



Georgian Bay TIMES

APRIL 2022

CLEAN MUSKOKA TOGETHER

GEORGIAN BAY

Friday, April 22, 2022

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Earth Day
Community Clean-up**



Township of Georgian Bay

99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn ON L0K 1S0
705-538-2337 | 1-800-567-0187 (toll-free)

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DEVELOPMENT CHARGES HAVE BEEN UPDATED

Development charges are imposed on many building permits in order to pay the increased capital costs required as a result of increased need for services arising from development. Development fees apply to existing commercial properties as well as vacant lots. The development charges are then allocated to the following departments.

- Library
- Parks & Recreation
- General Government
- Roads and Related Infrastructure
- Fire Protection

For more information: [Development Charges](#)

Service	Discounted Services Non-Residential Charge	
	Charge/Sq M	Charge/Sq Ft
Library	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parks And Recreation	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Government	\$7.45	\$0.69
Roads And Related Infrastructure	\$9.52	\$0.88
Fire Protection	\$5.69	\$0.80
Discounted Services Charge Per Sq.M./Sq.Ft.	\$25.67	\$2.38

Service	RESIDENTIAL CHARGES BY UNIT TYPE			
	Singles & Semis & Park Model Trailers > 50 m2	Rows & Other Multiples	Apt. - Large & Park Model Trailers up to 50m2	Apt. - Small
Library	\$243	\$142	\$115	\$77
Parks & Recreation	\$38	\$22	\$17	\$11
General Government	\$1,113	\$650	\$528	\$352
Roads & Related Infrastructure	\$2,885	\$1,684	\$1,366	\$910
Fire Protection	\$1,334	\$779	\$633	\$421
TOTAL CHARGE	\$5,613	\$3,277	\$2,659	\$1,771

2022 MUNICIPAL SERVICES ARE READY FOR YOU.

PARKING PASSES- CALL (705) 538-2337 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE AT EXTENSION 221 OR EMAIL AT INFO@GBTOWNSHIP.CA

DOG LICENCES - CALL (705) 538-2337 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE AT EXTENSION 251 OR EMAIL CKING@GBTOWNSHIP.CA

BURN PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE [HERE](#)



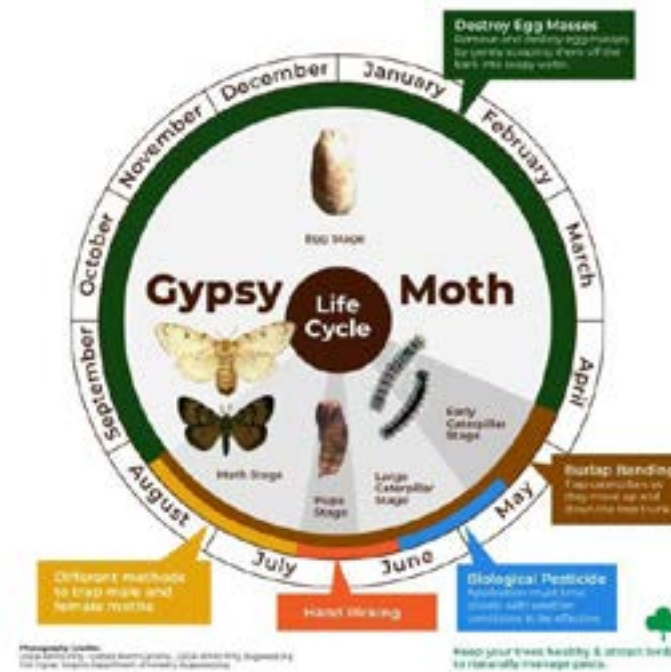
What stage are we at now? How to prepare for Gypsy Moths in 2022?

LARVA (Caterpillar)

- Occur from April to July
- Light gray to black with hairs
- 6 pairs of red dots & 5 pairs of blue dots.

What can we do now?

Set up shade traps (burlap wrap) and collect caterpillars and moths in the spring and throughout the summer; place in soapy water for 48+ hours. Use approved insecticides apply early to target the moth.



MAINTENANCE FEES

All building permits issued in 2019 and prior, that remain open as of October 1, 2022 will be subject to a \$200 maintenance fee (per each outstanding permit). Please check with the building department if you are unsure if you have an outstanding building permit at building@gbtownship.ca. *Fees subject to change.*



HALF LOADS BEGIN ON MARCH 14, 2022 AND END MAY 31, 2022

In the spring, as frost comes out of the ground and moisture comes out of the road bed:

- Roads become softer and weaker
- Heavy loads on roads can cause it to sink and break apart, which can lead to permanent damage
- Half-load restrictions are put in place to protect our roads and road beds from being damaged
- Reduces the need of having to re-build a road after every spring thaw.

gbtownship.ca/elections

Qualified Voters

A person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality (unless prohibited by the Municipal Elections Act or any other Act) if on Voting day (Monday, October 24, 2022) they are:

- A Canadian citizen,
- At least eighteen (18) years of age,
- Resides in the municipality, or the owner or tenant of land in the municipality, or a spouse or same-sex partner of such a person, and
- Not prohibited from voting as noted below or otherwise by law.

It is the responsibility of the elector to ensure they are qualified.

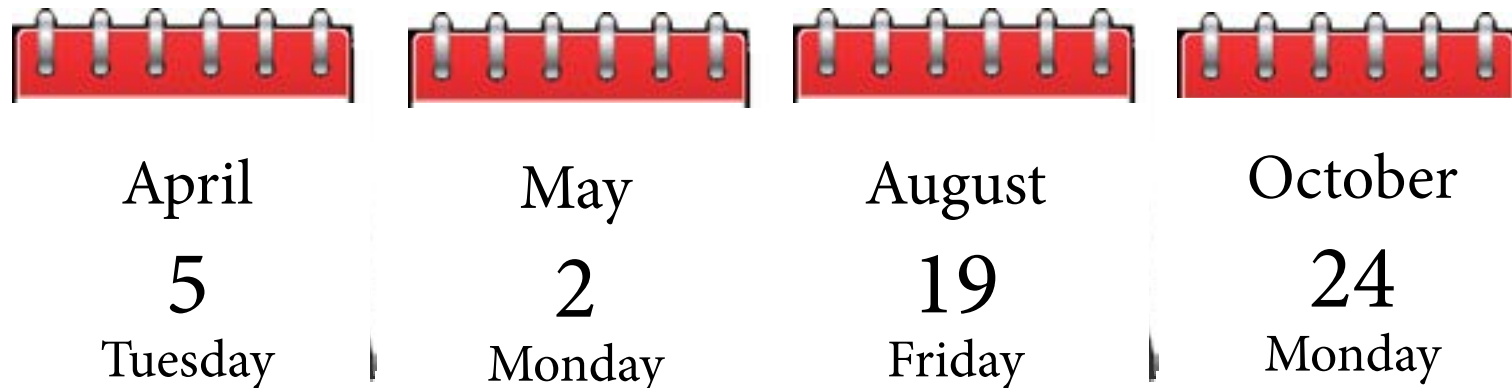
VOTERLOOKUP.CA

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for compiling information from eligible Ontario voters to create a Preliminary List of Electors for municipal and school board elections.

To make sure you are on the list and your information is accurate, visit voterlookup.ca to register, confirm details, and update any information that may not be current.

Thinking of Becoming a Candidate?

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) will be hosting a Candidate Information Session on Tuesday, April 5. Details to follow.



Tuesday April 5, 2022
MMAH Candidate Information Session

Monday May 2, 2022
Nominations Open

Friday August 19, 2022
Nominations Close

Monday October 24, 2022
Voting Day

**New term begins
November 15, 2022**



Council and Committee Meetings

View the Council Portal for the meeting calendar, agendas, minutes, council highlights, by-laws, planning notices, or sign up for e-updates.

Missed a meeting? Visit the Township's YouTube channel or read the Council Highlights.

Honey Harbour Community Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 7 at 10:00 AM

Council with Open Forum

Monday, April 11 at 9:00 AM

Open Forum Registration Deadline 9:00 AM on Monday, April 11 to info@gbtownship.ca

Planning Council with Public Meeting

Tuesday, April 12 at 9:00 AM

Public Meeting Registration Deadline 12:00 Noon at Monday, April 11 to planning@gbtownship.ca

Committee of the Whole with Open Forum

Tuesday, April 12 at 1:00 PM

Open Forum Registration Deadline 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 12 to info@gbtownship.ca

Committee of Adjustment

Friday, April 15 at 10:00 AM

Public Meeting Registration Deadline 12:00 Noon on Thursday, April 14 to planning@gbtownship.ca

Planning Advisory Committee

Friday, April 29 at 10:00 AM

HOW CAN I CATCH UP ON COUNCIL MEETINGS?

YOU CAN WATCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

ON YOUTUBE.



**TO WATCH
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PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION

Public Meetings Information

Public participants for electronic public meetings are responsible for securing their own device (web camera, microphone, and speakers required) and internet connection.

All participants will be required to follow all instructions and procedures provided. Failure to comply will result in their removal from the meeting.

Submit registration requests to planning@gbtownship.ca and clearly identify the following information:

- First and last name
- Municipal address
- Phone number
- Application number and title

As always, written correspondence for Members can be sent in advance of the meeting start time to planning@gbtownship.ca or info@gbtownship.ca.

Council – [Agenda](#) March 14, 2022

Delegations

- Brooke Harrison, Georgian Bay Forever, Divert & Capture Program Update
 - Naomi Emmett & Ron Breckbill, Georgian Bay Township Historical Society, Bressette Homestead Heritage Park
 - Shannon Mawhinney, Severn Sound Environmental Association, Depave Paradise Project
- Consent Agenda
Received for information:
- Planning Committee – Resolutions
 - Honey Harbour Community Advisory Group

Consent Agenda

- Received for information:
- Planning Committee – Resolutions
 - Honey Harbour Community Advisory Group - Resolutions
 - Cloud Hosted Telephone System Report
 - 2021 Council & Local Board Remuneration and Expenses Report
 - MacTier Community Garden Site Update Report

Staff Reports

- Waterfront Policy Review
- Staff directed to prepare a Waterfront Policy Review and to retain the services of J.L. Richards and Associates Ltd.
- Planning Department Level of Service for 2022
- Approved the addition of 2 FTE Permanent Planners of any level
- Waste Management – Terms of Reference
- Adopted, study to be conducted by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd.
 - Staff to correspond with District explaining unclear benchmarks, hiring of consultant, and requesting reimbursement for costs incurred.

- 2022 Recreation Grant Fund
- Approved disposition of funds
 - Staff directed to contact 3 named Associations re: their application status
- Pickle Ball Courts
- Council directs staff to: issue an RFP for the purpose of building six (6) pickle ball courts, accept a minimum of \$150,000.00 from the community, expend up to \$3,000 for a survey, offset from the park land reserve fund to a maximum of \$150,000.00 and tax increase (1.54%) in the capital levy to start funding annual capital and rehabilitation cost
- Draft Noise By-law
- Deferred – additional amendments

New Business

- Township of Georgian Bay Library – Honey Harbour Branch
- Council directs access and use of the Park Landing building, ground floor May through September
- Historical Documents Access
- Council directs staff to hire an intern to scan and upload historical files 1991-2001 including By-laws, Policies, attachments, Agendas and Resolutions
- [Decibel Coalition Newsletter](#)
- Council directs staff to include this communication in the next “mailing” to residents and to provide this on social media on a monthly basis, as received until at least July 2022 and to attach to the agenda package on the month received
- Ontario Parks – withdrawn
- MECP – ERO for 380 Macey Bay Rd.
- Council directs staff to retain Sarah Mainguy to provide an update setting aside a maximum of \$5,000 from working fund reserve
- Divert & Capture Program – Microplastics
- Staff directed to submit Resolution to federal and provincial representatives
- Georgian Bay Historical Society – Shed & Renaming of Park
- Council agrees to the addition of a drive shed to a maximum contribution of \$11,000 from infrastructure reserve with a tax increase in the

capital levy of (0.54%) to start funding this annual capital cost and supports the renaming of the park to “Bressette Homestead Heritage Park”

Minutes

- Council – February 14, 2022
- Planning Council – February 15, 2022
- Special Council – February 15, 2022
- Planning Committee – January 28, 2022
- Honey Harbour Community Advisory Group – February 3, 2022

By-laws

- 2022-025 – Accessibility Customer Service Policy
- 2022-026 – Dark Sky By-law

Planning – [Agenda](#) March 15, 2022

- Municipal Act – Public Meetings
- SRA 20 Island 130 Six Mile Lake - Approved Closing By-law 2022-022
- Planning Act – Public Meetings
- ZBA Z22-05 – 264 Dogwood Trail – Approved – By-law 2022-023
 - ZBA Z21-11 – 1092 East Shore Road – Deferred until SRA is closed
- Staff Reports
- Mapping Error – 335 Corrievale Road
- Staff directed to waive fees
- Extension & Amendment – Edgewater Muskoka Estates
- Approved subject to conditions
- Recommendations
- Staff to bring report with options in lieu of recommendations and a separate report to propose how staff can track and report differences.

Thinking of Running in the 2022 Municipal Election?

Municipal Council
School Board Trustee

You're Invited to Attend a free Information Session for Municipal Election and School Board Candidates. Potential candidates interested in running in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election are invited to attend a free Candidate Information Session on:

Tuesday April 5, 2022
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

No Registration Required!

This session is hosted in partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and will provide attendees with information on:

- Roles and responsibilities of elected officials, staff and Third-Party Advertisers
- Eligibility rules
- Nomination process
- Campaign finances
- Compliance audit
- Voters' list
- Scrutineers
- Recounts
- Resources

Nominations may be filed between May 2 and August 19, 2022. Attend this session to find out more!

Copy and paste the Webinar link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83742409294?pwd=YWI6cHo0K29MQzhjL3lvZCtEQnRNdz09>

Passcode: 435514

Or call in by phone:

(587) 328-1099 (647) 374-4685

(647) 558-0588 (778) 907-2071

(204) 272-7920 (438) 809-7799

Webinar ID: 837 4240 9294

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Understanding DARK SKY BY-LAW

2022-026



Shielding outdoor lighting saves energy and money, reduces our carbon footprint and helps protect the natural nighttime environment.

DOES YOUR LIGHT HAVE A PURPOSE?

Before install or replacing a light, determine if light is needed. Consider how the use of light will impact the area, including wildlife and the environment. Consider using reflective paints or self-luminous markers for signs, curbs and steps to reduce the need for permanently installed outdoor lighting.



TARGETED

Light should be directed only to where needed.
Use shielding and careful aiming to target the direction of the light beam so that it points downward and does not spill beyond where it is needed.



LOW LIGHT LEVELS

Light should not be brighter than necessary.
Use lowest light level required. Be mindful of surface conditions as some surfaces may reflect more light into the night sky than intended.

CONTROLLED

Light should be used only when it is useful.
Use controls such as timers, or motion detectors to ensure that light is available when it is needed, dimmed when possible, and turned off when not needed.



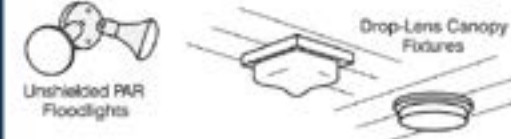
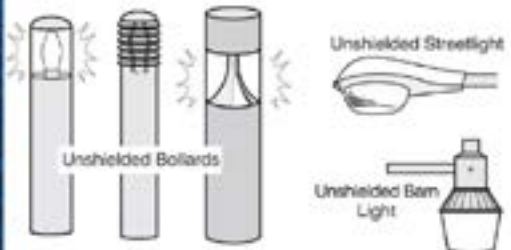
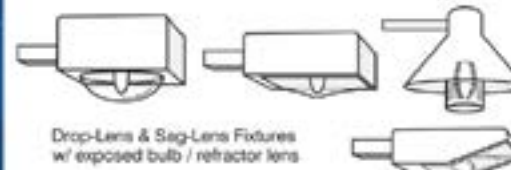
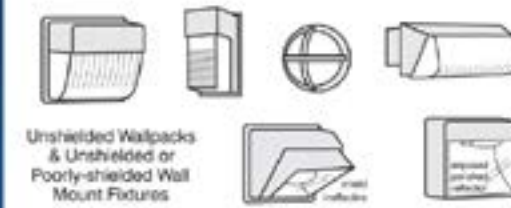
COLOUR

Use warmer colour lights where possible.
Limit the amount of shorter wavelength (blue-violet) light to the least amount needed.

EXAMPLES OF LIGHTING FIXTURES

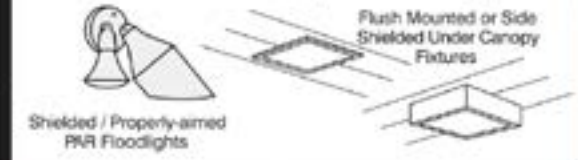
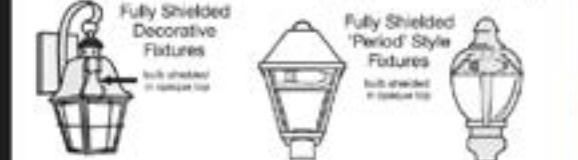
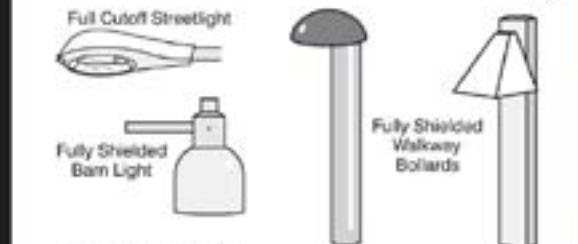
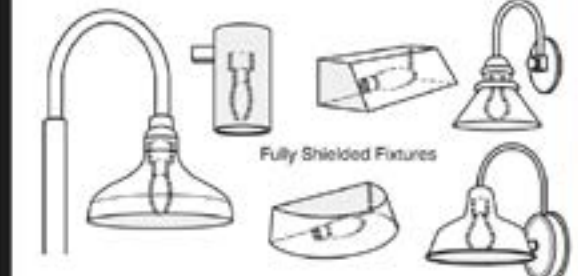
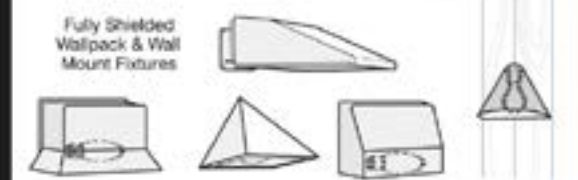
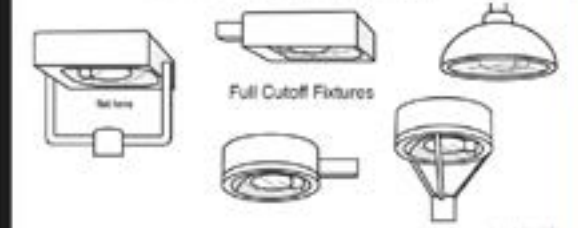
Unacceptable / Discouraged

Fixtures that produce glare and light trespass



Acceptable

Fixtures that shield the light source to minimize glare and light trespass and to facilitate better vision at night





DECIBEL NEWS LETTER March 24, 2022

Call to Action – Let your voice be heard at Transport Canada on Excessive Boat Motor Noise!

Hello Decibel Coalition Members and Supporters,

In our January Newsletter we told you to “Get ready to help, but not quite yet” and that Transport Canada would be launching their Let’s Talk web portal on boat motor muffler and excessive noise.

Well they have launched the page and you can find it here! Now we need your help! Please send in your submission by no later than May 13th when the portal will close.

Thankfully, Transport Canada has recognized that the existing muffler regulation is too difficult and expensive to enforce.

The law is rarely enforced anywhere in the country. The current regulation is ineffective and creates frustration for both enforcement agencies and affected communities alike. This situation has allowed the problem to continue to grow unchecked!

For all the details on the Let's Talk Portal Contact:

Rob Bosomworth
Chair, the Decibel Coalition
Director, Safe Quiet Lakes
Email: rbosomworth@gmail.com

Port Severn, Township of Georgian Bay, Ontario

– Over the past few months concerns about container dwellings have been received from many residents.

Using a Floating Structure as a dwelling unit is an illegal use per the Township of Georgian Bay Zoning By-law 2014-75, as amended. The Municipality reserves the right to take enforcement actions as deemed appropriate to ensure compliance with the Zoning By-law.

The Township of Georgian Bay has been actively working with multiple partner agencies to ensure compliance to all applicable regulations and by-laws, as well as determining the most appropriate enforcement actions.

As the Township is not the only jurisdictional authority addressing these matters it is recommended that concerns also be directed to provincial and federal agencies.

If you would like more information about this topic, contact the Senior Municipal Law Enforcement Officer- Planning, Cody Avery at 705-538-2337 ext. 266 or email at cavery@gbtownship.ca



Bressette House Market is back for year two!

The opening of the Bressette House Market in 2021 showcased a need within the community. Thank you to all vendors, residents, and visitors who came out and supported the market.

We will be operating on Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM starting June 21, 2022.

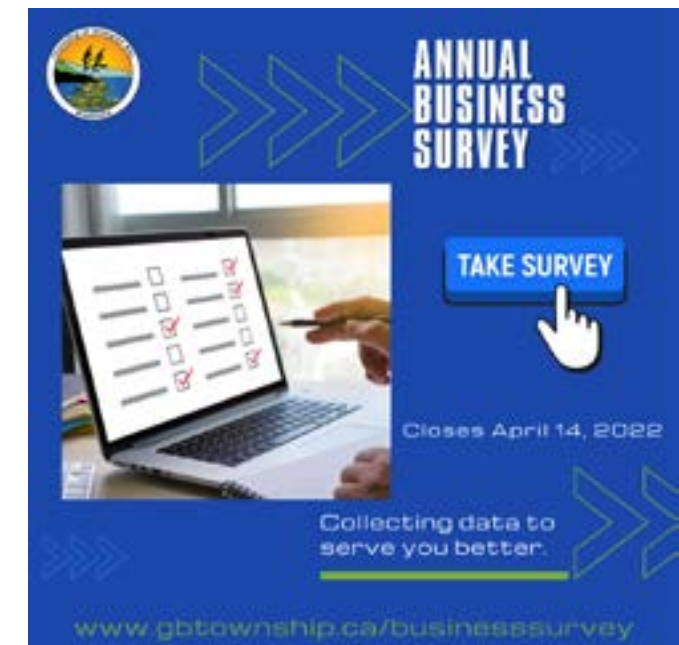
If you would like more information about this topic, contact the Trisha Walton, Communication and Sustainability Officer, twalton@gbtownship.ca or 705-528-2437.

Annual Business Survey is Live!

Do you operate a business within the Township of Georgian Bay? Then take our survey! Staff are collecting data about our businesses to serve you better.

The survey only takes a few moments to answer and will provide information to assist in developing programs, funding etc.

If you would like more information about this topic, contact the Trisha Walton, Communication and Sustainability Officer, twalton@gbtownship.ca or 705-528-2437.



Georgian Bay Job Fair

Thursday, April 7, 2022
1:00 PM to 5:30 PM

[Employer Registration](#)



Free Virtual Tax Clinics

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Do You Need to File Your Income Tax?

Free income tax clinics will be offered virtually to eligible individuals, families, seniors and persons with disabilities beginning March 2022.

You can view tax clinic eligibility requirements or sign up now for the 2022 waitlist at:

www.muskoka.on.ca/incometaxclinics

or by calling us at (705) 645- 2412

Learn more: www.muskoka.on.ca/taxclinics

TOWNSHIP MOVES TO PRE- CONSULTATION PRACTICE AS A STANDARD PART OF THE PLANNING PROCESS.

Did you know that a Pre-Consultation Application is now a standard part of the planning process at Georgian Bay?

Learn about potential issues, Township requirements and legislated requirements that may apply to your proposed development before you begin!

Before making a formal Planning Act application, submit a Pre-Consultation Application, available at <https://www.gbtownship.ca/en/living-here/resources/Documents/Pre-Consultation-Application.pdf>

Contact the Planning Department at planning@gbtownship.ca for more information.

