At-Home: On February 15, join with a virtual ticket to meet Italian Guinness World Record holder, Silvio Sabba, as he provides a demonstration and reveal his tips and tricks for breaking records. There will be downloadable content from the Museum's website outlining how to attempt records demonstrated at home, and families will be encouraged to post their best results with #2021BCM&CCFamilyDayChallenges on Facebook. The best attempts will win prizes.

Discover more from the Museum on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Youtube, and the Museum Website and Bruce Remembers Website.

Digital Television Service

Bruce County Housing Corporation has directed County Staff to inquire with the local Municipalities of South Bruce Peninsula, North Bruce Peninsula, and Arran-Elderslie that lack digital television services, of their interest in working together to seek interested service providers to provide such services broadly to these communities through leveraging the fibre infrastructure of the SWIFT project and report back to the board. County Staff have been working to bring digital television services to several buildings where there currently is no access to digital services. Given the evolving nature of available infrastructure, related to the SWIFT broadband expansion project, it is an opportune time to draw attention to the gaps in television service offerings in specific parts of Bruce County.

Kincardine Housing Build Project Update

The Kincardine Housing Build is a major Initiative in the 2020 Human Services Business Plan. The project will provide additional units of community housing in a new purpose-built development. The project will include 35 community housing units (25 one-bed units, 6 two-bed units, and 4 three-bed units) and an office 'hub' for Human Services. The project has met an important milestone with the completion of the utility electrical service. This allows for the rollout of several key final construction and inspection tasks for the commissioning of mechanical systems and life safety systems. Completion of this work will allow for compliance with building code and receipt of occupancy permit. The schedule currently anticipates tenants occupying the building by mid-April of 2021. Housing Services staff will provide support and assistance to tenants that will be moved from existing stock to the new stock. Staff have been providing communication to impacted tenants and will continue to do so through the length of the project.

Budgets Amended For Pandemic Funding

The Corporate Services Committee approved amendments to the 2020 budget to account for the pandemic grant funding provided in 2020. The Committee has also approved that the 2021 budget be amended to account for the pandemic grant funding eligible to be carried forward into 2021. The County has received a number of pandemic-related grants through 2020, which provided additional funding for Safe Restart, Temporary Pandemic Pay, Social Services Relief, COVID-19 Prevention, etc. Other grants, dependent on approvals by the Federal and Provincial governments, will be brought to Committee for budget amendment at the time of approval.

Natural Gas Agreement

The Corporate Services Committee approved the Local Authority Services (LAS) Natural Gas Appointment and Retainer Agreement. The LAS Natural Gas Procurement Program has been providing Ontario municipalities with stable and predictable Natural Gas prices for more than 20 years. LAS is a purchasing consortium and among its services it buys natural gas in bulk at a discounted rate on behalf of participating municipalities. Using LAS provides Bruce County with competitive pricing for natural gas for a number of County facilities.

SWIFT Loan Guarantee

The Corporate Services Committee approved the TD Bank guarantee for Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology Inc. (SWIFT) representing Bruce County's guarantee in the amount of \$2,495,000 in support of a credit facility to provide SWIFT with short-term bridge financing in the amount of \$27.5 million. This funding will be used by SWIFT to finance the projects identified in its Southwestern Ontario Integrated Fibre Technology Pilot Project Contribution Agreement with the Federal/Provincial Governments. SWIFT is a not-for-profit corporation, created and owned by the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, of which Bruce County is a member. The requirement for the loan guarantee SWIFT requires comes from the fact that it is a new corporation without any tangible capital assets (TCAs). SWIFT requested that the municipalities benefiting from these projects provide guarantees to the lender which will provide this required financing.

Financial Indicator Review (2019)

Municipalities are required to submit financial data to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) under Section 294 of the Municipal Act. The Financial Indicator Review for the 2019 fiscal year identifies Bruce County as LOW risk. Bruce County is compared with South, Upper Tier Counties.

0% of taxes billed has gone uncollected and has consistently been at 0%.

-3.0% of property tax and user fee revenue is servicing debt. The median for the comparators is 38.4%.

30.4% of funds are set aside for future needs and contingencies. The median for the comparators increased to 39.4%.

Cash and liquid investments available to cover current obligations is currently at a cash ratio of 2.64:1. The median for the comparators is 2.94:1.

3.8% of total revenue is spent on paying down existing debt. The median for the comparators is 1.4% and they currently have less than half of the same debt payment burden.

Bruce County's Asset Consumption Ratio is currently at 44.0%. Bruce County's comparators are at 48.5%.

Bruce County's Operating Surplus Ratio is currently 14.0%. Bruce County's comparators are at a median of 14.5%.

2020 BMA Municipal Study

Bruce County participated in a comparative survey conducted by BMA Management Consulting Inc, that includes financial data from 110 Ontario Municipalities representing in excess of 85% of the population. It is anticipated that the consolidation of the financial and economic indicators will help municipalities achieve the following goals and objectives:

- To help municipal decision makers in assessing market conditions.

- To understand the unique characteristics of each municipality

- To understand the relationship between various controllable and uncontrollable factors in addressing a municipality's competitive opportunities and challenges

- To develop a database of material that can be updated in future years to assess progress and establish targets

- To create awareness of the trends and the potential need to modify policies

- To assist in aligning municipal decisions in property taxation with other economic development programs and initiatives

- To assist municipalities in developing a long-term strategy for property taxation to achieve municipal competitive objectives in targeted property classes

- To create a baseline source of information that will assist municipalities in addressing specific areas of concern and to gain a better understanding of how other municipalities have addressed similar concerns

- To understand the impact of reassessment and growth

2020 Declaration of Compliance at County Long Term Care Homes

The Homes Committee has approved the authorization of the 2020 Declaration of Compliance for Brucelea Haven and Gateway Haven to the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). Confirmation of compliance has been received from the County's Acting Director of Long-Term Care/ Chief Operations Officer of Primacare, the current Administrators at Brucelea Haven and Gateway Haven, and County Corporate Services staff that to the best of their knowledge and belief, all obligations under the Long Term Care Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) have been fulfilled during the 2020 reporting period.

Long Term Care Homes In Full Compliance

Brucelea Haven (Walkerton) and Gateway Haven (Warton) Long Term Care Homes are in full compliance with the Long Term Care Homes Act and all associated regulations. The homes continue to conduct ongoing audits and Primacare consultants continue to monitor status. The focus for the homes continues to ensure robust pandemic response, infection prevention and control education, enhanced environmental cleaning, and daily auditing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) use and hand hygiene for compliance. Both homes remain under restrictions

during the provincial shutdown. The Homes continue to approach suspect outbreaks as actual outbreaks implementing a full response including cohorting of residents and staff, requiring residents to remain in their rooms at all times, appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and cancellation of small group programs. Although these are extreme measures, an early and strong response can prevent a catastrophic outbreak from occurring. With funding from the province, the homes are required to hire security that will oversee screening of people entering the homes. Consenting residents with medical clearance received first doses of the Moderna vaccine on January 27, 2021. The Essential Caregiver Program continues with active screening twice daily. Essential Caregivers visiting the Long Term Care Homes must demonstrate that they have received a negative COVID-19 test at 7 day intervals. Essential Caregivers can be tested weekly at the Homes for convenience. Small group activities and weekly virtual family calls continue. Brucelea Haven is at full occupancy, with 50 applicants on the waitlist. Gateway Haven has 97 residents and the waitlist continues to be substantial. Primacare is working closely with the Chief Administrative Officer, other County staff, and the leadership teams of the Homes to ensure the safe transition of the operations back to Bruce County on March 31, 2021.

Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative

The Human Services Committee approved the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Investment Plan for 2021 and 2022. The CHPI aims to prevent, address, and reduce homelessness by improving access to adequate and affordable housing that is linked to flexible support services based on peoples' needs. CHPIs two main objectives are: to assist people experiencing homelessness obtain and retain housing, and to assist people at risk of homelessness to remain housed. The total CHPI allocation for 2021-2022 is \$729,553, with \$60,000 for Emergency Shelter Solutions, \$261,992 for Services & Supports, \$334,608 for Homelessness Prevention, and \$72,952 for Program Administration. Bruce County has developed a partnership with the YMCA to provide housing and emergency services to residents who are experiencing homelessness. Assistance is also provided to residents at risk of becoming homeless through the Housing Stability Fund and the Community Support Program.

Community Connections Funding

The Human Services Committee approved an additional distribution of \$6,096 to Community Connections for 8 weeks of programming. Bruce County received an emergency funding allocation under the provincial Social Service Relief Fund (SSRF) Phase 2 which is delivered through the provincial Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI). The purpose of the fund is to help vulnerable people during the COVID-19 crisis. Bruce County identified in its Housing and Homelessness Plan Update (2019) that "Coordinated systems and strong partnership" is a key strategy in finding permanent housing solutions. In partnership with Community Connections, a Systems Navigator will support vulnerable residents navigate the system and identify available community resources.

Electronic Data Management for Ontario Works

The Human Services Committee approved the Human Services Department to implement an Electronic Data Management (EDM) system under the guidelines of the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services. One-time set up costs of approximately \$11,410 plus HST will be used in implementing EDM by the established infrastructure of Nimble Information Strategies Inc., these funds will come from the Social Assistance Operating Surplus Reserve. EDM allows for Bruce County's Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) client master files and all incoming documents to be managed digitally, resulting in reduced administrative processes for staff and more effective service for social assistance clients.

Income and Support Services in Bruce County

Bruce County's Ontario Works caseload for January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 was an average of 475 households per month. This represents a 9% decrease compared to the same time-period in 2019. The Ontario Works caseload decrease will be in part due to federal financial supports that were put in place due to COVID-19, such as the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), expanded Employment Insurance (EI) eligibility rules, the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), and other benefits. Client support and programming continued in Q4 of 2020, with a range of virtual opportunities provided through community partners including Connect2Skills in Hospitality and Manufacturing, Soft Skills and Money Matters, and Financial Literacy supports. Social Assistance Business Practices Transformation remained a priority in Q4, with a dedicated effort to encourage clients to register for MyBenefits. In Q4, staff also continued preparing for the implementation of Electronic Data Management (EDM) and identifying additional opportunities to improve business and administrative processes as a way to enhance client service and support.

Licensed Child Care and Fee Subsidy in Bruce County

The Bruce County Child Care Fee Subsidy Program supports families in locating and accessing affordable child care throughout the County. In an effort to better track, monitor, and respond to local system pressures, Bruce County uses OneList, an online child care registration system, to allow families to locate, register, and apply for child care in licensed child care programs. In turn, the system's data provides County staff with a snapshot of information, quantifying child care needs in each demographic area by municipality. Throughout the gradual re-opening of licensed child care programs during the COVID-19 pandemic, families have been encouraged to apply for child care using Bruce County's OneList application system. There were 1,162 active child applications by the end of 2020. For eligible families, child care fee subsidy is available with priority given to families with income levels lower than \$40,000 per annum. As at Q4 of 2020, the average monthly number of children served in Bruce County's fee subsidy program was 209.

2020 Dorrell Young Christmas Program a Success

Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, there was an outpouring of community support for the 2020 Dorrell Young Christmas Program, coordinated by the Bruce County Human Services Department. There were 79 sponsorships and \$31,136 in donation revenue for 2020 program. This generosity from individuals, memorial tributes, corporations, and non-profit community organizations supported 210 families and 386 children. There were also instances of referred families graciously declining the offer of program participation, expressing that they have been resourced or supported in other ways and did not need assistance of the Dorrell Young Christmas Program. Thank you to all who have given their time, resources, and supports for vulnerable members of our community during COVID-19.

Defibrillator Replacement

The Paramedic Services Committee approved the purchase of 16 defibrillators in the amount of \$408,021 including taxes from Zoll Medical Canada. This purchase will be funded from the Equipment Replacement Reserve in 2021. These new defibrillators have Bag-Valve-Mask Help technology which provides paramedics with onscreen feedback while performing a life-saving procedure. These new devices also have end tidal CO₂ technology which will be a mandated requirement under the new Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards in the foreseeable future. These two new technologies will provide Paramedics with the most up to date life-saving skills to treat patients more effectively in the field.

Occupational Accident Insurance & Indemnity Insurance

The Workplace Engagement Services Committee approved insurance policies through Mercer Marsh Benefits effective January 1, 2021. The Committee also approved coverage underwritten by Chubb Insurance Company of Canada for Occupational Accident Insurance at a premium of \$47,025.36 (PST included) and for excess indemnity insurance at a premium of \$185,966.28 (PST included). The Health and Safety budget will be amended to reflect the increase expenditure and the offset funded from the WSIB Reserve. As a Schedule 2 employer under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), Bruce County is self-insured, paying the actual claim costs plus administration fees to the WSIB. In order to protect itself from catastrophic loss, the County purchases additional insurance, with policies being renewed annually on January 1.

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Bruce County Public Library (<http://library.brucecounty.on.ca/>)

Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre (<http://www.brucemuseum.ca/>)

Bruce Remembers (<http://www.bruceremembers.org/>)

Museum Online Collections (<http://brucemuseum.pastperfectonline.com/>)

Bruce Coast Lighthouses (<http://www.brucecoastlighthouses.com/>)

Compass (<https://brucecountyonca.sharepoint.com/sites/Compass/Pages/default.aspx>)

COVID-19 Information and Updates

(<https://brucecounty.on.ca/covid19>)

Bruce County Winter Road Conditions & Closures

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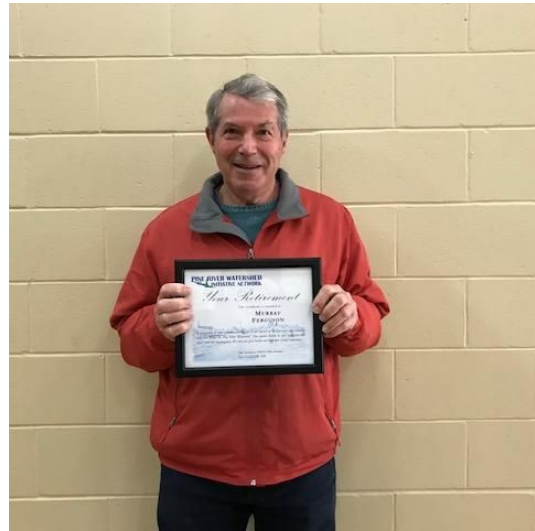
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PRWIN DIRECTORS RETIRE



This fall, two long serving PRWIN directors retired from our board. Gord Cale and Murray Ferguson were celebrated at our November meeting. These gentlemen served our organization and contributed valuable expertise to our non profit group.

David Grant, chairman of the Pine River Watershed Initiative presented

certificates to recognize their dedication and support to PRWIN.

We wish them good health and happiness with their retirement.



Due to Covid restrictions, all 2020 personal orders were declined until Spring of 2021. The varieties of seedlings available for 2021 are : White cedar, white and norway spruce, red pine, tamarack, silver maple, red and white oak, black walnut and white birch. The seedlings will be packaged in bundles of 10 seedlings.

Please note that you will be responsible for picking up and planting the seedlings. If any seedlings are not picked up, they will be given to a participant on the waiting list. All participants will be given notice in late April informing them of our seedling pickup location.

A big thank you to NWMO, Enbridge, Baywood Interiors, K2 Wind, OPG and Joan Storrey for supporting our 2021 PRWIN Seedling Give-Away!



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PRWIN 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

2020 was a challenging year in so many ways. Now that 2021 is here, we can look back at our accomplishments of 2020:

- We planted four reforestation sites located in Huron Kinloss.
- Two berms installed to control runoff on 80 acres of farmland.
- In the spring of 2020, we planted over 6,000 cedars and spruce seedlings to reforest 4.5 acres at our Tree Planting Day with OPG.
- PRWIN assisted OPG with their Environmental Certificate.

- **We presented Award of Merits to our community members: Michelle Liddle, Trynjte Eisen & Tyson and Angela Devitt.**
- **PRWIN directors developed our PRWIN Project Inventory to document PRWIN's in ground and tree planting projects.**
- **We created an Action Plan in partnership with Healthy Lake Huron.**
- **PRWIN created a video to exhibit our watershed and to support our mandate.**
- **We helped Point Clark Beach Association to set up a tree planting day to plant trees in the parks.**
- **PRWIN planted trees at the Forging Forest at the Botanical Garden.**
- **We replaced a Hicks Yew at Lewis Park.**
- **Planted trees with donations received in memory of Don Cass at Bruce Beach Golf Course and Ripley Huron Community School.**
- **PRWIN contributed to the SVCA "Piece of the Puzzle" to showcase our watershed.**
- **This spring, PRWIN collected leaf samples to monitor the cycle and progression of growth for a local landowner.**
- **This fall, our 2020 Potted Tree Ash Replacement Program offered shoreline residents over 30 potted trees.**



Hicks Yew At Lewis Park

This Fall, PRWIN replaced the Hicks Yew that was vandalized at Lewis Park. In 2015, PRWIN had planted Hicks Yew's as a celebration of PRWIN planting over 250,000 trees within the watershed. The new Hick Yew was purchased by Smeltzer's Garden Centre and planted by the Community Services Department - Township of Huron Kinloss.



We would like to thank our community members for their donations in 2020 to our non-profit organization. Also, we would like to recognize the contributions to PRWIN with donations in memory of our past director Don Cass. Our committee is grateful for their support of

our programs and our mission of "Clean water and a healthy ecosystem within the Pine River Watershed."





HURON SHORES LIONS

NEW PRWIN DIRECTOR

This Fall, PRWIN welcomed a member to our board of directors. We are happy to announce our new PRWIN director Melanie Moulton. Melanie grew up on a cash crop farm on Highway 86. After many years living in Ripley, Melanie and her husband moved back to a family farm and built a house. This is when Melanie's passion for nature really grew. Melanie is fortunate to have two wood lots on her family's property, as she enjoys spending time in nature with her husband and two dogs. Also, Melanie volunteers with the Kincardine Women's Triathlon and enjoys painting, yoga, hiking local trails and great conversation.

Come and Join Us!

GET INVOLVED!



Have you wondered what our non-profit organization is all about?

Would you like to volunteer and make a difference in our local watershed?

Why not join PRWIN and be involved with the growth and future success of our organization?

Currently, we have a position with our Board of Directors and we welcome you to join us.

Contact us at pinerivewin@yahoo.ca if you would like to contribute to our community.



We encourage our vital community members to share our newsletter, website, and Facebook page. There is an opportunity for everyone to sign up for our newsletter. We have resources about our organization on our website

and our social media page that will inform our community to be up to date with our present and future projects.

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