Do you know an outstanding physician in your community?

The College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSO) is now accepting nominations for the 2021 Council Award. The Council Award honours outstanding Ontario physicians who have demonstrated excellence and embody society’s vision of an “ideal physician”.

The criteria for selecting a physician for the Council Award are based on the Royal College's CanMEDS Framework's seven physician roles, which are identified as the essential qualities needed to practice modern medicine. Details about the selection criteria are outlined on our website.

Through this award, CPSO honours outstanding Ontario physicians who demonstrated excellence and come closest to meeting society’s vision of an “ideal physician.” Four award recipients are selected each year who reflect the diversity of Ontario physicians, considering aspects such as specialty, practice setting, populations served, and career stage.

If you know a physician who meets the selection criteria, please nominate them by completing the online nomination form. The deadline for receipt of nominations is September 28, 2020.

For further information, please contact cpsoaward@cps.on.ca.
Name: Robert McDonald

Email: [redacted]

Phone: [redacted]

Message:
I operate FiveStarFishandCruiseCharters.ca and have been doing so for 15yrs. I live in Thornbury and store my boat for winters at the harbour. This year I have effectively been put out of business because of covid etc. I am unable to socially distance so I have for the benefit and safety of all not put my boat back in. Hopefully next spring will be different. In the spirit of helping out small local business, I am hoping the town will take my situation into consideration for storage fees over this period of time as there is no revenue. I look forward to your early reply as at the moment I have told it would be full rent for the two periods. Regards, Captain Robert McDonald
Dear Valued Mayor, Representative Councillors and Administrators,

I would like to point out a few issues as a long time resident that have been building up over time, getting worse and is destroying the fabric of our beautiful quaint town/area-

1) Alice Street West between Victoria Street and Bruce Street/HWY13 - Vehicular traffic has increased substantially since the new Foodland/LCBO were opened and overall growth. Private cars and delivery trucks are using Alice Street West (Elma and Louisa as well) as a shortcut to get to and from the Foodland/LCBO as well as the dog park. The speeds of most of these vehicles are travelling in great excess of a reasonable speed. Neighbours have posted “slow down/children at play” signs to no avail. We DO NOT feel safe. Signs need to be put up at Victoria and Bruce St. stating that this is a NO THROUGH STREET. As well, there are no posted speed limit signs that I can find on Alice Street W. meaning one can go 50 KM/H as per provincial rules. It should be 30KM/HR. We also need traffic calming measures to assist. Again there are many children, bicyclists etc... in the area and it is close to Moreau park. Where is the “We Respect and Value Our Neighbourhoods and the Safety of OUR Fellow Citizens that Makes OUR Town a Beautiful Place” the town can promote?

2) DOGS- A daily occurrence on my property/others and it is absolutely unequivocally disrespectful, disgusting, boorish, unhygienic and is trespassing. See picture attached as an example. Dog owners let their dogs urinate on my planter, cedar hedge (permanently damaged) and leave the excrement on private and town property that I am responsible for. Really, I am supposed to tend to my flowers filled with dog urine and excrement and have to clean it up and dispose of it? What type of ignorant, disrespectful dog owning citizenry do we have in our town that think they can just let their dogs do this? The selfish boorish attitude is “it's not my property who cares”. They need to be educated and fined if they are not respectful. Bylaw 2006-32 clause 13.0 just does not do this. We need strict heavy fines for this type of breach of a bylaw that has to do with health and respect for private and public property. $1000 1st offence and this should be indicated in the annual Dog license renewal forms that come with the taxes. Where is the “We Respect and Value OUR Fellow Citizens and Private Property that Helps Make OUR Town a Beautiful Place” the town can promote?

3) Tree Cutting Bylaw - Do we have one? It seems any property owner can just cut down healthy trees without a permit or review especially in the “urban areas”. Just because we live in the country and “think” we have more trees than a big city does not mean we can disrespect the beauty and many decades of growth and cut down trees for any reason. It takes generations for large trees to come back. Where is the “We Respect & Value Nature that Makes OUR Town a Beautiful Place” the town can promote? Is there a review process and permit required to remove trees from private or public property?

4) Idling Bylaw- Do we have a Vehicle Idling Bylaw? Many cars specifically on Bruce Street adjacent to the stores/shops etc., just let their cars idle in all seasons. Where is the “We Respect & Value Nature that Makes OUR Town a Beautiful Place”.

Thanking All for your CONSIDERATION and ACTION in helping make this fine town an even better place to live, play and grow...

Kind Regards & Be Well,

Matthew Morton

Alice Street West
July 22/2020

Mayor Alar Soever, Council, Municipal Clerk Corrina Giles, Deputy Clerk Krista Royal, pertinent municipal staff of The Town of The Blue Mountains

As a tax payer, I am impressed with the efficiency with which the Town of The Blue Mountains Council reduced traffic Hwy 26 speed limits coupled with enforcement in sections of the highway 26 corridor to increase public safety. Now that taxpayers throughout the community have seen for themselves how efficiently the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains was able to lower Hwy 26 traffic speeds in conjunction with the Ministry of Transportation for Ontario in order to achieve greater public safety, it would seem logical and apparent that reducing and enforcing traffic speeds throughout the entire community would be and easier and faster process, something taxpayers have been asking for for years.

Will the Blue Mountains Council act accordingly to reduce speed limits for all villages, hamlets, towns, bergs and streets to demonstrate that the concerns of all residents around traffic safety will be met with the same prompt response and gravity as have the posted sections within the highway 26 corridor to ensure that all children, adults, seniors and most vulnerable, be it pedestrian, cyclist or assisted motorized vehicles, be offered the same rights and privileges as those residing in the newly posted highway 26 corridor and all visitors to the area within the Town of The Blue Mountains?

Thank you
Alex Maxwell
It has been drawn to my attention that we may experience a great need for outdoor winter recreation due to continuing concerns around Covid 19. Many people who traditionally travel during the winter months will be most likely be staying closer to home. The provision of indoor activities such as curling, hockey, broom ball, public skating and figure skating may be challenging under these new circumstances.

Will Council direct staff, in concert with partners and stakeholders, to investigate the feasibility of providing outdoor ice facilities during these challenging times?

Alex Maxwell
August 4, 2020

Dear Mayors/Wardens and fellow Councillors,

As you are aware, there is a serious shortage of social and affordable housing in our communities. The number of homeless individuals in the South Georgian Bay Area is on the rise and the COVID pandemic has compounded the situation, further stressing the limited resources available. As Collingwood is a larger settlement area in our region, Collingwood Council felt compelled to take action last year by providing a three (3) year commitment of $75,000 in funding annually for the ‘Out of the Cold’ Winter Shelter Program started by 211 Community Connection with the assistance of local volunteers in 2019. As a result of the staggering number of individuals from all our communities who were served this past winter, the Out of the Cold Program has requested support for Phase 1 of a Feasibility Study for planning the services needed to properly serve this growing vulnerable population. The projected cost of Phase 1 of the Feasibility Study is $18,750 and Collingwood Council recently agreed to support 50% of the study to move this important initiative forward. However, the Out of the Cold Program needs the remaining 50% of the funds from other sponsors or municipal partners to carry out the Feasibility Study.

The Collingwood Council passed the following resolution unanimously at a Special Meeting on July 29:

WHEREAS the Out of the Cold Shelter Services benefits Collingwood and the surrounding municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Collingwood is currently the only municipality providing operational funding for the program with an annual $75,000 committee for 3 years;

AND WHEREAS the proposed feasibility study is divided into 2 Phases, with the second phase dependent on the outcome of the Phase 1;

NOW THEREfore BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council herein support funding 50% of Phase 1 of the feasibility study to examine permanent homeless shelter services in the South Georgian Bay Area for Phase 1;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our neighbouring municipalities (The Blue Mountains, Wasaga Beach and Clearview) to request and encourage them to participate in this meaningful exercise.
We are copying this request for financial support to both the County of Simcoe and the County of Grey, as we appreciate that social housing and homelessness are a particular mandate of our upper tier governments. We are hopeful that our Counties will have additional resources available that align their interests with this critical homelessness assessment.

We are also copying Pam Hillier, Executive Director of Community Connection/211, as the representative of the Out of the Cold Program. Ms. Hillier would be pleased to provide you with any additional information regarding the Feasibility Study and address any questions you may have. Ms. Hillier can be reached at (705) 444-0040 x 234 or phillier@communityconnection.ca.

We thank you for your attention to this important matter and look forward to working with our neighbours on this important initiative.

Yours very truly,

Mayor Brian Saunderson

CC: The Town of The Blue Mountains (via e-mail)
The Town of Wasaga Beach (via e-mail)
Township of Clearview (via e-mail)
County of Simcoe (via e-mail)
County of Grey (via e-mail)
Pam Hillier, Out of the Cold (via e-mail)
July 28, 2020

The Town of Blue Mountains
To The Mayor and Council Members

Reference; Lansdowne Street North; Unopen Street

In support of Jeffery Swartz letter to the city.

My name is Trevor Temple and have been a resident in Thornbury at Bay Street West for the past 15 years. My house is located 1 house away from the open street allowance to the water in reference.

For the past 15 years this unopen street allowance was an overgrown vegetation/treed foot PATH to the water. Local residence are aware of it and used the opening to bring their dogs to water or for a dip in the lake.

Since the water destruction of last winters storm in the area and the movement of machinery to help shore up the homes effected from the high-water level, the foot path has turned into a wide water entrance, that now is been used as a beach and can be seen by all who travel either way past the opening.

What originally was a local path to the water, used by residents, has now turned into a recreational beach for out of towners.

I say out of towners, from the following observation.

A group of Motorcyclists 8-12 persons, last Saturday, with their bikes parked on the beach area and in front of my house. Drinking Beer, loud noise from radios and motorcycles.

People erecting tents for the day and setting up barbeques and lots of chairs on the sight.

People allowing their dogs to run lose and end up in my yard and jumping on us when we went over to see what was going on.

Groups of people congregating for the afternoon or evening, lounging in their beach chairs.
Many cars parked on the street, especially on weekends, and Lakeshore is a very narrow street.

Cars with Kayaks and Paddle boards racks on their vehicles to launch off the beach area.

And most important the garbage left behind daily.

The above actions have never happened in the last 15 years I have lived here. Local residents respect their community.

I truly hope the city will take this matter and violations committed to the location seriously, so the residents can have their quiet, pristine area back to normal.

This could be done by installing appropriate signage and bring vegetation back to the area to create our foot path.

Thank you for the consideration.

Trevor Temple
Bay Street West
Thornbury
Corrina

Please pass a copy of this letter to the BIA as well, thank you.

Thank you to council members for reconsidering the placement of the barriers in Thornbury.

Please note a special thank you to the two councillors who respectfully responded to my original call regarding this matter.

The first day of the partial removal, there was a noticeable change of activity on the street. Activity is a draw for potential customers (local or tourist) as the town looks open and welcoming for business.

The second change may still require some reflection by council. The initial reason given for the barriers was with regards to safe distancing due to Covid. Although there has not been a huge number of people on a regular basis on the street.

Yet, this new setup appears to establish private patio areas. These areas take up parking spaces of potential paying customers for the general businesses.

A patio area is understandable for a business offering a food service. In this second configuration there are several non-food areas with barriers in front of them.

Two areas are extremely questionable, as there are barricades blocking the disability ramp to the sidewalk and the other is covering the right hand turn lane onto the highway. In both cases one would question WHY and the legality. Perhaps these should be removed.

During the discussion of these barriers the comment of attracting tourism to the Thornbury area was brought forward by a couple of the council members. Yet, no comments on encouraging and maintaining local residents in shopping. Tourism has been important but locals have always been the mainstay for many businesses during the tourist season and the shoulder seasons. Presently these are different times and the local taxpayers need to be respected and shown consideration by council.

Sustainability is extremely important now more than ever. Consideration to a staff study/survey of the local spending in the community over the past 5 years might be appropriate. A starting point could begin with members of Council along with the town staff.
This study/survey could give insight into what is needed within the community and what is or is not working, how sustainable is the Town of the Blue Mountains. Perhaps shopping is happening in other communities.

There seems to be discussion and confusion within the community as to who is paying for these barriers, the BIA or the taxpayers. As a taxpayer I would request a written response to that question.

Also, could the monies spent on this; not, have been better used to improve the Little River Beach area. This beach area would have allowed for the enjoyment of both local residents and tourist as it has in the past. The enforcement of the pier and the playground could still have been maintained.

As a concerned taxpayer there is a major concern on how this decision of barriers has been managed. There has been a petition from many businesses affected, regarding the process and this needs to be addressed. A loss of faith is never a good situation.

Perhaps if the new mandate for these barriers is to act as private patio areas the businesses gaining from this should bear the costs. This council might look at how the neighbouring community of Meaford did this after doing a staff study. These are private patio areas within the restaurant areas and each restaurant was responsible for creating their space for paying customers.

Respectfully awaiting a response from Council.

Deb Crosskill
Marsh St.
Clarksburg, On.
Hi: I applaud the TBM for taking on this initiative of attainable housing, making the investment and securing sites. I would like to comment on the proposed attainable housing and how I think it benefits our community.

I’ve spent a great deal of time in Whistler Blackcomb and have seen the problems and severe issues related to not providing the necessary attainable housing in a timely manner. Whistler was initially adverse to taking the risk to invest in attainable housing and is now paying the price in an effort to catch up. The price, which we would like to avoid in the TBM is the financial impact to the local economy and not having the resources to provide world class products and services to the community and our tourism. Also very importantly our people in need.

The proposed plan for the Thornbury site is fabulous. My only comment is can you double the number of units? We are desperate for this type of housing and if we are going to build a property we should take advantage of the economies of scale and put another floor or two on the building and increase the footprint. This would serve us well from an economic and housing perspective.

If you think I could be a benefit, I would be willing to participate in the consultation process.

Best regards

Robert W. Cockerill
Snowbridge Way
Town of Blue Mountains
ON L9Y 0V1
I object to the construction of a 5 storey building at the Foodland site. The project will be an eyesore and is against the town’s building code heights.

My Proposal: Start a building fund of $1 million. Use town land (no cost) and build 5 houses with the funds. Rent each for $800-900 per month. Rent goes into building fund (untouchable by town) and in 5 years you can build one new house – no cost to the town and taxpayers. In 8 years you can build a second house. After 10 years you can build 2 houses per year at no cost to the town and taxpayers. The property residents will pay for all utilities and maintenance.

(The ongoing costs associated with an apartment building are heat, air, water, sewer, elevator service, snow removal and caretaker)

The town has the option to sell after 10 years or donate after 20 years. By this time the tenant has paid $200,000 to the building fund. Tenant will take care of the house and not waste utilities – not so if these are supplied by the apartment.

Walter Schmidka
Thornbury
Bruce Melhuish

**sunset grill**

190 Jozo Weider Blvd. – Unit 10
Blue Mountains, Ontario
L9Y 0V2
July 23, 2020

Subject: Support for Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation’s Thornbury Site & Upcoming Public Consultation Process

Dear Mayor Soever, Deputy Mayor Potter and Members of Town Council,

My name is Bruce Melhuish and I am the owner of Sunset Grill at Blue Mountain, in the Village. We employ been open for just over 13 years and employ approximately 25 people with that number exceeding 30 in the summer months (pre Covid). Even with limited capacity this summer we are already up to 25 people.

Collectively, service-sector and tourism employers across the Town of The Blue Mountains drive local employment; support secondary businesses, consumer spending and business investment; provide world-class experiences for locals and visitors; and provide significant tax revenue to the municipality.

I am writing today to show my support for the Town of the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation’s (BMAHC) work toward building its first attainable housing site in Thornbury. I am also in support of Town Council’s plans to conduct transparent public consultation on the project including looking at the Official Plan and Comprehensive Bylaw in order to ensure that the project can be as impactful as possible while also respecting the surrounding community and its needs. During the last municipal election, candidates assured local businesses and residents alike that attainable housing would be a priority and we are grateful that our elected Councilors are following through on your campaign promises – because the need for attainable housing to support our growing workforce needs and community overall has only grown since the last election.

I look forward to learning more about: how this project will be supported by new local transit links, opportunities for all types of businesses and community groups in our Town to get more involved in supporting BMAHC’s work, and plans for future sites across the Town of The Blue Mountains.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly as the consultation process begins. I will be sure to encourage my employees, colleagues and neighbours to participate.

Sincerely,

Bruce Melhuish
Owner
Date: July 24/20

Subject: Support for Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation's Thornbury Site & Upcoming Public Consultation Process

Dear Mayor Soever, Deputy Mayor Potter and Members of Town Council,

My name is, Tracey Lindberg and I am the owner of Jack and Maddy Toy Store in the Mountain Village. We employ approximately 5 people annually.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Email: [Redacted]

Contact #: [Redacted]
Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to raise its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2021

Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to raise its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2021, based on a rate-setting framework and other adjustments previously approved by the Ontario Energy Board for the period 2019-2023. The rates are set using a formula that is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency. If the request is approved, a typical residential customer in the EGD Rate Zone and in the Union Rate Zones (former customers of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited, respectively) would see the following increases:

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Other customers may be affected. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you will be affected by the changes.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Enbridge Gas Inc. We will question Enbridge Gas Inc. on the case. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual customers and from groups that represent the customers of Enbridge Gas Inc. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether the rate increase requested in the application will be approved.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Enbridge Gas Inc. on the OEB’s website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by August 5, 2020 or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB’s decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is EB-2020-0095. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number EB-2020-0095 on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/participate. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by August 5, 2020.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).
Dear Mayor Soever & Council,

You are making an impact.

Your gift is providing care and support to palliative patients and their families throughout South Georgian Bay – both at Campbell House and in the community – for today and into the future.

In this new age of the coronavirus, the Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation (HGTF) needs your help to make that impact more than ever. Now that Campbell House has all ten beds in operation, and the effects of coronavirus are being felt in our community, thank you for choosing to be a part of the Hospice Georgian Triangle family. Thank you for your donation of $1,500.00 to the HGTF. Your acknowledgement receipt may be found at the bottom of this letter.

As John F. Kennedy said, "a rising tide lifts all boats". With your gift you are lifting up our friends and neighbours when they need it most.
We are most grateful.

With warmest regards and appreciation,

Trish Rawn
Interim Executive Director
Hospice Georgian Triangle

Janet Fairbridge
Foundation Director
The Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation

Acknowledgement Receipt

Donation Summary:
The Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation
Date: 20/07/2020
240 Erie Street
Received: $1,500.00
Collingwood, ON L9Y 0X8
fairbridgej@hospicegeorgiantriangle.com

Town of The Blue Mountains
P.O. Box 310, 32 Mill Street
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

240 Erie Street, Collingwood, Ontario L9Y 0X8 | Telephone (705) 444-2555 | Fax (705) 446-2229
www.hospicegeorgiantriangle.com
July 8, 2020

Town of The Blue Mountains,
32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310
Thornbury ON N0H 2P0

Dear Members of Council,

Beaver Valley Outreach gratefully acknowledges receipt of your cheque for $20,000 in fulfillment of year two of your pledge to our Heart of the Community Capital Campaign.

Recently we also received a grant of $3,500 from the special funds that were raised by the community. These funds will be used in various ways to help with costs related to COVID-19, such as gift cards for groceries and pharmacies for families in need.

We very much appreciate all of this assistance at a time when our income is greatly reduced. Please accept our thanks to all of you for the ongoing support that we receive from Council and from Staff, as we work toward our common goal of making this community the best that it can be.

Sincerely,

C.J. Innes, Chair,
Beaver Valley Outreach Board of Directors
Vehicular Traffic – Highway #26

Lowering of Speed Limit from 80km to 50km – July 10, 2020

As of August 4, 2020, the Mayor and Council received the following responses in response to the lowering of the Speed Limit on Highway #26

Number of Positive Responses received – 15

Number of Negative Responses received -16