



Georgian Bay TIMES

February 2023



Snowed in?



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WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY FOR FEBRUARY?

Join us for a fall themed adult craft!
More details coming soon
HH: Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm.

MacTier Book Club

MT: Friday February 3 at 11 am
All are welcome in this monthly meet-up. If you're interested in joining, contact the MacTier Branch for more details 705-375-5430.

Author Talk with Lynn Holden

Over the course of the past 40 years, local author Lynn Holden travelled the country and visited all 20 Canadian World Heritage Sites. Then she sat down and wrote a book about them. Spend the evening travelling with Lynn as she takes you through these Canadian World Heritage Sites from Newfoundland through Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario into Alberta and north to the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, ending the trip in British Columbia.
MT: Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 pm.

STEAM After School:

Let's get hands on while exploring the world of STEAM. Each session will focus on a STEAM based activity (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) and will get you thinking, building, creating, and playing!

HH: Fridays February 3, 17, and March 3 at 4 pm

MT: Wednesdays February 1, 15, and March 1 at 4 pm

Ages 5+

Fall/Winter Library Hours:

HH: Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday: 10 am – 3 pm, Fridays 1 – 6 pm

MT: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday: 10 am – 3 pm, Wednesdays

PS: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday: 10AM-3pm

Legend

MT= MacTier Public Library

PS-= Port Severn Public Library

HH=Honey Harbour Public School

Tax Bill 2023

The first installment of the 2023 tax bill should arrive at your registered address by mid February, 2023. The first tax installment is due by March 23, 2023. Contact [Taxes](#) if you have not received your tax bill. Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse the property owner from responsibilities of payment, nor relieve them from liability of interest or penalty for late payment. Please notify the Financial Services Department if your address changes.



WHAT REALLY ARE YOUR EMISSIONS?

THE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY ENERGY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PROJECT ANNOUNCES THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TOOL FOR HOMEOWNERS, AND BUSINESSES IN THE GEORGIAN BAY BIOSPHERE REGION TO CALCULATE THEIR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.



Calculate Your Carbon Emissions

- Chance to win a \$25 certificate to local restaurant & prize pack
- Draws held every Friday in August
- Take the carbon calculator and be entered into the draw!

- 20-minute online survey or paper copy at Township Library
- For year-round residents and seasonal residents, as well as businesses
- See how you compare to the average
- Save energy & money!
- Have your utility bills ready to enter annual energy use
- Calculates carbon emissions from your buildings, transport, and waste
- Your survey will help ICECAP with climate action planning for the Georgian Bay Biosphere region

TAKE THE SURVEY: gbr.ca/carbon-calculator

The Integrated Community Energy and Climate Action Plan (ICECAP) project has announced the development of a carbon calculator tool that was made specifically for the Georgian Bay Biosphere region.

The carbon calculator tool allows homeowners, and businesses to calculate the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions produced by their buildings, vehicles, and waste. By completing a short, 15-minute survey, users can calculate their GHG emissions by inputting their building's energy use, the types of vehicles they own and distance they drive, and the amount of monthly garbage produced.

It also includes the use of recreation vehicles. This makes the carbon calculator different from other similar tools, as the emissions produced by recreational watercraft are often left out.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE FEE

The Building Department is currently reviewing its open building permit files. Any building permit that was issued in 2020 or prior will be subject to the Township of Georgian Bay's maintenance fee as per the Township's Fees and Charges By-law.

If a building permit remains open as of September 29th, 2023, you will be invoiced \$200.00 per open building permit.

Be advised that under the Ontario Building Code Act, no person shall occupy or use a building OR part of a building until the requirements of the building code are met. This means that if you have not had an occupancy inspection on your outstanding building permit – you are not allowed to occupy it. This could also lead to issues with your insurance provider.

JANUARY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council – [Agenda](#) January 9, 2023

Delegations

- Julie Cayley, Executive Director, Aisha Chiandet, Water Scientist, Melissa Car-ruthers, Risk Management Officer – Severn Sound Environmental Association – 2023 Budget Notice
- Maureen Miller, Chair of the Board of Directors and Cheryl Harrison, President & CEO – Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare

Consent Agenda

Received for information:

- Committee of the Whole – Resolutions
- Finance Report - 2023 Interim Tax Levy By-law
- Finance Report - Annual Borrowing By-law

Staff Reports

Muskoka Labour Attraction and Retention RED Grant Funding

- Approved \$2,500.00 contribution to the Muskoka Attraction and Retention Strategy, as part of the agreement for the OMFRA Rural Economic Development Grant

GBT Strategic Planning Exercise

- Council agrees to participate in a two-day Strategic Planning Exercise as a Special Council Meeting
- Council direct staff to sole source consulting support from Erik Lockhart Queens Executive Decision Centre for a fee of \$10,000.00 plus HST funded by the 2023 operating budget
- Council direct staff to use up to \$1,000.00 toward the administrative costs associated with Strategic Planning for the two dates

New Business

Hydro One Power Outages

- Staff directed to request a delegation and/or response from Hydro One regarding preventative maintenance, notification and restoration practices, following outages within the Township

Winter Parking Enforcement

- Staff are directed to increase communication to residents to remind them of the impact and consequences of parking on roadways and impeding access to road maintenance crews and emergency vehicles
- Staff directed to enforce By-laws during holiday periods including Christmas, New Year, Family Day, and March Break to ensure visitors and renters are informed and are responsible for their actions

Public Works Staff Appreciation

- Staff who worked during the holidays be provided a \$50.00 gift voucher in recognition of their valued efforts to be funded from the general working fund

Severn Sound Environmental Association - Municipal Appointment

- Council Appointed Councillor Brian Bocek and Councillor Kristian Graziano as the Alternate Council Representative on the SSEA Board

Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. – Agreement Extension

- Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign an Extension Agreement

KPMG International Closed Report

- Report dated January 13, 2014 to be circulated to Mayor and Council

Minutes

- Council – December 12, 2022
 - Committee of the Whole – December 12, 2022
 - Planning Council – December 13, 2022
 - Special Council – December 14, 2022
- By-laws
- 2023-002 – Interim Tax Levy By-law
 - 2023-003 – Annual Borrowing By-law
 - 2023-004 – Committee of Adjustment Appointment

JANUARY 2023 (CONT.)

- 2023-005 – Georgian Bay Public Library Board Appointment
- 2023-006 – Planning Advisory Committee Appointment

Planning – [Agenda](#) January 10, 2023

- Planning Act Public Meetings
Zoning By-law Amendment Z22-19 -
- Approved By-law 2023-008
- Official Plan Amendment O22-04 -
- Approved By-law 2023-009
- Zoning By-law Amendment Z22-20 -
- Approved By-law 2023-010

Click here to see [budget meetings](#).

Committee of the Whole - [Agenda](#) January 10, 2023

Staff Reports

Hybrid Meetings, Attendance and Council Remuneration Review

- Procedure By-law set an expectation of in-person attendance by 50%
- Staff to report back on travel allowance options
Shore Road Allowance Fees
- Recommends purchase price of \$242.00 per linear metre
- Staff to bring forward an updated Fees & Charges By-law

HOW CAN I CATCH UP ON COUNCIL MEETINGS?

YOU CAN WATCH COUNCIL MEETINGS ON YOUTUBE.



**TO WATCH
CLICK HERE**

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](#).

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 MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Council Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Open Forum Registration Deadline 9:00 AM on Monday, February 13, 2023 to info@gbtownship.ca

Planning Council with Public Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2022 9:00 p.m.

Public Meeting Registration Deadline 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 to info@gbtownship.ca

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday February 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee of Adjustment

Friday, February 17, 2023 1:00 p.m.

Planning Committee

Friday, February 24, 2023 9:00 a.m.

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**MORE INFORMATION TO
FOLLOW AFTER THE TAX
BILL IS ISSUED.**

WINTER PARKING IN GEORGIAN BAY

The Township of Georgian Bay wants to remind residents and visitors that there is **NO PARKING** on Municipal and District roads until April 1, 2023.

By-law 2018-06 states: The Township prohibits parking within 3.05 metres (10 feet) of the edge of any gravel, surface treatment or asphalt road within Georgian Bay between November 15 and April 1.

Please keep our roads clear for the transport of emergency vehicles and personnel, as well as our operations team to maintain the roads for the safety of our residents and visitors.

Enforcement will be conducted.

Please see the full [By-Law 2018-06 here.](#)



PARKS CANADA PROJECT PRESENTATION - FEB 9, 2023

Public Notice – Open House Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site of Canada Parks Canada Northern Project Bundle – 2022-2025

Parks Canada, in collaboration with Public Service and Procurement Canada, will be moving ahead with several projects in the northern sector of the Trent-Severn Waterway.

These projects include:

- The rehabilitation of the walls, tunnels and valves at Lock 42 – Couchiching.
- The replacement of the Whites Portage Dam on Six Mile Lake.
- The rehabilitation of the Little Chute Dam “G” near Port Severn.
- The creation of an access road from Whites Falls Road to the Pretty Channel Dam.

These projects are part of over \$1B of investment

into Parks Canada assets along the Ontario Waterways through an unprecedented program of infrastructure work.

You are invited to attend an Open House to learn more about these projects, ask the engineers and Parks Canada staff questions and view some of the project plans.

In addition to these projects, Parks Canada staff will also be on hand to discuss the unavailability of the Pretty Channel Dam for snowmobile access.

When: Thursday, February 9, 2023 - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Projects Presentation – 7:00 to 7:15 pm
Open House Questions and Answers – 7:15 to 9:00 pm**

**Where: Beacon Emporium in Port Severn
35 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn,
Information:**

For more information, please contact us by email at trentsevern@pc.gc.ca

NEW PLANNING APPLICATION

New Planning Applications Available

Planning to build in 2023? View our New Planning Applications today!

The Planning Department has updated various applications for the 2023 build season. Before you start be sure to review the applications and guide.

Consent (Land Severance)

Minor Variance

Site Plan Agreement

Zoning By-law Amendment (Rezoning)

Pre-Application Consultation

Official Plan Amendment

Find the full list and descriptions on our [Planning and Zoning webpage](#).

White's Falls Portage Dam Replacement, Trent-Severn Waterway Public Comment Period for the Detailed Impact Assessment (DIA)

Parks Canada must decide whether the proposed project - White's Falls Portage Dam Replacement - located along the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. Parks Canada will be assessing this project using a Detailed Impact Assessment (DIA).

To help inform this decision, Parks Canada is issuing this notice of intent to make a determination and invites comments from the public on the project's potential effects on the environment. All comments received will be considered public. For more information on the public nature of your comments, individuals should consult the Privacy Notice on the Registry website. Additional information can be found on the Registry website at:

<https://aeic-iaac.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/84147?culture=en-CA>

In order to submit comments or request a copy of the draft Detailed Impact Assessment report, contact:

Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site
P.O. Box 567 Peterborough, Ontario K9J 6Z6
Telephone: 705-750-4900 or 1-888-773-8888
Email: trentsevern@pc.gc.ca - please include "White's Portage Dam" in the subject line

Comments on the draft Detailed Impact Assessment report must be submitted by February 20, 2023.

Project Summary: The project is a complete replacement of the dam. The scope of work

includes 2-phased reconstruction of the existing structure. Project activities include, but are not limited to, replacement of the dam complete with abutments, sluices, new stop logs, new machinery, new decks, operator safety features, railing for public safety, landscape and embankment works, commissioning, demolition of the old dam and site restoration. The dam is to be built in two phases and will last 2 years. Due to the discharge impediment caused by the presence of bedrock outcrop along the downstream shore, excavation and removal of rock, which will maximize the discharge capacity of the Six Mile Lake system and reduce the risk of flooding during extreme events, will be undertaken. Rock removal may result in some appearance changes and outcrop access to the falls.

Scope of Assessment: The Detailed Impact Assessment will assess the impacts of the project on the following valued components: species at risk and their critical habitat; fish and fish habitat; vegetation; wildlife; cultural and archaeological resources; recreation; landscape and landforms.

More Information: This work is part of Parks Canada's unprecedented investment to support infrastructure work for heritage, visitor, waterway, and highway assets located within national historic sites, national parks, and national marine conservation areas across Canada. These historic investments will mitigate health and safety risks, halt the loss of nationally significant built heritage, and stimulate the economy in communities across the country.

For up-to-date news on Parks Canada infrastructure work in this community, please visit www.pc.gc.ca/tswSevern-Gravenhurst. If you would like to provide feedback on the proposed project or to receive updates, please get in touch with us by email at trentsevern@pc.gc.ca and include "White's Falls Portage Dam" in the subject line.