



WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter

Season's Greetings from the Township of Georgian Bluffs

As the year comes to an end, we wish everyone in Georgian Bluffs a warm and joyful holiday season. Whether you're cozy by the fire or out enjoying our beautiful winter scenery, we hope this time brings you peace, laughter, and special moments with those you love.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Sparkle and Skate—your enthusiasm and community spirit helped make the event truly magical. A big shout-out as well to our dedicated Winter Control team, who are prepared and ready to keep our roads safe when the snow starts to fall. While you're enjoying a cup of hot cocoa, they're working hard to keep winter travel smooth for all.

On a personal note, I'm absolutely loving my new role within the Township administration, and it means so much to serve the community I've been proud to call home for so many years. From all of us at the Township of Georgian Bluffs, thank you for being such an important part of this amazing place we share. Stay safe, stay warm, and let it snow (in moderation – we want our plow operators to enjoy the holidays too!)

CAO
Ryan Thompson

The 2026 Georgian Bluffs Calendars are Here!



Pick up your free copy at Township facilities and local businesses across the community.

This year's calendar showcases breathtaking photos submitted by residents, capturing the scenic beauty and cozy charm of Georgian Bluffs. Inside, you'll also find helpful information, including:

- Waste collection schedule
- Tax and water bill due dates
- Key details on Township services

Celebrate the Bluffs all year long—grab your calendar today!

You'll find calendars available for pickup at these convenient locations:

- Georgian Bluffs Township Office
- Shallow Lake, Kemble and Derby Community Centres
- Allan's Mercantile General Store
- Heat n' Eat Meal Co.
- Balmy Beach Convenience
- Barry's Service Centre
- Cindy's Variety
- Cobble Beach
- Econo Gas Kwik Mart
- Foodland, Owen Sound and Wiarton
- The Blended Brew & Co.
- The Gas Barn• Kemble Post Office
- Lloyd's Smoke Shop
- Springmount Esso



Honouring Bravery in Georgian Bluffs



On Sunday, November 16, members of the Inter Township Fire Department, serving Georgian Bluffs and Meaford, were formally recognized for their courage and quick action during the October 2024 silo rescue. The Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, joined MPP Paul Vickers to present commemorative scrolls, celebrating this exceptional display of skill and dedication.

Mayor Sue Carleton shared heartfelt remarks on behalf of Georgian Bluffs, expressing deep gratitude for the professionalism, teamwork, and bravery shown by our firefighters.

To every member who answered the call that day—thank you. Your actions exemplify true service and remind us why our community is proud to stand behind the ITFD every step of the way.



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Winter Operations Are Underway



As winter approaches, Georgian Bluffs is ready to keep our roads safe and accessible with the 2026 Winter Operations Plan. This plan outlines how snow removal and road maintenance will be managed during the snowy months, ensuring residents know what to expect from a service level perspective.

What does this mean for you?

- **Primary Roads First:** Our crews prioritize main routes and emergency service roads to maintain safe travel for essential services.
- **Once-a-Day Coverage:** The bulk of Township roadways will be plowed once per day, depending on snowfall and weather conditions.
- **Safety Over Speed:** While we aim to clear roads promptly, heavy snowfalls or ongoing storms may delay secondary routes.
- **Salt and Sand Application:** High-traffic areas and intersections will receive additional attention for traction and safety.

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

For updates during storms, follow our social media channels or visit the Township website for real-time information.



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It's That Time of Year Again



Each December, the Inter-Township Fire Department (ITFD) Firefighters make the holidays brighter for hundreds of local families through their Children's Fund Toy Drive.

A huge thank you to the Waymouth family for their generous donation — your support helps bring joy to so many children in our community!

Want to contribute?

You can drop off new, unwrapped toys at:

- Inter-Township Fire Hall
- Township Office

Every donation, big or small, makes a difference. Together, we can ensure every child has a reason to smile this holiday season!



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Greening Owen Sound Hospital



Something beautiful has taken root at Owen Sound Hospital, thanks to a community collaboration between Georgian Bluffs, Cannon Nurseries, and the volunteers of NeighbourWoods North.

We've given 24 large trees a second chance! Once destined for disposal due to minor imperfections, these trees now thrive on the hospital grounds as part of a naturalization project benefiting patients, visitors, and wildlife. This was made possible by local volunteers, who covered delivery costs and ensured every tree was planted with care.

Riel Warrilow from Georgian Bluffs summed it up perfectly: "This is a great example of what's possible when people and organizations come together to enhance the environment."

Want to learn more or get involved in future projects? Visit georgianbluffs.ca or connect with NeighbourWoods North.



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Council Meeting Schedule Changes for 2026



Starting in January 2026, Georgian Bluffs Council will implement a new meeting structure designed to improve efficiency and enhance community engagement.

What's Changing?

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

This adjustment is part of Council's commitment to streamline decision-making while maintaining transparency and accessibility. By merging the two formats, Council can reduce redundancy, improve workflow, and ensure that discussions remain open and productive.

All meetings will continue to be open to the public and livestreamed on the Township's YouTube channel, making it easy for residents to stay informed from home. Community members are encouraged to participate through delegations and presentations, providing valuable input on local issues.

This change aligns with Georgian Bluffs' broader goal of fostering an engaged and informed community, especially as 2026 marks a municipal election year.

For more details and upcoming meeting dates, visit georgianbluffs.ca.



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Important Changes to Recycling Collection



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

What This Means for Georgian Bluffs

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

Most IC&I and multi-residential properties in Georgian Bluffs already use private recycling services and may see little change. However, properties that currently rely on Township curbside collection must arrange alternative services 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 questions about the province's recycling system or the producer-responsibility model, contact Circular Materials at customerservice@circularmaterials.ca or call 1-877-667-2626.

For more information, please contact Jerry Haan, Manager of Operations, Fleet, Facilities & Waste Services at 519-376-2729 ext. 301, or jhaan@georgianbluffs.ca.



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Kemble Non-Motorized Parade



The Kemble Lions proudly present the 23rd Annual Non-Motorized Christmas Parade!

Come celebrate the holiday season with us —bring your family and friends to enjoy the festive spirit!

Be sure to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to a local food bank.

Want to Join the Parade!

Calling all participants! Please meet at the Kemble Arena by 1:30 PM. For information, contact Lion Doug Gilkinson at 519-376-5830 or Lion Paul Morris at 905-467-1545.



Coming up...

- December 3 - Council meeting at 5:00 p.m.
- December 6 & 13 - Moreston by Candlelight at Grey Roots Museum
- December 12 & 13 - Yuk Yuk's Comedy Show with Holiday Buffet at Cobble Beach
- December 14 - Kemble non-motorized Santa Clause Parade at 2:00 p.m.
- Free holiday public skating at Shallow Lake
 - December 22, 23, 29, 30 and 31 at 12:00 p.m.

Reminder that the Township of Georgian Bluffs Administration Office will be closed starting at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday December 24th and will reopen on Monday January 5th at 9:00 a.m.



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