

Georgian Bay Times



April 2025

APRIL Showers



**Notice of Public Open House &
Meeting for Zoning By-law
Amendment Application No.: Z24-15
(Housekeeping)**

Check page 14 for details



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www.gbtownship.ca

COUNCIL DATES

APRIL 2025



PUBLIC MEETING 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.



You can Watch Council Meetings on YouTube.

Council

Monday, April 7 at 9:00 AM

Planning Council

Tuesday, April 8 at 9:00 AM

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, April 8 at 1:00 PM

Committee of Adjustment

Friday, April 11 at 10:00 AM

Sustainable Communities Advisory Group

Monday, April 28 at 10:00 AM

Planning Council and Committee of Adjustment requests for remote participation are due the previous business day by 12:00 Noon to planning@gbtownship.ca

Council and Committee of the Whole requests for Open Forum remote participation are due the previous business day by 12:00 Noon to clerks@gbtownship.ca.

Building Department: Maintenance Fee

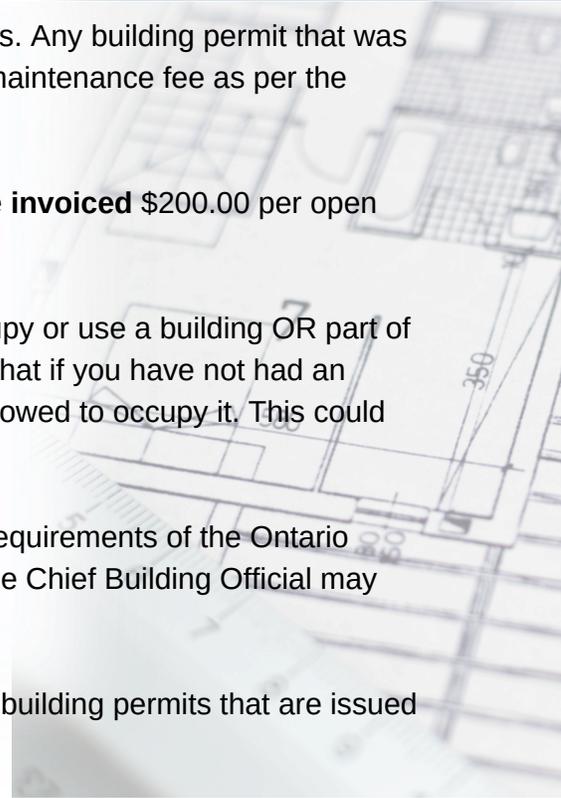
The Building Department is currently reviewing its open building permit files. Any building permit that was issued in 2022 or prior will be subject to the Township of Georgian Bay's maintenance fee as per the Township's Fees and Charges By-law.

If a building permit remains **open** as of **September 30th, 2025**, you will be **invoiced** \$200.00 per open building permit (unless Fees and Charges By-law is updated).

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.

Note: this is **not a renewal fee**, if your building permit does not meet the requirements of the Ontario Building Code regarding commencement or continuation of construction the Chief Building Official may cancel it.

As the owner of the home, you are entirely and solely **responsible** for the building permits that are issued in relation to your property.



Burn Permits are Required



Whether it's for leisure or to get items cleaned up around the property, a burn permit is required in the Township of Georgian Bay.

- Its Fast & Easy!
- Apply Online or
- In person at Libraries or
- Administration Office



Children's/Youth Programs

Checkmate Teen/Tween Chess Club

MT: Wednesday, April 9 and 23 anytime 3 pm - 5 pm

Unleash your Inner Strategist! Challenge your mind and make new friends! Whether you're a beginner or experienced, our club is perfect for improving your skills and enjoying friendly competition!

Tiny Picasso's

HH & MT: Friday, April 4 at 10:30 am
Introducing our Tiny Picassos: art exploration for toddlers. Designed for little artists, each session encourages self expression and helps develop fine motor skills in a fun, supportive environment. Watch your child explore their artistic side and make new friends while having a blast!

Family Story Times

HH: Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 am
MT: Saturday, April 19 at 10:30 am
Join us for a family story time where we will read stories, sing songs, and spend time getting to know one another in a fun and social setting at the Library.

After School Adventurers – drop in

HH: Tuesday, April 1, 15, and 29 from 3 – 5 pm
MT: Wednesday, April 2, 16, and 30 from 3 – 5 pm
Become an After School Adventurer! Join us every other week as our adventurers embark on a new theme, exploring everything from science and nature to art and technology. Drop in and let the adventures begin!

Lego Club – drop in

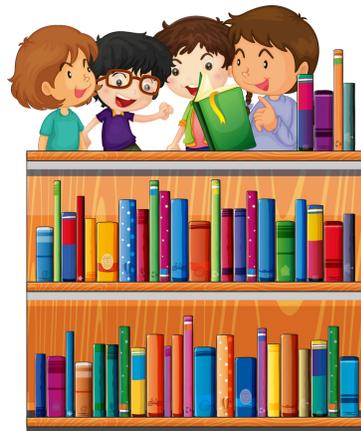
HH: Saturday, April 19 at 10:30am
MT: Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 am
Calling LEGO enthusiasts of all ages. Join us in creative play and building with Lego bricks! Explore your imagination, develop teamwork and problem-solving skills, meet new people and have fun!

DIY Storytime – drop in

HH & MT: Saturday, April 11 and 25 anytime from 10 am – 3 pm
Drop in for a self led story and craft all day long!

Popcorn Picks - PA Day drop in

MT: Friday, April 4th at 1:00 pm
Lights, Camera, Library! Join us for Popcorn Picks, it's movie fun for the whole family! No admission and complimentary popcorn.
Movie Feature: DC League of Superpets



Honey Harbour
Tuesday 10:00 – 6:00
Wednesday, Friday,
Saturday 10:00 – 3:00

Port Severn
Tuesday, Friday &
Saturday 10:00 – 3:00

MacTier
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 – 3:00
Wednesday 10:00 – 6:00



April @ The Library

Township of Georgian Bay Public Library **NEWSLETTER**

www.gbpl.ca



Adult Programs

Roaming Readers

HH: Thursday, April 10 at 9:30 am

MT: Thursday, April 3 and 24 at 9:30 am

PS: Thursday, April 17 at 9:30 am

Introducing "Roaming Readers" our Library's new walking group, a perfect blend of fitness and community!

Meeting every Thursday morning at the designated branch location for that week at 9:30 am, weather permitting.

Cricut & Coffee

HHPL: Friday, April 11 at 1:30 pm

MT: Friday, April 25 at 1:30 pm

Cricut & Coffee, where we create and caffeinate! Join us for some crafty fun as we tackle this month's Cricut project!

Drop-in, while supplies last!

Adult Craft Night

HH: Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 pm

MT: Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 pm

Come out and be creative with us! Contact your branch for more details

Please register as space is limited.



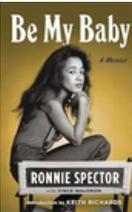
Mexican Train Dominoes

Come to the MacTier Library and play Mexican Train Dominoes. Whether you are a seasoned player or interested in learning how to play, all skill levels are welcome!

MT: Every Wednesday at 1:30 pm

MacTier Book Club

The first Friday of the month at 11 am
April 4 title: Be My Baby: A Memoir by Ronnie Spector



One on One Tech Help

HH: Wednesdays from 1 – 2:30 pm

MT: Tuesdays from 1 – 2:30 pm

Drop in for a technology help session with one of our friendly staff

Need to access Service Ontario? You can access their mobile unit outside of the MacTier Library on select Tuesdays from 10 – 3 pm . Contact the MacTier branch for more details.



Library Hours

Honey Harbour

Tuesday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Port Severn

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

MacTier

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wednesday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Green Bins

Clear Bags



A Clear Vision For Our Community

Starting March 3rd, 2025



Only the colour of your garbage bag is changing.

If organics or recyclables are found in your clear garbage bag, you will receive a reminder to separate them.

Need help sorting your waste?

Use the District's online Waste Wizard to determine whether common items belong in the garbage, recycling, or green bin.



[Scan me!](#)

Get your household ready in three simple steps:



Stock up

Stock up on clear bags at your local grocery or hardware store.



Download Muskoka Waste App

Download the Muskoka Waste app to quickly check which bin everyday items belong in.



Gather Your Bins

Ensure your green bin and recycling bins are ready to collect any items that shouldn't be put in the garbage.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I still put my garbage bag into a container or bear bin?

Yes! The only thing changing is the colour of your garbage bag.

Can I use a tinted blue bag for my garbage?

No! Only clear, colourless, transparent bags will be permitted for garbage.

What do I do with the garbage I would like to keep private?

Your privacy is important to us. Two opaque privacy bags (think shopping bag size) are permitted inside your clear bag.

Make a Clear Commitment

A big shoutout to Muskoka residents making the Clear Commitment early! We are already seeing clear garbage bags at the curb, before the official launch of the program.

Are you ready to make the clear commitment for your community?

Visit www.muskoka.on.ca/clear-bags to learn more about the clear bag program.



Scan me!



Download our Muskoka Waste App today!



Volunteer Income Tax Program

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) is back, offering free tax clinics across Muskoka for eligible residents.



The District of Muskoka, in partnership with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), local organizations, and volunteers, hosts these clinics to help residents with modest incomes file their tax returns at no cost.

Book an Appointment

Tax clinics are now available across Muskoka for in-person appointments throughout March and April. A virtual waitlist is also open for those preferring remote assistance.

Book online at www.muskoka.on.ca/taxclinics
Call (705) 645-2412 if you don't have internet access
visit the District office at 70 Pine St. during business hours

Learn More

For eligibility details, required documents, and more information, visit www.muskoka.on.ca/incometaxclinics.
For general tax return information, visit the CRA website.



Food Bank Donations are welcome

- ✓ Canned Fish or Meat
- ✓ Pasta & Sauces / Soup
- ✓ Cereals (Hot or Cold)
- ✓ Juices / Lunch Snacks

All donations can be dropped off to the Township of Georgian Bay Office at 99 Lone Pine Road during office hours.



[DONATE NOW](#)

GATHER THE GANG!

SPRING INTO SUPPORTING THE FOOD BANK!

We have a matching donor who will give us the year of 2025 to raise \$25,000!!
Cash Donations are a great way to support the Food Bank and your neighbours.

Guess WHAT

Community

ACCESSING HEALTHCARE IN THE GEORGIAN BAY AREA

There are a number of hospitals and health centres within the District of Muskoka, Parry Sound and North Simcoe. If there's an emergency medical situation, dial 911 for help.



Muskoka Health Link

Muskoka Health Link partners work together to maintain our health system, including:

- Hospitals
- Primary Care and Walk-in Clinics
- Community Health Hubs

Ontario Health Care Connect helps people who are without a family doctor to find one. For more information, call 1-800-445-1822 or visit Ontario Health Care Connect.



Started: March 10, 2025

WISE MOBILE

WISE Mobile Active Living Centre programs offers FREE programs for older adults 55+ in Muskoka. Become a member today!



MacTier

MacTier Memorial Community Centre, 9 Haig St, MacTier

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

10:00 - 10:30 AM	COFFEE / TEA SOCIAL
10:30 - 11:00 AM	SCATTEGORIES
11:00 - 12:00 PM	FIRE PREVENTION
12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH - HAM & POTATOES
1:00 - 2:00 PM	SUNCATCHERS CRAFT



Port Severn

Baxter Ward Community Centre, 275 Honey Harbour Rd, Port Severn

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

10:00 - 10:30 AM	COFFEE / TEA SOCIAL
10:30 - 11:00 AM	GROUP CROSSWORD
11:00 - 12:00 PM	NUTRITION & AGING WELL
12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH - HAM & POTATOES
1:00 - 2:00 PM	TEXTURE CANVAS ART

SENIORS PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Registration Required One Week in Advance

705-645-2100 ext. 4199

seniorsprograms@muskoka.on.ca

2025 FEES & CHARGES BY-LAW UPDATED



The Township of Georgian Bay has updated its Fees and Charges By-law for 2025 to reflect the services and programs offered in our community. These changes are designed to ensure fairness and sustainability for all.

 Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Whether you're needing planning permits, facility rentals, or other services, be sure to check the updated by-law for the latest information.

 Visit our website for details:

<https://www.gbtownship.ca/en/township-hall/fees-and-charges.aspx>

Parking Passes

2025



Residents of the Township of Georgian Bay can now pick up their parking passes for the 2025 season. These passes provide access to designated parking areas across the Township.

 **Where to pick up:** Township Office, 99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn. Or one of the three Georgian Bay Public Library Branches.

 **When:** Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Be sure to bring proof of residency (e.g., driver's license or utility bill).

Stay connected and park with ease!

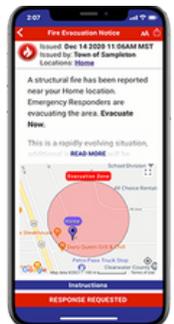
Download Now!



GEORGIAN BAY ALERT

REGISTER AND RECEIVE NOTICES ON:

- Muskoka Emergency Alerts
- Events
- Notifications
- Fire Rating every Friday
- Emergency Notifications
- Road Closures
- News and Press Releases





PROUDLY PRESENTS THE
FOODCYCLER
PROGRAM



INTRODUCING THE NEW FOODCYCLER ECO 3! Small size, BIG POWER.

The Eco 3 is the most powerful and compact food recycler available on the market! The Township of Georgian Bay invites permanent and seasonal residents to purchase this innovative on-site food waste recycling technology at a subsidized rate. Less waste, less worry!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO PURCHASE YOUR
SUBSIDIZED FOODCYCLER:



~~\$599.00~~
\$249.00
+ tax





Notice of Public Open House & Meeting for Zoning By-law Amendment Application No.: Z24-15 (Housekeeping)

Subject Lands: All lands within the Township

Public Open House Date: 5 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2025

Location: Council Chambers and online via Zoom

Public Meeting Date: 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Location: Council Chambers and online via Zoom
Find the details [here](#).

Looking for more information from Council?



*click
here!*



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