



WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter

A New Year in Georgian Bluffs - Welcome to 2026

Happy New Year from the Township of Georgian Bluffs! As we step into 2026, we want to take a moment to thank our residents, businesses, and community partners for your continued support and collaboration. Together, we've accomplished so much, and we're excited for what's ahead.

This year, we remain committed to building a vibrant, sustainable, and connected community. From enhancing local services and infrastructure to supporting economic development and environmental stewardship, 2026 will be a year of progress and opportunity.

Stay tuned for updates on upcoming projects, community events, and ways to get involved. Your input and engagement are key to shaping the future of Georgian Bluffs. Here's to a year of growth, innovation, and community spirit. Let's make 2026 our best year yet!

Stay safe, stay warm, and let it snow!

Winter is Here - How We Keep You Moving



As winter settles in, Georgian Bluffs is prepared to keep our roads safe and accessible with the 2026 Winter Operations Plan. This plan explains how snow removal and road maintenance will be managed throughout the season, so you know what to expect.

What does this mean for you?

- **Primary Roads First:** Main routes and emergency service roads are our top priority to ensure essential travel remains safe.
- **Once-a-Day Coverage:** Township roads are plowed once per day, depending on snowfall and weather conditions.
- **Safety Over Speed:** During heavy snowfalls or ongoing storms, clearing secondary routes may take longer, but safety always comes first.
- **Salt and Sand Application:** High-traffic areas and intersections receive extra attention for traction and safety.

This approach balances efficiency, safety, and cost-effectiveness, ensuring resources are used wisely while keeping our community moving during winter weather.

For real-time updates during storms, follow us on social media or visit the Township website.



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Celebrating 60 Years with Grey Ag Services



Congratulations to Grey Ag Services on an incredible milestone—60 years of Grey Bruce Farmers' Week! Since 1966, this event has brought together producers, industry experts, and agri-business leaders to share knowledge, network, and celebrate our agricultural community.

This year's event runs January 7–12 at the Elmwood Community Centre, with each day dedicated to a different commodity. Expect insightful sessions, valuable connections, and of course, the legendary roast beef lunch!

As a community deeply rooted in agriculture and proud of our rural heritage, we're thrilled to join in celebrating this achievement.

Learn more and register at www.greybrucefarmersweek.ca.



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Regional Transit Survey Now Open



Grey County is conducting a survey to better understand the transit needs in our region—and your voice matters! Whether you currently use public transit or not, your feedback is essential as they plan updates to the area's transit network.

Transit plays a key role in connecting people to jobs, education, healthcare, and community services. By sharing your experiences and ideas, you help shape a system that works for everyone—whether it's improving routes, adding new stops, or making service more accessible. Even if you don't ride transit today, your perspective helps identify gaps and future opportunities.

Take a few minutes to complete the survey and help build a stronger, more connected Grey County.

Visit www.grey.ca/resident-services/regional-transit to have your voice heard!



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Council Meeting Schedule Changes for 2026



Starting this January, Georgian Bluffs Council is introducing a new meeting format designed to improve efficiency and enhance community engagement.

What's Changing?

- **New Schedule:** Council will now meet twice a month, on the first and third Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.
- **Combined Format:** Each meeting will serve as both a Council Meeting and a Committee of the Whole, eliminating the need for separate sessions.

Why the Change?

This adjustment streamlines decision-making, reduces redundancy, and ensures discussions remain open and productive. By merging formats, Council can focus on meaningful dialogue while maintaining transparency and accessibility.

All meetings remain open to the public and will be livestreamed on the Township's YouTube channel, making it easy to stay informed from home. Community members are encouraged to participate through delegations and presentations, providing valuable input on local issues. Your voice helps shape decisions that impact services, infrastructure, and the future of Georgian Bluffs.

This change reflects Council's commitment to building an engaged and informed community, especially as 2026 marks a municipal election year. For details and upcoming meeting dates, visit georgianbluffs.ca.



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Reminder: Changes to Recycling Collection



Starting January 1, 2026, the Province of Ontario took full responsibility for managing Blue Box recycling collection under a new producer-responsibility model.

What Does This Mean for Georgian Bluffs?

- Residential Properties: Recycling collection will continue as usual—no changes for households.
- Non-Residential Properties: The Province will no longer collect recycling from industrial, commercial, and institutional (IC&I) properties, including new multi-residential buildings with six or more units.

Most IC&I and multi-residential properties in Georgian Bluffs already use private recycling services, so changes will be minimal. Properties relying on Township curbside collection must arrange alternatives before January 1, 2026.

Next Steps for Affected Properties

The Township has contacted impacted property owners and recommends reaching out to local providers such as:

- Waste Management (Mount Forest)
- Miller Waste (Owen Sound)

For details about Ontario's new recycling system or the producer-responsibility model, contact Circular Materials at customerservice@circularmaterials.ca or 1-877-667-2626.



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Kick Off the New Year on the Ice!



Looking for a fun way to start 2026? Join us at the Shallow Lake Arena for the Mayor and Council Levee! Lace up your skates and enjoy time on the rink, free hot refreshments, and a chance to connect with the Mayor, Council, and Township staff as we head into an exciting new year together.



Coming up...

- January 11 - New Years Levee at Shallow Lake Arena 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- January 21 - Council meeting at 5:00 p.m.
- February 8 - FREE Ski Days with Bruce Ski Club

Grey Roots Museum Craftastic Saturdays

This series of creative, hands-on crafts is perfect for young visitors - or the young at heart. Crafts are included with regular admission and free for members! 10:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 3:00. No advance registration needed.

January 10 - Frosty Feathers - Have a hoot making snowy owls out of pinecones.

January 17 - Bug Buddies - Create a creature using yarn, pipe cleaner, and paper rolls.

January 24 - Hungry Fishies - Make a fish friend and bring it to life with clothespins!

January 31 - Paper Puppet Pals - Make a paper puppet - an animal, monster or any type of creature!