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Traffic Safety Issue Reporting Now Available Through Municipal Service Requests

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that traffic safety concerns can now be reported online through the existing Municipal Service Request form.

The new "Traffic Safety Issue" reporting option has been added to collect location-based data to support the Town's traffic safety reviews. This information can support future assessments relating to speed management, traffic calming, pedestrian and cyclist safety, visibility, Community Safety Zones and other road safety matters.

Residents can report concerns such as near misses, close calls, recurring traffic safety concerns, visibility issues and other conditions that may pose a risk to road users. When submitting a request, residents are encouraged to include the location, a description of the concern and the time or conditions when it typically occurs. Staff will use this information to help identify recurring concerns and determine where field observations or further data collection may be appropriate.

Make a Municipal Service Request

This form does not replace police reporting. In the event of an emergency or immediate danger, residents are encouraged to call 9-1-1. Driving complaints requiring police attention should be reported directly to the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or through the OPP's online reporting system.

About the Community Safety Zone Policy

The new Community Safety Zone Policy has been developed to establish a consistent and evidence-based process for evaluating and designating Community Safety Zones within the Town. Community Safey Zones are intended to improve safety for all road users, particularly in areas with significant pedestrian, cyclist or seasonal traffic activity. The final policy was adopted by Council at their meeting on September 28, 2026.

For more information, please contact:
Operations Department, Town of The Blue Mountains
(519) 599-3131 ext. 310

Public Open House at New Feversham Paramedic Base October 23

Grey County is excited to announce the upcoming completion of its newest paramedic base in Feversham and welcome the community to a public open house on October 23 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The base is located south of Feversham at 494140 Grey Road 2. The event offers community members a chance to tour the new facility, learn about paramedic services, and see firsthand how the base will benefit emergency healthcare delivery in the region. Guests can also see paramedic vehicles and equipment up close to learn more about how paramedics deliver care in an emergency. An official ribbon cutting will take place at 1:45 p.m.

The new Feversham base provides a permanent home for paramedic crews serving the area. The new facility was built by Domm Construction Ltd. The total cost of the project including professional fees and site preparation is $2.4 million.

It is one of four additional bases in Grey County's capital and operational plans. Future bases are being considered for Ayton, Thornbury and Cobble Beach based on forecast population growth. The Paramedic Services Comprehensive Deployment Review projects a 68% increase in call volumes across Grey County between 2023-2033. For more information about Grey County paramedic services, visit www.grey.ca/paramedics.



Grounds Maintenance to Take Place at Craigleith Heritage Depot

The Town of The Blue Mountains and the Blue Mountains Public Library are working together on grounds maintenance at the Craigleith Heritage Depot Museum & Archive (Museum) this October to care for the historic property and enhance the visitor experience.

From October 19–30, work will include the removal of overgrown and invasive vegetation, pruning, and sod installation. The area around the rear deck will be opened up to improve visibility of the heritage building, create a more welcoming outdoor space, and provide an opportunity to enhance the area beside the Georgian Trail as a small parkette and rest area.

Protecting the Historic Lilacs

The historic lilacs will be retained and protected. Over time, the lilacs have spread beyond their original plantings through natural root growth. The work will help manage this growth while supporting the long-term care of the lilacs. The lilacs along the Georgian Trail will remain. In 2027, a heritage panel will be installed to share the history and significance of the lilacs, including documented information about the plantings and their connection to the site.

What Visitors Need to Know

The Museum and Georgian Trail will remain accessible throughout the work. During vegetation removal, there may be minor impacts to trail users, with measures in place to help pedestrians and cyclists pass safely. Temporary fencing will be installed around the work area while the new turf establishes. This fencing is expected to remain in place into spring 2027.

This work is part of the ongoing care and maintenance of the Museum grounds and is being completed using available 2026 operating funds.



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Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury
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- All garbage, organics and recycling must be on the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.

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Skating Programs

Times are subject to change on a week-to-week basis.

Public Skating
Saturdays: 12pm - 1pm
Sundays: 12:30pm - 2pm
Excluding: Oct. 24, Nov. 7, 8, 21, Dec. 12, 26, Jan. 16, 23, Feb. 27, 28, Mar. 7
Ages 18+: $4 per person
Under 18: Free

Adult Skating
Mondays: 10am - 12pm
Wednesdays: 10am - 12pm
Thursdays: 1pm - 3pm
Excluding: Dec. 24, Feb. 15; $4 per person;
Must be 18 years of age or older.

Stick & Puck
Mondays: 12pm - 1pm
Wednesdays: 12pm - 1pm
Excluding: Feb. 3, 15
$4 per person
Must be 18 years of age or older.
All skaters are required to wear a certified hockey helmet.

Parent & Tots
Thursdays: 11am - 12pm
Free

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As the fall leaf colours commence, Tree Trust TBM invites residents and visitors to be sure to visit some of our majestic local trees that are featured on the TBM Tree Trail. The Tree Trail celebrates the beauty of urban forest in the Town of The Blue Mountains in a new way, combining outdoor exploration with local storytelling. At each of the six Tree Trail trees, you can scan a QR code to hear an audio file narrating a unique story and how these special trees contribute to the heritage and character of our community. You can pick up a brochure at local businesses or access the online map treetrust.ca/town-of-the-blue-mountains/#Tree-Trail-2026 which shows where to find these Tree Trail talking trees in and around the community. Each tree is easy to spot – with a plaque located right beside the tree. A great fall experience for the whole family.



New Medical Dispatch System Launching In The Region On October 14

Residents calling 9-1-1 for a medical emergency will see changes beginning October 14 as the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) is implemented for the Grey County region. The London Central Ambulance Communications Centre dispatches ambulances serving Grey County and is implementing the new system as part of the Ontario Ministry of Health's plan to modernize medical dispatch.

MPDS is an internationally recognized dispatching system that uses structured, evidence-based questions to assess the urgency of medical emergencies and determine the most appropriate response. The system will help ensure patients with life-threatening emergencies receive the fastest care possible.

Under the new system, callers may be asked more questions than they would have been under the previous dispatch model. These questions help dispatchers understand the patient's condition and the details help provide paramedics with important information before they arrive.

As call volumes continue to increase in Grey County, MPDS will help prioritize ambulance response based on the severity of the medical emergency. Paramedics will continue responding and providing care for calls they are dispatched to, but response priority will be determined based on clinical urgency. The system will help to ensure ambulances are available for patients who need them most while maintaining emergency coverage through Grey County communities.

Grey County responded to more than 17,000 calls for service in 2025, the highest annual call volume in the history of the service. Effective deployment and prioritization have become increasingly important as call volumes continue growing.

"Grey County paramedics are committed to providing high-quality care to every patient we serve, while helping ensure ambulance resources are available when and where they are needed most," said Grey County Paramedics Operations Manager, Jessica Robb. "Answering additional questions will not delay response. Instead, it helps ensure resources are deployed appropriately based on each patient's needs."

The implementation of MPDS doesn't change when residents should call 9-1-1. Anyone experiencing or witnessing a medical emergency should continue calling 9-1-1 immediately.



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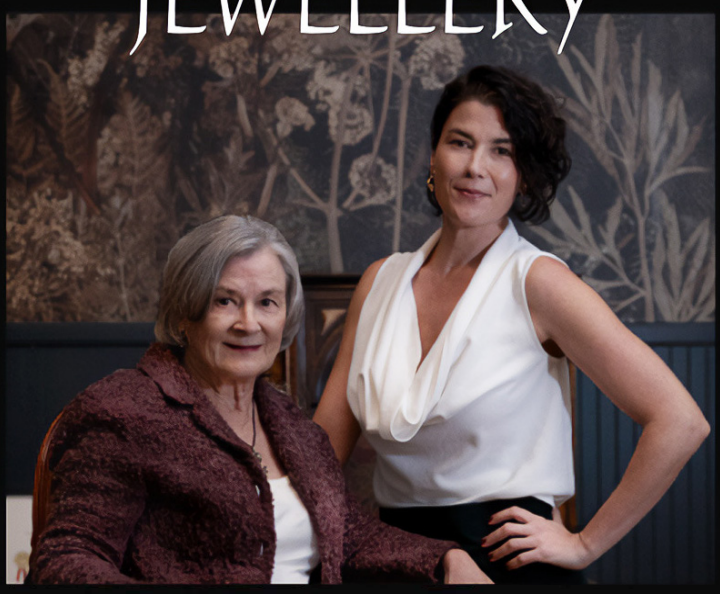
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Angus Office: 705-435-1809

Contact one of my offices for assistance with:

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- Canada Revenue Agency
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
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Ontario Investing $540,800 to Expand MRI Services at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital

The Ontario government is investing $540,800 in Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH) to support 2,080 MRI operating hours in 2026-27, helping more patients access diagnostic imaging services closer to home.

This year's investment more than doubles the MRI operating capacity supported by the province at CGMH.

"Timely access to diagnostic imaging is an important part of delivering high-quality health care close to home," said Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey. "By more than doubling our investment in MRI services at CGMH, we are helping the hospital provide more scans, reduce wait times and connect more patients to the care they need right here in South Georgian Bay. Thank you to the entire CGMH team for the exceptional care they continue to provide to patients and families across our region."

"As part of our plan to protect Ontario, our government is taking bold and innovative action to strengthen our health care system," said Sylvia Jones, Ontario's Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Our over $500,000 investment in Collingwood General and Marine Hospital will support thousands of MRI operating hours this year, ensuring patients can access vital diagnostic imaging services, where and when they need it."

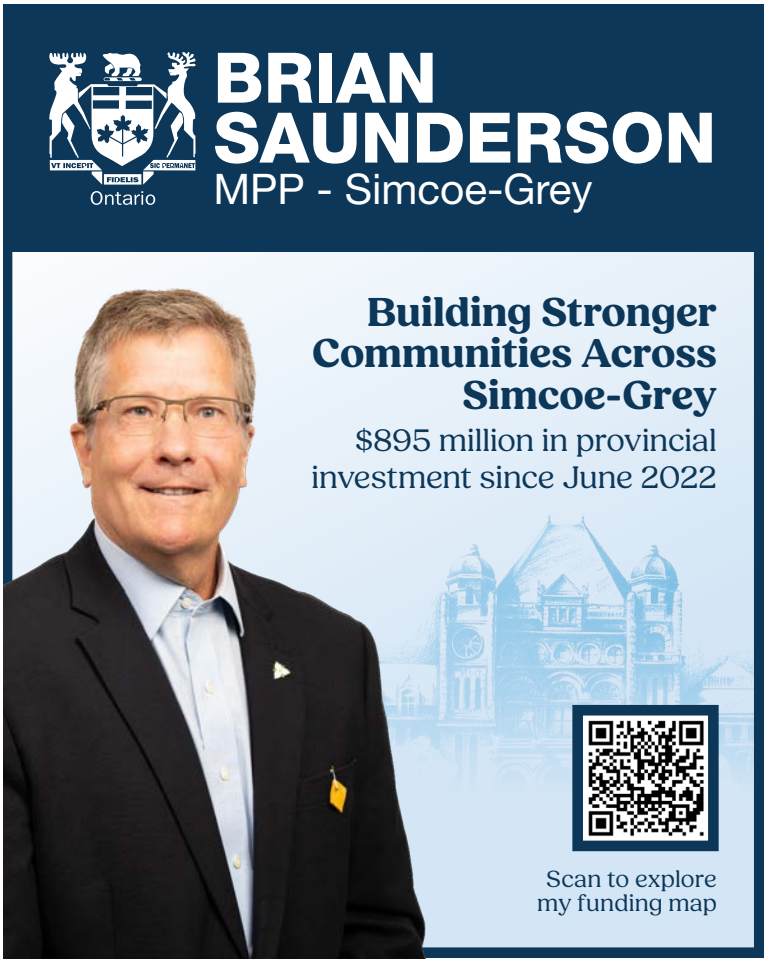
Ontario continues to expand access to diagnostic imaging services across the province, helping hospitals increase capacity and connect patients to the care they need sooner.

QUOTE

"The first year of MRI service at CGMH has demonstrated the value of bringing advanced diagnostic imaging closer to home, with 4,841 scans completed since opening. This investment supports the continued delivery of this important service and helps us build the capacity needed to care for the growing South Georgian Bay region."

~ Michael Lacroix, President and CEO, Collingwood General & Marine Hospital







Candidates

www.thebluemountains.ca/town-hall/council-committees/elections

FOR MAYOR - vote for 1

Bordignon, Peter	www.peterformayor.ca
Moreau, Marni	www.moreauformayor.com
Reale, Paul	www.paulreale.ca

FOR DEPUTY MAYOR - vote for 1

Ardiel, Gail	www.votegailardiel2026.ca
Gilliland, Rachel	www.rachelgilliland.ca
Murphy, Daniel	dmur8675309@gmail.com
Welling, Bob	www.welling4deputymayor.ca

FOR COUNCILLOR - vote for 5

DeWitt, Brayden	www.braydendewitt.ca
Hope, Paula	www.hopeforcouncil.ca
Kelly, Sean	seankelly939@gmail.com
Loney, Meghan	www.meghanloney.ca
Maxwell, Alexander	www.votealexmaxwell.com
McKinlay, Shawn	www.voteshawn4council.com
McLeod, George	www.georgemcleod.ca
McMurray, Sean	www.electseanmcmurray.ca
Porter, June	vote4juneporter.ca

FOR BLUE WATER DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD - vote for 1

Cowley, Scott	scottcowleytrusteecandidate@gmail.com
Forder, Angela	northernpetshop@gmail.com

Election Dates

Tuesday, September 1 - Voters' List available
Friday, October 16 - Voting Period begins at 10 am (online or by phone)
Monday, October 26 - Election Day - voting ends at 8pm EST
Monday, November 16 - Inaugural Meeting of 2026-2030 Term of Office

Municipal Election will be using Phone/Internet Voting

8.1.1 The Voting System provided by Simply Voting Inc. shall allow Electors to vote using a telephone or the internet. Electors shall be required to access a designated internet address or telephone a designated number in order to cast their Ballot.

8.1.2 Every Elector shall be limited to only one vote through the use of a PIN distributed via Canada Post Lettermail in a sealed and personalized Voter Information Letter, or issued in person by an Election Official or by email or telephone in extenuating circumstances by the Clerk as necessary. Every Elector shall be required to provide their date of birth along with their PIN.

8.1.3 Following the voter's selection for all offices on a single composite Ballot, the Voting System shall identify the voter's choices and provide the voter with the option of changing or confirming their vote selections prior to submission.

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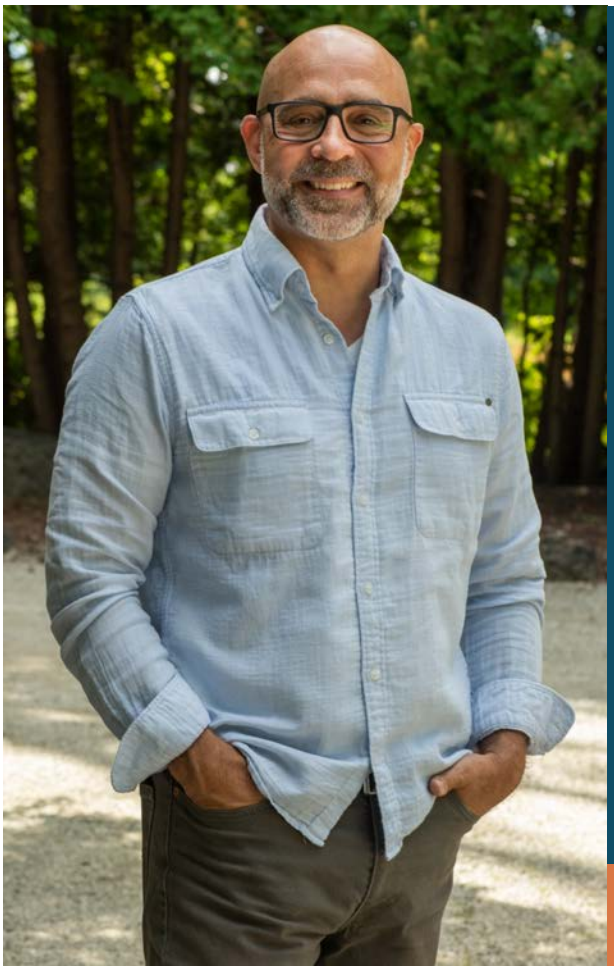
- **HEALTHCARE & SENIORS**
  Championed the search and helped secure the location for a new 192-bed long-term-care home, strengthening seniors' care in our community.
- **MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX**
  One of the original architects of the MAT, creating a new revenue stream that brings visitor dollars into our community and reduces reliance on local taxpayers.
- **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT**
  Founded the Council committee supporting grants, donations and local initiatives - saving more than $250,000 in taxation by funding local groups through grassroots philanthropy.
- **TACKLING DIFFICULT ISSUES**
  Personally developed the STA licensing framework, balancing residents, neighbourhoods and tourism while bringing structure and calm to a difficult issue.
- **COMMUNITY & RECREATION**
  Successful completion of four outdoor courts at Tomahawk.
  Advocate for continued winter maintenance on our trails for year-round access.
  Championed waiving youth golf fees at Tomahawk.
- **PROVEN LEADERSHIP**
  Led locally as Deputy Mayor while building relationships with Grey County and the Province to advance priorities and strengthen funding opportunities for The Town.

VOTE PETER BORDIGNON

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SHAWN McKINLAY

FOR COUNCILLOR

A lifelong resident and fifth-generation local, Councillor Shawn McKinlay is deeply woven into the agricultural, volunteer, and municipal fabric of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

A Vision For Balanced Growth & Working Families:
As a local contractor and business owner, Shawn understands the economic pressures facing everyday TBM residents and is focused on practical, long-term solutions.

Attainable Housing & Daycare Infrastructure:
Shawn is a vocal advocate for regional childcare facilities and fast-tracking attainable housing initiatives, recognizing that a sustainable economy requires keeping young families and local workers in the community.

Balanced Regional Development: He strongly champions an even-keeled approach to growth, focusing on creative zoning and planning solutions that prevent over-densification while preserving the town's natural and rural heritage.

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ENDORSED BY THE CANDIDATE

Dear Residents,

When I entered this campaign, my primary concern was TBM's financial position and the need for **stronger financial oversight**. That remains a central focus for me.

At the same time, conversations with residents have reinforced important issues that we need to address.

Supporting Seniors
Over 34% of TBM residents are 65 or older, compared with 19% across Ontario. We need zoning and housing options that help residents remain in the community as they age.

Fixing Local Transit
The end of the Highway 26 Grey Transit Route has left fewer options for residents who do not drive. We need to explore practical alternatives, including shuttle services and rideshare partnerships.

Preserving Our Character
As our community grows, we need to protect wildlife habitats, agricultural land and the rural character that makes TBM distinctive.

Municipal elections come only once every four years, and with voter turnout at around 30% in 2022, every vote matters. **Please help shape our town's future by voting October 16–26.**

Sincerely, George

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We give thanks for the waters of Georgian Bay, the Beaver River watershed, the Niagara Escarpment and the forests, wildlife and shorelines. This area is within the boundaries of Treaty 18 of 1818. We recognize the lasting impacts of colonial policies and broken treaty promises on Indigenous communities.

May this acknowledgment be more than words. As people who now share this land, may we listen to Indigenous voices and learn from their knowledge, may we walk gently along these shores, respecting the land and waters that connect us all, and may we work together toward respect, responsibility and reconciliation now, and for future generations.



OUR COMMUNITY. OUR TAX DOLLARS. OUR FUTURE.

By Sean Kelly, Candidate for Council — Town of The Blue Mountains

As voting days approach, October 16–26, I believe residents of the Town of The Blue Mountains should look beyond political alliances and focus on what is best for our community as a whole.

As a first-time candidate, it is becoming clear how this process works. Alliances are starting to take shape. Is this about getting elected or is it about holding your beliefs?

Is the message changing already based on the applause.

Local government decisions directly affect our taxes, services, infrastructure and quality of life. The decisions Council makes today will shape our town for years to come, sometimes for a lifetime.

Our town's budget is significant. Every taxpayer should expect Council to manage public money with the same care, responsibility and accountability they would apply to their own investments. You should not have to be here year-round to feel confident that your investment in this community is being protected.

Many residents do not live here full-time, but hope to in the future. We need to plan responsibly for the community we are becoming, rather than simply react to challenges as they arise.

ASK THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

1. Are responsible financial decisions being made every day?
2. Have development charges been used as intended to support growth?
3. Are we learning from past decisions and avoiding unnecessary costs and mistakes?
4. Are we protecting the tax base that residents and businesses have worked hard to build?
5. Are we receiving value for every tax dollar we spend?
6. Are Council's decisions serving the long-term interests of the entire community while preserving the quality of life we enjoy today?

I am not asking you simply to vote for me. I am asking you to vote for candidates who will address our town's immediate needs, and to consider whether I can make a difference. You don't have to vote for 5 councilors, just the ones you think support your views and needs of the Town. A random vote to fill the card could eliminate someone you support.

Addressing those needs will require change.

Change is never easy. But we need residents to participate in shaping it. Four thousand voters is not enough.

Look carefully at Council's past decisions. Are we hearing the same pitches and promises again? Is there a willingness to do things differently when circumstances require it? Are those we elect willing to seek guidance from residents with the expertise our town needs?

Our community has a tremendous pool of knowledge, skills and experience. If you have expertise that could benefit our town, please step forward and make your voice heard. I will be asking for your input.

Elected officials should actively seek out that knowledge and involve residents in finding solutions. We all have a stake in this community's future, and we all have something to contribute.

Those we elect will be entrusted with our town's finances, resources and infrastructure. That responsibility requires thoughtful governance, accountability and a willingness to draw on the knowledge available before making important decisions.

Before you vote, consider each candidate's passion, experience, priorities, record and approach to financial accountability. Ask whether they have spent enough time in this community to understand its character, its needs and the concerns of the people who call it home.

Think of your vote as the beginning of change for the present and future of the Town of The Blue Mountains. Council cannot succeed without the community's support and participation. Four thousand votes or 29 percent of eligible is not enough and does not reflect the true picture.

Give it a strong voice.
That change can begin in 2026.
Our community. Our tax dollars. Our future.

Sean Kelly, Candidate for Council
Local butcher since 2008, Town of The Blue Mountains

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION – October 26, 2026
INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

WHO MAY VOTE?

Any person who on election day (October 26, 2026) meets the following qualifications is eligible to vote:

1. Is a Canadian citizen
2. Is at least 18 years old on election day
3. Resides in the municipality or is the owner or tenant of land in the local municipality, or the spouse of such a person.
4. Any person not prohibited by law from voting.

VOTERS' LIST INFORMATION

From September 1, 2026 to October 26, 2026 Electors may contact the Town of The Blue Mountains, Clerk's Office, to confirm they are on the Voters' List, amend their information, or be added to the Voters' List.

An online tool is also available on the Town's website for electors to confirm that they are on the Voters' List, register to be added to the Voters' List or update their information.

WHAT SCHOOL BOARD DO I VOTE FOR?

Electors are entitled to vote in the school board election, if their qualifying property is residential. Each eligible elector may vote for school representation once in a school board jurisdiction.

The following is a list of the School Boards for which qualified electors will be entitled to vote unless there are acclamations.

1. **Bluewater District School Board**
2. **Conseil scolaire Viamonde** (must have French Language Education Rights)
3. **Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board - ACCLAIMED**
4. **Conseil scolaire catholique Providence - ACCLAIMED**

WHAT DEVICES CAN I USE TO VOTE?

Voters can use any device that connects to the internet, including computers, tablets, and smartphones. Voters can also use touch-tone telephones. Rotary phones may not be used. **There will be no paper ballots for this election.**

WHAT DO I NEED TO VOTE?

Voters need to have a Voter Information Letter in order to vote. This will be mailed to you in October.

This letter will have your instructions and your unique Personal Identification Number, required to log on to the internet election site or the telephone election platform.

METHOD OF VOTING

The Town of The Blue Mountains is using Internet and Telephone Voting for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election. There will be no advance poll or proxy voting as Internet/Telephone Voting allows voters to cast a ballot anytime between Friday, October 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. and Monday, October 26, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. An Election Help Centre will be available in the Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, during the voting period, and during the extended hours as noted below:

October 16, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
October 17, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
October 19, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
October 20, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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October 24, 2026 - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
October 26, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

At the Election Help Centre, you can:

- Ask questions
- Register to vote
- Receive voting assistance
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For more information, please contact:

Town of The Blue Mountains
Corrina Giles, Town Clerk
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www.thebluemountains.ca
519-599-3131 ext. 232
Dated: September 24, 2026



Left to right: Rob Voigt (Sarlie Canada), Brandon Almeida (SkyDev), Dan Sinclair (Sinclair Homes), Andrea Matrosovs (Grey County Warden), Andy Lennox (Wellington County Councillor), Janet Horner (Dufferin County Councillor), Megan Myles (Grey County Climate Change Initiatives Manger)

New Green Development Program is Recognizing Future-Ready Homes

Grey, Dufferin, and Wellington Counties officially launched the Green Development Program on October 13, celebrating a new regional framework that recognizes new residential developments built to be more energy efficient, prepared for extreme weather, and affordable over the long-term.

The launch event was held at the Baybounds Presentation Centre in Meaford, a net-zero housing development currently under construction by Sinclair Homes. Attendees toured a net-zero show home and heard from local officials, industry representatives, and program partners about the goals of the new initiative.

The voluntary program, developed in partnership with the three counties and supported by Natural Resources Canada's Codes Acceleration Fund, gives builders and developers a consistent regional framework to accelerate adoption of sustainable building features. Projects are assessed on 18 development features spanning natural environment, community and transportation, and built environment categories. Projects can earn Bronze, Silver, or Gold recognition based on their score. Through this program, the counties are excited to showcase what's practical, possible, and already happening in local communities.

Four Developments Receive First Recognition

As part of the launch event, four residential developments from across Grey and Dufferin counties were recognized for incorporating sustainability features that support more resilient, efficient, and livable communities.

Baybounds by Sinclair Homes in Meaford achieved Gold recognition, earning 26 points in the program. The net-zero community's first phase includes 55 residential units and is designed to be full electric, with cold-climate heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, rooftop solar installations, and level 2 EV chargers for all homes. The development also includes native species in the landscaping, enhanced access to trails and open spaces. Each home will also produce as much energy as it consumes with solar installed on each home.

Elements of Meaford by Sarlie Canada received Silver recognition with 18 points. The development was the first project submitted to the Green Development Program following the soft launch in July. The 26-unit mixed-use development will be fully electric. Additional features include off-site prefabricated wood framing to reduce construction waste, native landscaping, increased long-term tree canopy, and improvements that support downtown walkability through wider sidewalks, park connections, public gathering spaces, and outdoor seating areas.

Baycrest Apartments by SkyDev in Owen Sound received Silver recognition with 16 points. The mixed-use development will include 712 residential units and incorporates a range of sustainability features including high-efficiency lighting, low-flow water fixtures, EV charging, and naturalized landscapes with community gardens and outdoor social spaces.

Five Creek Estates by Great Gulf in Orangeville received Bronze recognition with nine points. The 103-unit development features native species plantings, pedestrian-friendly streetscape design, cycling infrastructure, access to parks and public transit, and a mix of housing types that support a range of community needs.

About the Green Development Program

Any new residential development that has received or will receive occupancy after January 1, 2025, is eligible to participate. While the program is designed with developments of 10+ units in mind, projects of any scale may apply. Participation is free and does not affect or delay the standard development review and approval process.

Builders and developers interested in participating can complete the Program Interest Form available at their local county website.
Dufferin County: www.dufferincounty.ca/planning-development/green-development-program/
Grey County: www.grey.ca/green-development
Wellington County: www.wellington.ca/green-development

The Green Development Program is a voluntary recognition program developed by Grey, Dufferin, and Wellington Counties to encourage and support sustainability features in new residential developments. The program is funded in part by Natural Resources Canada's Codes Acceleration Fund.

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OCT. 9 — DECORATE THE VILLAGE

OCT. 10 — PRACTICALLY HIP CONCERT
7:30pm | $55
at The Marsh Street Centre

OCT. 14 - 17 — "GET DOWN TONIGHT"
Theatre Collingwood - $58
at The Marsh Street Centre

OCT. 22 — WHITEHORSE CONCERT
8PM | $60
at The Marsh Street Centre

OCT. 24

HAUNTED MAZE
All day at Farmers Pantry | $10

LIONS PANCAKE BRUNCH
9am - 11am | Free/Donation
at The Marsh Street Centre

PUMPKIN DECORATING
9am - 1pm | Free/Donation
at The Marsh Street Centre

HAUNTED HOUSE
9am - 1pm | Free/Donation
at The Marsh Street Centre

HARVEST HAUNT FUNDRAISER
7pm | $150 | Spy Cidery

OCT. 26 — SENIORS HALLOWEEN HAUNT
11:00am | Free
Seniors Wellness Program at
The Marsh Street Centre

OCT. 27 — HORROR MOVIE
6:30PM | $15 | @ The Marsh
Fantastic Cinema Club

OCT. 31

HAUNTED MAZE
All Day at Farmers Pantry | $10

VISIT THE SHOPS FOR TREATS!
3pm - 4pm | Free

MONSTER BALL WITH WE PLAY DISCO
The fun starts at 8pm at The Marsh Street Centre.
Tickets cost $50.

NOV. 1 — PUMPKIN WALK
5pm - 8pm | Free
Lions Park



FOR HALLOWEEN TREATS VISIT THESE PARTICIPATING CLARKSBURG BUSINESSES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, FROM 3-4 PM

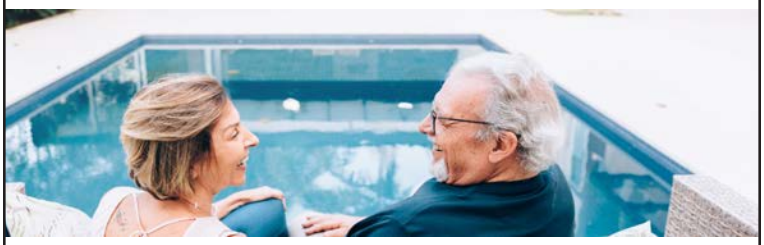
Riverside Press, The Honey House, Marsh Street Gallery, Clarksburghers, George's Garage Sale Store; Beyond Framing; Market on Marsh; Hindle's Hardware; Espresso Enduro; reDiscovered on Marsh; Inheritance Studios; The Clark; Lemonade Collective; Farmer's Pantry (look for the Trick or Treat Signs)

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Guest speaker:



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New hours as of October 8th
Wednesday 3pm to 7pm
Thursday 3pm to 6pm
Friday 3pm to 7pm

202 Marsh Street, Clarksburg, 519-599-3555

Veterans' Coffee/Lunch, Friday October 23rd

Youth Art, Poster, Poetry, Essay and Video Contest
Share What Remembrance Means To You
Contact Diana Bailey baileyjd6942@gmail.com



Poppies will be available starting October 24 from countertop boxes at many local retailers, from our in-person volunteers, and directly from the Branch. Additionally, lawn signs are available in advance at the Legion during open hours for $20. The Branch also has wristbands, poppy center pins, and window/windshield poppies for sale.

Donations collected during the Poppy Campaign are held in Trust at the Branch level to directly support Veterans and their families.

Remembrance Day Ceremonies
Wed Nov 4, 6:30pm Girl Guides candlelit service, Jack Acres Park
Wed Nov 11, 10:45am at the cenotaph, Jack Acres Park
Wed Nov 11, 1:00pm at the cenotaph, Ravenna

EVENTS

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Marsh Street Centre

Saturday, Oct 24, 9-11am

BY DONATION



HAUNTED HOUSE AND PUMPKIN CARVING AT MARSH STREET CENTRE

Saturday, October 24th
9am-1pm - Free

HOUSE 'N ORDER

DOWNSIZING & DECLUTTERING

Wanna know where to start?

Come to this **FREE** Event!

Thornbury First Baptist presents a **FREE** Event

(Registration HIGHLY Recommended)

Saturday October 24 at 1pm – 2:30 pm

Thornbury Baptist Church, 27 Bruce Street S

Light Refreshments

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Email TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT: dohos63@gmail.com

House 'n Order Founder & Professional Organizer, **Tracy Marsh**, will present simple strategies to take you from overwhelmed to on-task. This new presentation, sprinkled with humour, will provide you with tools to get YOUR House in Order.



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Saturday, October 24

9am-Noon

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COVER to COVER Reading Challenge



OCTOBER 24

10am -12pm

Meet us at **Hester St Parkette** for Wag-o-ween and the official launch of the Cover-to-Cover Reading Challenge Fall/Winter Session!

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4th Tuesday

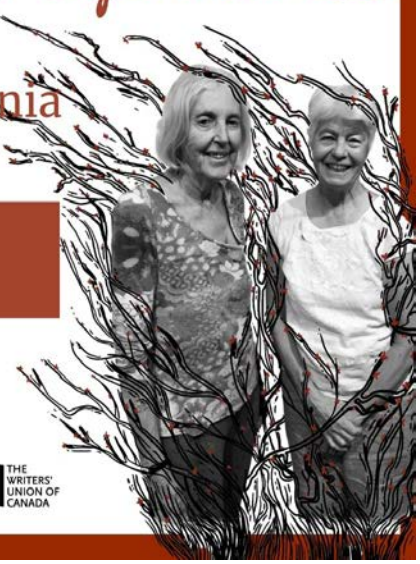
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October 27

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An Evening with Terry Fallis



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Sadie Fields & Ken Gee

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Grace United Church, Thornbury



PUMPKIN WALK, LIONS PARK

NOVEMBER 1ST, 5-8 PM





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2026 AGM Invitation November 14th at 10am

Please be advised of the Annual General Meeting of the Beaver River Watershed Initiative (BRWI) which will be held November 14th at 10am - Noon at the Kimberley Hall, 235309 Grey Rd 13, Kimberley.

We welcome BRWI members and non members to attend our AGM to learn about the current BRWI activities and elect our management team members. Your attendance will help support the Beaver River Watershed Initiative and our mission:

"To work with the community, agencies and organizations that share our vision to develop, promote and facilitate projects which will conserve, protect and enhance the ecological and social health of the Beaver River Watershed."

Brad Mulligan, Project Coordinator BRWI, will present a review of BRWI projects, both current and future.

We are pleased to have **Jack Imhof** as our keynote speaker.

Jack has been a dedicated volunteer with the BRWI since its inception, bringing over 50 years of expertise in river and watershed restoration. Specializing in restoration ecology, watershed science, and natural channel design, his efforts have significantly improved the health of Canada's watersheds. His outstanding contributions have earned him numerous accolades, including the 2012 Conservation Pioneer Award and being named a Legend in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences in 2022. Before retiring in 2017 as National Biologist and Director of Conservation Ecology for Trout Unlimited Canada (now Freshwater Conservation Canada), Jack served as a provincial Aquatic Ecologist and Watershed Research Scientist with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. He also shared his knowledge as an adjunct professor at several Ontario universities. Today, Jack continues to shape environmental policy and support NGOs and municipalities, remaining both an invaluable expert and a cherished friend to the BRWI.



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