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BCM&CC Recognizes Volunteer Week

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April 27, 2022

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“The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre has been fortunate to have a wonderful cast of highly motivated and passionate volunteers who ensure the success and vitality of our programs,” says Evan Vatri, Program Coordinator. “Without our volunteers we simply wouldn’t be able to serve the people of Bruce County to the standard they deserve.”

In addition to its existing volunteer opportunities, the Museum is also currently seeking new members for a Senior Program Development Committee as part of a New Horizons for Seniors grant the Museum received this year. This volunteer committee will be tasked specifically with developing programming for a four-part Breakout of the Bruce Bus Trip series that runs from August 17 through to March 2023.

For those interested in this opportunity or participating in any of the Museum's other volunteer positions, visit brucemuseum.ca/volunteer or contact Evan Vatri (Program Coordinator) at (519) 797-2080.

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.

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Brant Tract Trails Reopen

Please take notice that the Brant Tract timber harvest clean-up is now complete, and the property trails are now open for public use, as of Friday, April 29, 2022.



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Please take notice that the Brant Tract timber harvest clean-up is now complete, and the property trails are now open for public use, as of Friday, April 29, 2022.

Harvesting was conducted to improve forest health as part of the County's Forest Management Plan. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the tract closure.

The Brant Tract property is located between Concession 12 and the Brant-Elderslie Townline, east of Bruce Road 3, within the Municipality of Brockton.

Discover more about [Bruce County Trails](#).

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

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Council and Committee Meetings on May 5, 2022 start at 9:30 AM.

A hybrid option that includes virtual attendance for Council, Staff, and Delegations will continue to be offered. The public is welcome to view livestreams and recordings of Council and Committee meetings on the Bruce County website:

www.brucecounty.on.ca

Discover more about Bruce County Council and Committee Meetings:

Agendas, minutes, livestreams, and recorded videos are available on the Bruce County website at www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes

Want to be a Delegation?

Please reach out to Clerk Donna Van Wyck at dvanwyck@brucecounty.on.ca or to Deputy Clerk Darlene Batte at dbatte@brucecounty.on.ca or call 519-881-1291.

Have a Media Inquiry?

Please reach out Corporate Communications Specialist Adam Ferguson at aferguson@brucecounty.on.ca or 226-909-6399

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Bruce County continues to process record numbers of planning applications

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May 04, 2022

Bruce County Planning and Development continued to receive a record-breaking volume of planning applications through the first quarter of 2022. 110 applications were received in the quarter, compared to the previous record of 108 in the first quarter of 2021. Planning staff are working to process these applications and bring them forward for decisions.

Large scale development projects that were approved over the last several months will improve the overall housing supply and mix. Examples include:

Final Approval of the West Ridge on the Lake Subdivision in Kincardine, which will provide between 373-447 units in a mix of low medium and high densities;

Draft Approval of the Walker Hill Subdivision in Walkerton, with at least 80 units, including 48 townhouses;
Official Plan and Zoning changes for Lord Elgin Estates in Port Elgin to permit 113-249 apartments; and
Official Plan and Zoning changes to permit up to 12 semi-detached dwellings, 22 Townhomes, and a 90-unit retirement residence in the Sauble Sunsets project in Sauble Beach.

A total of 375 new lots or units were created in 2021, compared to 300 in 2020. Approved applications have also created opportunities to increase rental housing supply. Recent projects include a 50-lot subdivision in Port Elgin that will have at least 10 dwellings with apartment units; new townhouses in Kincardine that are being constructed that will each have an additional residential unit; and a project for 8 one-bedroom townhouse units on private services in Hepworth.

“With the Planning and Development Department continuing to see record application numbers, the outlook for 2022 is another strong year of housing development and this will be positive for the economy coming out of the pandemic”, says Director of Planning and Development Mark Paoli. “The record number of applications processed reflects the commitment and teamwork of County and Local Municipality staff and we appreciate the community's patience during these busy times.”

Bruce County Warden Janice Jackson adds, “Bruce County is a wonderful place to own a business and raise a family, and we continue to see that through the interest in development shown in our record planning application numbers.”

Discover more about [Planning & Development in Bruce County](#).

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Bruce County Launches Affordable Housing Toolkit for Developers

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Developers, builders, landlords, and homeowners interested in creating affordable housing in Bruce County are encouraged to explore the Affordable Housing 101 Guide at www.brucecounty.on.ca/affordable-housing-101.

In future phased updates to the Affordable Housing Toolkit, three toolkits will be launched, tailored to developers of multi-residential buildings, developers and builders of low to medium density housing, and homeowners or landlords who could intensify their properties. These toolkits will build on the Affordable Housing 101 Guide.

It is broadly accepted that housing is affordable when a household is not spending more than 30% of its income on housing costs. The province has also defined affordable housing thresholds for households of low and moderate income. For ownership housing, the affordable housing threshold is housing that is affordable to households with incomes at the 60th percentile. For renter households, the affordable housing threshold is 100% of average market rent as published by Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC). In Bruce County, the affordable housing thresholds for 2020 were rents below \$1,014 and ownership costs below \$346,600.

“Bruce County is home to many thriving, vibrant communities. However, there is work to be done to ensure the provision of safe, affordable, and suitable housing for all,” says Christine MacDonald, Director of Human Services. “Increasing the affordable housing stock is a key strategy in Bruce County’s Housing and Homelessness Plan.”

“Working with local developers and landlords to create affordable housing options is imperative for the continued success of our residents, communities, and economies,” adds Bruce County Warden Janice Jackson. “Together, we can create the housing we need to sustain a healthy and prosperous future for Bruce County.”

Discover more about [Bruce County’s Affordable Housing Toolkit](#).

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Bruce County partners with Local Colleges for Early Childhood Education Bursaries

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The collaboration will offer students who meet identified criteria the chance to apply for one of 20 bursaries available to encourage students to enter the field of Early Childhood Education at either institution. Eligible students could potentially receive up to a maximum of \$4,000 in total bursaries, covering approximately half of their tuition costs over the two-year Early Childhood Education diploma program.

Disbursement of the bursaries will begin in the 2022/2023 academic year (September to August) and eligibility will end upon the students’ completion of their early childhood education program. Students are eligible for the bursary if, at the time of selection, they:

- Demonstrate financial need as determined by a budget submission.
- Are a full-time domestic student entering their first year of Fanshawe College’s Early Childhood Education diploma program or Georgian College’s Early Childhood Education diploma program.
- Are in good academic standing.
- Have self-identified as having a Bruce County home address on their application.

“The key objectives of this partnership are to sustain, enhance, grow, and attract an increasingly diverse early childhood education workforce,” says Tina Metcalfe, Bruce County’s Manager of Children’s Services. “This bursary opportunity will help Bruce County students join the caring and dedicated child care and early years professionals across Bruce County”.

Bruce County Warden Janice Jackson adds, “Early Childhood Educators are integral to the provision of high quality child care and early years programming for families in Bruce County. We encourage all those interested in early childhood education to pursue this rewarding career in our beautiful and engaged communities”.

Interested in becoming an Early Childhood Educator and applying for an ECE bursary? Discover more at:

www.brucecounty.on.ca/BeAnECE
[Fanshawe College](#) and [Georgian College](#) offer Early Childhood Education diploma programs in Bruce County. Both colleges work together with local employers for ECE work placements.

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Upcoming Patio Rosé event kicks off tasting series at BCM&CC

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The Patio Rosé event, to be held on the Museum's back patio overlooking Fairy Lake, will feature a guided sampling of wines from within the VQA and abroad. Guests will also enjoy a selection of paired hors d'oeuvres, as well as olive oils and balsamic vinegars from the Southampton Olive Oil Company.

On June 17, the series continues with the CBC (Cheese, Beer, and Cider) tasting, just in time for Father's Day. The event will be guided by the Museum's own Evan Vatri (Program Coordinator, BCM&CC) and a local chef/brewer. A delightful assortment of culinary creations will be included.

For more information and to purchase tickets to the Museum’s upcoming tasting events, visit brucemuseum.ca.

A third event featuring a guided spirits tasting is set to be announced for Fall 2022.

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Council / Committee Meetings – Thursday, May 5, 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.



May 05, 2022

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Bruce County Council Meeting

Bruce County Council approved:

a by-law to establish fees and charges for Bruce County.

a by-law to delegate limited authority to the Chief Administrative Officer for certain acts pursuant to Section 275 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.

a by-law to authorize the execution of a Multi-Program Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Bruce County for the provision of the Homelessness Prevention Program.

a by-law to authorize the execution of a Municipal Access Agreement between Bruce County and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

a by-law to appoint the Bruce County Forestry Technician as the Area Weed Inspector for Bruce County.

a by-law to adopt Amendment Number C-2022-002 to the County of Bruce Official Plan.

a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between Bruce County and The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry.

a by-law to authorize the execution of a cost-sharing agreement between Bruce County and the Municipality of Kincardine for the Storm Sewer Bruce Road 15 Inverhuron Project.

a by-law to authorize certain new capital work(s) of Bruce County; authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation ("OILC") for financing of such capital work(s); authorize temporary borrowing from OILC to meet expenditures in connection with such capital work(s); and authorize long-term borrowing for such capital work(s) through the issue of debentures to OILC.

Bruce County Housing Corporation

BCHC approved the transfer of up to \$150,000 of capital reserve to conduct unforeseen emergency termite repairs at 1065 Huron Terrace, Kincardine. [Report](#)

BCHC received the 2022 Q1 Arrears Report. [Report](#)

Corporate Services Committee

Committee approved that \$1,000,000 be transferred from the Tax Stabilization Reserve to the Insurance Reserve until the County's cyber security insurance is increased from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. [Report](#)

Committee authorized the execution of a 10-year agreement between Bruce County and Bell Canada for Next Generation 9-1-1 services. [Report](#)

Committee received the 2021 Audit Report as presented by B.D.O. & Company L.L.P. and approved the 2021 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. [Report](#)

Committee received a summary of Awarded Tenders for Q1 2022. [Report](#)

Committee received a summary of Purchasing Policy Suspension Approvals for Q1 2022. [Report](#)

Committee received a report on Reserves and Reserve Fund Analysis 2021 Actual and 2022 Projection. [Report](#)

Committee received a report on Tax Stabilization Reserve 2021 Activity and 2022 Projection. [Report](#)

Committee received a report on Working Fund Reserve 2021 Activity and 2022 Projection. [Report](#)

Committee received a report on Provincial Offences Act Payment Changes. [Report](#)

Executive Committee

Committee received a report on the Bruce County Reopen and Rediscover Team (BCRRT). [Report](#)

Human Services Committee

Committee received a report on Q1 2022 Income and Support Services. [Report](#)

Committee received a report on the Q1 2022 Community Housing Registry Waitlist. [Report](#)

Committee received a report on Early Childhood Educator Bursaries. [Report](#)

Committee received a report on Q1 2022 Licensed Child Care and Early Years. [Report](#)

Committee received a report on the Affordable Housing 101 Toolkit Launch. [Report](#)

Museum Committee

Committee received a report on Education & Outreach activities. [Report](#)

Committee received a report on Marketing activities. [Report](#)

Committee received a report on Revenue Development. [Report](#)

Committee received a report on Museum Programming. [Report](#)

Paramedic Services Committee

Committee approved Paramedic Services to enter into further negotiations with the Town of South Bruce Peninsula regarding the Non-Binding Letter of Intent for a permanent site at 672 Main Street, Sauble Beach. [Report](#)

Workplace Engagement Services Committee

Committee approved the organizational structure for the Employment Services Division, as well as the Regional Manager job description. [Report](#)

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