

Monthly Newsletter

A message from Ryan Thompson



"Hello Georgian Bluffs community,

I'm thrilled to introduce myself as your new Chief Administrative Officer. It's an honour to join the dedicated team serving this vibrant and welcoming municipality. Over the past few weeks, I've had the pleasure of meeting many passionate staff members and community leaders, and I'm excited about the work we'll do together to support and grow Georgian Bluffs.

I look forward to connecting with more of you in the coming months and working together to make Georgian Bluffs an even better place to live, work, and play."

Winter Sparkle and Skate

November 28



Get ready to kick off the festive season with us! The Township of Georgian Bluffs is excited to host our Winter Sparkle & Skate event on Friday, November 28, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Shallow Lake Community Centre.

This annual celebration brings together families and community members for an evening of holiday cheer, including:

- Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.
- Vendor Market from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Photos with Santa from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Free Family Skate from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Family Games, and Touch-a-Truck Display



Holiday Bluffs Baskets

The Bluffs Baskets are a celebration of local talent and a perfect way to experience the flavours, artistry and spirit of our region. It's like a little celebration of our community, all wrapped up and ready to share!

Holiday Bluffs Baskets will be available for purchase starting at the end of November. They can be purchased at the Township of Georgian Bluffs Administration Office and at various community events throughout Georgian Bluffs.

What's Included:

- Holiday wire ornament created by From the Riverbank
- Pottery mug from Gleason Brook Pottery
- Plant from Westside Nurseries
- Candle from the Candle Barn
- Coffee from Ironwood Coffee Company
- One jar of honey from Georgian Bay Honey
- One bag of lavender bath salts from Bluewater Lavender
- One cookie from Pink Sugar
- One jar of jam from Outrange Homestead Farm



Grey CountyLeadership Forum



Staff and Council from Georgian Bluffs joined the Grey County Leadership Forum with representatives from all nine municipalities. The event celebrated Grey County's strengths—from economic development and tourism to culture and collaboration—focusing on building partnerships and fostering innovation for a vibrant future.



Business in the Bluffs: Phoenix Gymnastics

Flipping, flying, and finding your strength at Phoenix Gymnastics! From the first cartwheel to mastering advanced skills, every move builds confidence and joy. This Business in the Bluffs spotlight shows how Phoenix Gymnastics turns energy into artistry—where fun meets fitness and every leap tells a story.

Watch it now on the township's Facebook page. If you own a business in Georgian Bluffs and would like to be featured, please get in touch by emailing info@georgianbluffs.ca or calling 519-376-272



2026 Budget



On October 22, 2025, Township staff presented the proposed 2026 budget to Council. Following the presentation, Council directed staff to maintain the increase within 5%. Below are the key highlights from the 2026 budget presentation.

Budget Highlights

- Roads & bridges \$1.5 million
- Sidewalk upgrades \$100,000
- Bridge & culvert work \$2.5 million
- Fleet & equipment \$615,000
- Tree removal program \$20,000
- Road closure trailers \$35,000
- Facility repairs \$195,000

Budget Highlights

- Pathway reconstruction \$20,000
- Special Events \$20,000
- Records management \$25,000
- Procurement & Risk Management position \$52,500
- Council chambers technology \$25,000
- ERP & HR software \$350,000

Council reviewed timelines and scenarios for the 2026 budget adoption under the Strong Mayor framework. Key dates:

- Nov 7: Mayor's Budget presented.
- Dec 8-Jan 13: Veto and override periods.
- Jan 13, 2026: Budget deemed adopted.

New Council Appointment

Ejaye McComb has been appointed to Georgian Bluffs Council, filling the seat vacated by Ryan Thompson, now CAO. McComb, a 16-year resident with leadership experience in technology and strong community involvement, was chosen from 15 applicants after Council review. He will be sworn in on November 5.



Winter Readiness



As the snowy season approaches, Georgian Bluffs' Roads Maintenance Team is fully prepared to keep our community safe and connected. Our fleet of snowplows are ready to roll at a moment's notice. Crews are on standby, equipped with the tools and expertise needed to clear roads quickly and efficiently during winter weather.



Coming up ...

November 8: Sip & Support: Safe 'N Sound's 2nd Annual Live Auction

November 11: Remembrance Day; Township office closed

November 22: Indigenous Makers Market at M'Wikwedong Friendship Centre

November 28: Sparkle and Skate at Shallow Lake Arena

November 28 and 29: Dueling Pianos with Holiday Buffet at Cobble Beach

Coming up at Council ...

November 5: Special Council Meeting

November 12: Council Meeting

November 14: Special Council Meeting November 19: Committee of the Whole

