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Family Zoology Day at the Museum!



SOUTHAMPTON, ON (February 16, 2022) - This Family Day come to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre (BCM&CC) and discover the wonderful world of the animal kingdom! Get ready for wildlife shows (with reptiles!), veterinarian-led pet care clinics, a chance to adopt your very own kitten and a Rabbit Dash pop-up cafe!

The always popular wildlife shows will take place throughout the day on Monday, February 21 in the Museum's Bruce Power Theatre. Professional animal handlers from both Speaking of Wildlife and Zoo-to-You will have a variety of critters and creatures available for you to see and ask questions about - and in some cases even hold!

Downstairs in the Ontario Power Generation gallery the Southampton Pet Hospital will have a temporary clinic set up with kittens that are available for adoption. A veterinarian will also be able to answer any questions you have about your own pets.

Kids will be able to make their own natural bird feeder at a guided craft station and everyone can enjoy a beverage and treat from the Rabbit Dash pop-up café. All guests will receive a \$2.00 café voucher.



If you're new to the Museum or have always wanted to take out a membership, this is the time to do it. New Family Memberships are 10% off on this day only - get free entry all year long and discounts on events, programs and gift shop purchases!

Please note that all attendees 12+ must show proof of vaccination at time of entry, and there are capacity limits of 100 visitors in the morning and 100 visitors in the afternoon. Wildlife shows have a capacity of 50 guests per show and tickets will be issued at the door on a first-come-first-served basis.

This event is free for members and general admission for non-members, preregistration for Family Zoology Day is available online at <u>Family Day Event</u>.

Please note the Museum is closed from Noon-1:00 PM for cleaning.

Family Zoology Day is proudly presented by Ontario Power Generation.

Full Program Schedule

- 10:30 AM Vet-Talk in Exhibit Hall
- 11:00 AM Guided Craft in Café Area
- 11:00 AM Speaking of Wildlife Show in the Bruce Power Theatre
- 11:30 AM Vet-Talk in Exhibit Hall
- 12:00 PM Museum Closed for COVID-19 Cleaning
- 1:00 PM Zoo-to-You Show in the Bruce Power Theatre
- 2:00 PM Rabbit Dash Café Closes
- 2:30 PM Guided Craft in Café Area
- 3:00 PM Zoo-to-You Show in the Bruce Power Theatre
- 4:00 PM Family Day Concludes

Proof of vaccination is required for ages 12+ to attend at this event.

All COVID-19 procedures are in place for visitation and events, per Provincial and Grey Bruce Health Unit guidelines.

More information

The BCM&CC is open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Discover more and plan your journey through Bruce County history at <u>brucemuseum.ca</u>.

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Library Receives Donation from NWMO Towards Bookmobile Campaign.

February 2022

For Immediate Release:

The Bruce County Public Library is now closer than ever to bringing their Bookmobile project to Bruce County residents, thanks to a generous donation of \$50,000 from the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO).

The NWMO is a not-for-profit organization responsible for designing and implementing Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of nuclear fuel, and an avid supporter of the Bruce County Public Library. In the fall of 2020, the NWMO donated the funds required to purchase one of the library's new 3D Printers.

Board Chair Charbonneau expressed his appreciation, "The Board is extremely grateful for this generous donation from the NWMO. With the addition of these funds, we are close to achieving our goal of buying a Bookmobile for the Bruce County Public Library. It is an exciting opportunity to broaden access to library programs, and we thank NWMO for helping to make it possible."

The Bookmobile project will bring books to where the people are. Seniors' homes like Trillium Court in Kincardine, daycares, arenas, and sports fields are only a few of the locations we could visit. Needs-based stops will reach underserved people, such as newcomers or those with language or literacy barriers. The Bookmobile can also present programming at community events, festivals, and other outdoor public gatherings.

"It is our pleasure to support this important regional initiative that will have long-lasting benefits," said Tareq Al-Zabet, NWMO Director of Site Selection - South Bruce. "Libraries continue to play a critical role in the community, and we thank the Bruce County Public Library for working tirelessly to connect residents and for improving accessibility of literacy services throughout the county."

Warden Janice Jackson recognizes how this donation will help all Bruce County residents. "After another challenging year of branch closures and interrupted services, we are excited to be this much closer to launching the Bookmobile and being able to safely bring services to underserved communities in Bruce County. We wouldn't be able to achieve this without the generosity of the NWMO. Thank you."

Toronto Public Library, which has several bookmobiles throughout the city, describes the experiences as 'Magical.' We are excited to bring that Magic to Bruce County residents.

For more information on the Bruce County Public Library Bookmobile and how you can help, please visit <u>library.brucecounty.on.ca/bookmobile</u>. To learn more about NWMO, please visit <u>www.nwmo.ca</u>.

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For more info: Brooke McLean, MLIS Director, Library Services Bruce County Public Library 519-832-6935 library.brucecounty.on.ca



Bruce County Public Library Introduces Borrow by Mail.

February 23, 2022

For Immediate Release:

Bruce County Public Library is piloting a free Borrow by Mail service to community members who cannot visit a library branch for reasons relating to limited mobility or health concerns. Use of this new service may be time-limited or ongoing, dependent on the specific needs of the borrower.

The Bruce County Public Library has added an online form to its website, <u>library.brucecounty.on.ca/books-by-mail</u>, for patrons to fill out to request the service. Once a patron's request is submitted, a Bruce County Public Library staff member will follow up to ensure the program's parameters are met and will even help patrons make selections.

The Borrow by Mail service is only available to Bruce County Residents. There is a 5item check out limit, and a maximum of two parcels a month will be sent.

"Bruce County Public Library is always looking for innovative ways to serve our communities. This pilot project will help us get information and entertainment resources to residents who find it difficult to leave their home" noted Brooke Mclean, Director for the Bruce County Public Library.

Library materials that are available to borrow include books, large print books, audiobooks and the new Playaways.

Participants will receive everything needed to return items by mail in their Library parcel, including a postage-paid return label. When finished with the materials, simply put them back in the envelope, add the return label and send them through postal mail. It's that easy!

For more information on the new Borrow by Mail service, please visit library.brucecounty.on.ca/books-by-mail.

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Council / Committee Meetings – Thursday, February 17, 2022

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.



February 18, 2022

2021 Q4 Business Plan Updates

The Executive Committee reviewed the 2021 Q4 Business Plan update from each County service area. As part of the annual budget process, all County service departments provide an overview of their activities and priorities through a quarterly business plan review and update process. In 2021, staff continued to respond to the evolving impacts of the pandemic and were able to advance several important initiatives including advancement on: Indigenous Reconciliation Planning, Corporate Communications Strategy, Corporate Facilities Resources Plan, Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy, Development Charge study, Homelessness Enumeration, Child Care and Operator funding, Employment Services Transformation, BCHC Capital Projects,

Library Strategic Plan, Library Membership Drive, Library Bookmobile fundraising, LTC software upgrades, Museum Digital Content Strategy, Port Elgin Paramedic Station, New County Official Plan, Economic Development Strategic Plan Framework, Master Transportation Plan, T&ES software upgrades, and Workplace Engagement Services software upgrades.

Affordable Housing Update

The Housing Services Committee reviewed the Affordable Housing Update. As Service System Manager, the Housing Services Division of the Human Services Department establishes, administers, and funds housing and homelessness programs and services within the community. Included in this role, is supporting the development of affordable housing a defined as 80% of the average market rent as determined by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. In 2022, Bruce County looks forward to launching innovating strategies such as the Affordable Housing Development Toolkit and exploring increasing rental opportunities for low to moderate income families and seniors and households with a disability. Bruce County currently offers 5 streams of rent supplement to approximately 80 households across the region. As well, approximately 45 residents receive the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit to assist with housing affordability. Currently, Bruce County Housing Corporation owns 27 buildings throughout the County, as well as 16 townhouses in the Municipality of Kincardine, 8 townhouses in the Town of Saugeen Shores, and 2 semi-detached homes in the Municipality of Brockton. Of the 699 units owned by BCHC, 38 units are Affordable Housing Units and 10 are modest market units. The remaining units (651) are rent-geared-to-income (RGI) units, with specific eligibility. Additionally, there are 63 affordable housing units across Bruce County owned by private and other non-profit landlords. These units were built with provincial funds administered via the County. There are 2 Non-profit housing providers in Bruce County offering a total of 60 RGI units, also regulated by the HSA, 2011. In Bruce County, the affordable housing thresholds for 2020 for low-income families are rents below \$1,014 and ownership costs below \$346,600. There is a need for developers and builders to create new ownership housing that is affordable to moderate income households earning \$63,500 to \$95,400 annually, with purchase prices in the range of \$230,700 to \$346,600. These numbers are reflective of 30% of Gross Income.

Community Paramedic Funding

On Monday, February 14, 2022, Bruce County received notice of funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care that will provide up to \$2,500,000 in one-time funding for a 2.5-year period ending in 2024 for the implementation of the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care program. The Paramedic Services Committee approved the signing of the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care Transfer Agreement and that the 2022 Paramedic Services budget be amended to include the new revenue and associated expenditures associated with this new funding.

Agriculture Amendment Information

After a public meeting and discussion, the Planning & Development Committee received County Official Plan Amendment – C-2021-025 Agriculture Amendment and directed staff to return to a future meeting with further analysis of the comments received at the public meeting and a Recommendation for consideration. The proposed amendments, if approved, would implement policy changes to the Agriculture section of the Bruce County Official Plan that would reduce the number of planning applications required for land division proposals in the agricultural area that are routine in nature. The amendment will also allow a more diverse range of agriculture related and on-farm diversified uses in accordance with increased flexibility provided for in Provincial Policy. New policies clarify the requirements for applications to create agricultural lots that would be less than the 40 ha minimum lot area for farms in the Prime Agricultural Area. The Amendment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and advances interests in seeing improvements to the agricultural policy framework in advance of completing the new County Official Plan project.

Kincardine Subdivision on Golf Links Road

The Planning & Development Committee approved a 33-lot residential Plan of Subdivision on a 2.14-hectare parcel of land in Kincardine on Golf Links Road. The subdivision is strongly aligned with both the Good Growth and Homes Guiding Principles and is to be fully serviced by both municipal water and sewer, within Kincardine. The proposal will result in a mix of housing types, including 10 single detached dwelling, 19 townhomes, and 4 semi-detached dwellings. The proposal is aligned with the County's Community Guiding Principles by creating a range of housing options in close proximity to community amenities, such as parks, Kincardine's Hospital, and Downtown.

Lot Creation in Kincardine

The Planning & Development Committee approved a Consent application to create a new vacant residential lot approximately 0.41 ha from an existing residential property at 27 Whispering Woods, in the Municipality of Kincardine. An amendment to the Municipality of Kincardine Official Plan is required to allow relief of the requirement for new infill lots to be located between two existing dwellings that are not more than 100 metres apart. The Good Growth guiding principle would be supported by the creation of a new infill residential lot in the Kincardine Lakeshore area, which is designated a Secondary Urban Community. The County Official Plan directs growth to settlement areas like the Kincardine Lakeshore. However, the extension of municipal

infrastructure to this area is not feasible at this time. The size of the proposed lot is adequate to accommodate private services. The proposal is strongly aligned with the Homes guiding principle by facilitating the creation of a new residential lot in the Kincardine Lakeshore area, which provides an opportunity for additional housing.

Lot Consolidation in Stokes Bay

The Planning & Development Committee approved a lot consolidation for a dwelling, septic system, and well on two existing parcels within the hamlet of Stokes Bay in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. A significant portion of the lands are below the 100-year flood elevation. The application proposes to amend the Bruce County Official Plan to permit flood mitigation measures to be constructed on the property and to permit development that would elevate the property above the 100-year flood elevation. The proposal is aligned with the Homes and Good Growth Guiding Principles by permitting the construction of one dwelling within the Hamlet of Stokes Bay. The proposal is also aligned with the Natural Heritage Guiding Principle by implementing the recommendation of the Environmental Impact Study as well as including additional measures recommended by the Saugeen Ojibway Nation regarding impacts to fisheries.

Plan the Bruce: Natural Legacy Discussion Paper

The Planning & Development Committee endorsed the Plan the Bruce: Natural Legacy Discussion Paper as a foundation for developing policies and mapping in the new Official Plan. The Plan the Bruce: Natural Legacy Discussion Paper is one of eight Discussion Papers that will be completed through the Plan the Bruce project. Key themes include: Natural Heritage System Mapping, Water Resource System, Focus Policy on Overall Direction and Use Guidelines for Detailed Direction, Avoid Duplicating or Creating Conflicting Policies and Directions, Link Policy to System Mapping, Prepare Accessible Guidelines and Tools to Support Implementation, Provide Essential Materials in Accessible Format(s), Consider a Community Planning Development Permit System (C.P.P.S.), Use Different Forestry Practices for Different Areas, Progressive Rehabilitation Following Aggregate Extraction, Include Conceptual Natural Legacy Mapping in Settlement Areas, Plan for Sustainable Public Access to Natural Legacy Features, and Continue to Build Relationships with and Learn from Indigenous Communities. Discover more at www.planthebruce.ca

Planning Act changes regarding Land Division

The Planning & Development Committee received the Planning Act Changes Regarding Land Division Report for information. The Provincial government has changed Planning Act sections related to land division. Key changes include:

Time for applicant to meet consent approval conditions increased from one to two years.

- New definition of retained land, and clarification that consent criteria and powers relate to both the severed and retained lands.
- Ability to issue certificates for cancellation of consents, simplifying the process for merging lots and lot additions
- Further exemptions to the subdivision control Section 50 (3) and Part Lot Control Section 50 (5), reducing circumstances where adjacent lots merge due to common ownership
- Inclusion of lands ancillary to a part of the building in provisions related to leases
- Permitting conveyances for foreclosure and power of sale only where lands could already be conveyed.
- Establishing the same criteria for validation certificates as for consents.
- Clearly permitting purchasers or their agents to file an application for consent.
- Requiring certificates to be issued for retained lands, if requested and a registerable description is supplied.
- Permitting amendments to a consent application before a consent is given subject to terms that may be set out by the approval authority.
- Harmonizing public meeting requirements for plans of subdivision with those for other types of public meetings

Economic Development Annual Report 2021

The Planning & Development Committee received the Economic Development Annual Report for information. In 2021, businesses worked hard to adapt to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. In these tough times, the economic development programs have continued with a deep focus on business and community support measures. Some of the notable efforts were as follows:

- The Support the Bruce: Business Sustainability Fund continued to provide a unique array of supports to help businesses pivot, adapt, enhance, or reimagine their business models
- Bruce County in partnership with Grey County formulated a Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership Settlement Strategy, a road map to build welcoming and inclusive communities in Grey Bruce and improve the integration of newcomers
- Continued support for tourism innovation through the Ontario Tourism Innovation Lab

Delivery of advertising campaigns promoting sustainable tourism on the Bruce Peninsula in collaboration with local and regional partners

The actions items outlined in the Workforce Development and Attraction Strategy continued to address the critical labour force shortage in the region

The new 2022-2026 Bruce County Economic Development Strategic Plan was developed to guide Bruce County's economic development in the next 5 years.

Further, the report details the progress made towards community development, business attraction, and sector specific enhancements via the three signature programs - Spruce the Bruce, Business to Bruce, and Explore the Bruce. Each of these programs has a unique role and function in growing the Bruce Economy.

Communication Tool Update and 2021 Year End KPI Dashboard

The Planning & Development Committee reviewed the Communication Tool Update and 2021 Year End KPI Dashboard report. "What Are We Exploring" is a one-page document provided to the Committee that highlights programs, events, or updates that are not captured in the normal Committee reporting process. The Planning and Development Key Performance Indicators Dashboard is designed to bring the quarterly and year end Business Plan updates to life with a visually interesting presentation of the information. Discover more at <u>https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/departments/planning-development</u>

2022 Hazardous and Special Products Events Schedule

The Transportation & Environmental Services Committee approved the use of up to \$25,000 of the Waste Management Reserve to cover the increase costs of the change to single event days. The committee also approved the draft 2022 Hazardous and Special Products Event Schedule. Stay tuned for upcoming promotions from Bruce County about the 2022 Household Hazardous Waste events.

County Road Network Service Levels

The Transportation & Environmental Services Committee approved the County Road Network Service Levels. Committee received a revised report to note the correct time period for snow accumulation on a class 2 road is 6 hours and the repair time period for cracks on a class 3 road is 60 days. To have a clear picture of the road network services provided and at what level they will be provided, a list of road network service levels has been documented. It is important to have documented service levels to communicate to residents the service levels they should expect, to communicate to staff what levels of service they are expected to meet and plan accordingly, and to mitigate liability from operating a road network. Having documented service levels will help in the budget process to identify the impact of budget adjustments.

2021 Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Event Summary

The Transportation & Environmental Services Committee reviewed the 2021 Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Event Summary. The T&ES Department managed 13 Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste collection events in 2021, receiving 3,698 vehicles and approximately 140 tonnes of hazardous and special waste materials. The T&ES Department had a successful year with the contractor, Photech Environmental Solutions, and will be extending their contract for 2022.

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

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Bruce County's Dorrell Young Christmas Program a success in 2021

Bruce County's Human Services Department ran another successful Dorrell Young Christmas Program in 2021, thanks to the support and donations of the community.



February 24, 2022

Thank you to all who gave the gift of hope and inclusion for children and families in need during the 2021 holiday season. Bruce County's Human Services Department ran another successful Dorrell Young Christmas Program in 2021, thanks to the support and donations of the community.

The Dorrell Young Christmas Program benefited from over \$27,000 in generous donations in 2021, which directly supported 177 families and served 332 children in total.

Annually, the Dorrell Young Christmas Program provides a gift, often a toy, book, or article of clothing, for children and teenagers served by Bruce County's Human Services department, whose families and caregivers struggle during the holiday season. The program supports children within Bruce County, as well as supporting adult members of households through

sponsorship. The program relies solely on donations, through the support of generous individuals and organizations in our community.

"Thank you to all the amazing sponsors, volunteers, and donors who participated in our 2021 program," says Bruce County Warden Janice Jackson, "Your generous contributions to this meaningful cause support children and families in our communities."

Discover more about the Dorrell Young Christmas Program.

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Grey Bruce Early Childhood Educator Job Satisfaction Survey Available Now

Bruce County & Grey County, Ontario: Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) in Grey and Bruce Counties are invited to share their first-hand experiences as child care and early years educators in our community through an anonymous <u>online survey</u> that will be available until Sunday, March 13, 2022.

Together with members of the Grey Bruce Early Years Planning Committee, the ECE Recruitment and Retention Committee, and other key stakeholders, Bruce County and Grey County have identified the recruitment and retention of Early Childhood Educators as a key priority of a high-quality, sustainable, and accessible child care system.

Information gathered anonymously through this job satisfactory survey will provide valuable insight on how to sustain and attract ECEs in our communities.

Take the Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GBECEJobSatisfaction2022

- The survey will be available from Monday, February 21, 2022 to Sunday, March 13, 2022.
- The survey consists of 36 questions and will take about 10 minutes to complete.
- Answers are anonymous and will only be used for the purposes of supporting the child care and early years community.

If you have any questions about the recruitment and retention efforts in our community, please reach out to:

- **Tina Metcalfe** Bruce County's Acting Director of Human Services and Co-Chair of the Bruce Grey RECE Recruitment and Retention Committee at <u>tmetcalfe@brucecounty.on.ca</u>
- **Tara Cockrill** Grey County Children's Services Manager and Co-Chair of the Bruce Grey RECE Recruitment and Retention Committee at <u>tara.cockerill@grey.ca</u>

Interested in becoming an Early Childhood Educator? Discover more at:

- <u>www.brucecounty.on.ca/BeAnECE</u>
- www.grey.ca/BeAnECE

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Media Release

Women's House and Bruce County partner for virtual online International Women's Day event with keynote speaker Sarain Fox

Bruce County, Ontario: Women's House Serving Bruce and Grey and Bruce County's Business to Bruce program are partnering to present *Career Development: The Golden Thread* — an International Women's Day online event on Thursday, March 10, 2022, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Join Sarain Fox, dancer, choreographer, stylist, activist, brand ambassador, television host, and content producer, as she provides audiences with a new perspective to exploring career development. Sarain shares crucial career lessons including - the myth of the "big break," the reality of imposter syndrome, and the invaluable impact of believing in yourself. Participants will leave with the tools needed to shift from seeking something they want to do, to finding a way to make the things they love to do coexist. The golden thread that ties it all together!

This event is provided at no cost, however, please consider donating to the Women's House Serving Bruce & Grey when registering.

"As Warden, I'm so proud to see Bruce County partner with an organization that has the singular focus of protecting the most vulnerable members of our community," said Bruce County Warden Janice Jackson.

Starting on March 1 until noon on March 10, Women's House Serving Bruce and Grey will be auctioning off a number of fun and unique items to bid on to raise money for their organization. Winning bidders will be announced at the event and will receive an email indicating that their bid won. All auction proceeds will go directly to Women's House. To access the online auction visit www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?vhost=whsbg.

"Because of the generosity and support of our sponsors we are able to be a part of important initiatives that give back to the businesses in our community and support the women in our community," shared Michelle Lamont, Community and Fund Development Coordinator for Women's House.

The recipients of the annual Women's House Woman of Distinction award will be presented at the event.

Register for the event: https://business.brucecounty.on.ca/iwd-2022

#IWD2021 #BreakTheBias.

For more information, contact:

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

About Bruce County: Bruce County is an upper-tier municipality in Southwestern Ontario, Canada, made up of 8 lower-tier municipalities and 73,396 residents. The explorers who visit, live, and work here are the dreamers who take roads less travelled and see tried and true as an invitation to try something new. Be an Explorer and call Bruce County home.



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

Effective Tuesday, March 1, 2022, Bruce County Transportation & Environment Services Department will place weight/load restrictions of 5 tonne per single axle on several County roads until further notice.



February 25, 2022

Effective Tuesday, March 1, 2022, Bruce County Transportation & Environment Services Department will place weight/load restrictions of 5 tonne per single axle on several County roads until further notice.

Please refer to the Weight/Load Restrictions Map to verify the impacted Bruce County roads.

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

For up-to-date Road Weight/Load Restriction information call 519-881-1291 or visit the County Website.

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Muse-Talks Academic Lecture Series Begins at Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

The Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre's Muse-Talks Academic Lecture series kicks off on March 9 at 7:30 PM with guest speaker Chad Richards (Nuclear Innovation Institute) for a discussion on environmentalism and the future.



March 02, 2022

The Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre's Muse-Talks Academic Lecture series kicks off on March 9 at 7:30 PM with guest speaker Chad Richards, Director of the Bruce Power Centre for New Nuclear & Net Zero Partnerships at the Nuclear Innovation Institute, for a discussion on environmentalism and the future.

In this evening lecture, Chad will discuss the effects of a changing climate, which have triggered global pledges to reach netzero carbon emissions and are causing seismic shifts in the way humans consume energy. One of the solutions? Electrify everything. From increased levels of emissions-free electricity generation to new ways of storing energy, an increasingly electrified future is on the horizon. This discussion will focus on our collective commitment to reaching net zero and the pathways to get there.

A question period will follow with time for attendees to share ideas and opinions and socialize. Admission is \$12 for members,

and \$15 for the public. Doors open at 7:00 PM and refreshments will be available by cash bar.

This is the first of three 60-minute lectures in the Muse-Talks series delivered by local academics and researchers, all inspired by faculties of STEM, Humanities, and Fine Arts.

For more details on upcoming Muse-Talks Lectures, visit Brucemuseum.ca.

About the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

The Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre offers adult and children's programming, special events, and is home to the Bruce County Archives & Research Room. Our mandate is to preserve and make available the documentary heritage of Bruce County.

About the Nuclear Innovation Institute

The Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides a platform to accelerate innovation and the implementation of business relevant solutions for the nuclear industry. NII's goal is to shape a Canadian nuclear industry that embraces new thinking, new technologies and new lines of business that can drive the global shift to a low-carbon future.

About Chad Richards

Chad is the Director of the Bruce Power Centre for New Nuclear & Net Zero Partnerships at the Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII). Through this work Chad seeks opportunities for the nuclear industry to collaborate with communities, governments, and other sectors on projects to decarbonize our economy and reach net zero by 2050. Chad was raised in Chesley, Ontario and prior to joining NII worked at the federal and provincial levels of government for local Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament as well as in the provincial Ministry of Energy.

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Bruce County Public Library Receives Donation from Barry's Construction.

March 1, 2022

For Immediate Release:

The Bruce County Public Library has gratefully received a \$5,000 donation from Barry's Construction. This generous gift will be used towards the launch of the Bruce County Public Library's Bookmobile.

Barry's Construction has been an active member of the Bruce County community as a family run construction business making people's dream homes a reality across the Bruce Peninsula. They have also generously donated to many local initiatives, and the library is incredibly grateful to be added to that list.

Bruce County Public Library is moving into the active planning stages for the new Bookmobile, plotting potential routes, designs and more. By purchasing and modifying a vehicle and hiring staff to deliver scheduled visits and programs across the county, BCPL will connect digitally and socially to underserved community members.

Brooke Mclean, Director for the Bruce County Public Library, is excited to move into the planning stages of the Bookmobile. " The Campaign Cabinet began meeting last summer and reached out to potential donors in the fall of 2021. The response we've received, not just from donors, but the entire public has been very enthusiastic. We appreciate the support of Barry's Construction in making the Bookmobile a reality."

If you would like to learn more about the BCPL Bookmobile, please visit our website at library.brucecounty.on.ca/bookmobile.

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