

Georgian Bay Times

September 2025



HONEY BEE FESTIVAL

HONEY HARBOUR

OCTOBER 4



Township of Georgian Bay
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Phone: 705-538-2337 Toll Free: 1-800-567-0197
www.gbtownship.ca

COUNCIL DATES

SEPTEMBER 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, September 8 at 9:00 AM

Planning Council

Tuesday, September 9 at 9:00 AM

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, September 9 at 1:00 PM

Special Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, September 10 at 9:00 AM

Committee of Adjustment

Friday, September 12 at 10:00 AM

MacTier Arena Advisory Committee

Monday, at September 22 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.

2026 BUDGET SURVEY

Your Voice, Our Bay: Shaping the Future Together



The Township of Georgian Bay is committed to understanding what matters most to you.

This survey is your chance to help shape the future of your community by sharing your priorities and preferences. Your voice will guide us as we plan for services and investments that reflect the needs of Georgian Bay residents.

Each tax dollar collected by the Township supports a range of services and responsibilities.

This survey focuses specifically on the services provided directly by the Township of Georgian Bay and does not include services from the district and external boards/agencies.

Your feedback will help us make informed, community-focused decisions. Take a few minutes to participate—let's build the future of Georgian Bay together.

Deadline to Submit Survey Responses is September 15, 2025

<https://www.gbtownship.ca/2026budgetsurvey/>

2025 Final Tax Bill Due

Ways You Can Pay

- New Customer Service Portal
- Pre-Authorized Tax Payment program
- Pre-Authorized Tax Payment program
- E-Transfers
- Post-dated cheque(s)
- At your bank
- Telebanking
- Internet banking
- Direct payment
- By mail
- In person



2025 Final Tax Bills were due August 20, 2025

Refresh MACTIER



Refresh MacTier:

*Where Your Community
Comes to Life.*

The Township of Georgian Bay is launching Refresh MacTier, a community initiative to reimagine and enhance:

- Stewart Lake
- Downtown Core
- Mrs. C Park
- MacTier Memorial Community Centre & Arena

This project is about more than improvements, it's about creating a vibrant, welcoming, and well-equipped community for residents and visitors.

Your voice matters. Share your ideas and help guide the vision, services, and future investments in MacTier.



www.gbtownship.ca/RefreshMacTierSurvey/

MAP TURTLE Release



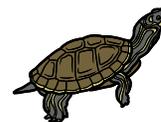
Golf Superintendent Josh Curlew, and Oak Bay staff Emma Warnock from Oak Bay Golf and Marina



A three part alliance began this spring when Township staff were trained to remove nest of Map turtles at the Baxter Ward Community Centre.

They were retrieved and incubated by the Georgian Bay Mnídoo Gamii , and on September 3, 2025 released at Oak Bay Golf and Marina, the safest waterway full of an amazing ecosystem of lily pads, grasses and safe shorelines.

Welcome to your new home, 14 little turtles!



OCT 4,
2025

HONEY BEE FESTIVAL



Sponsorship



Sponsor the Honey Bee Festival 2025

Saturday, October 4 | Georgian Bay Township

Join us for the Township's Signature Event, a vibrant celebration of honey bees and the vital role they play in our environment. This festival supports the Mnidoo Gamii Georgian Bay Biosphere's efforts to protect pollinators through education, policy, and community action.

Why Sponsor?

-  Promote sustainability and biodiversity
-  Connect with eco-conscious families and leaders
-  Support real change for our bees and planet

Let's make a buzz—together.

For sponsorship details, contact:

Jennifer Schnier

 jschnier@gbtownship.ca |  705-818-0323

**CONTACT JENNIFER
TODAY**



Confirmed Sponsor 2025



2025

CONFIRMED

Sponsors... so far



BigRedWorks Inc.



Tax receipts will be provided for the sponsorship less the value of marketing and ticket prices.

Our Partners



GEORGIAN BAY BIOSPHERE
MNIDOO GAMII



**BAXTER WARD
LIONS CLUB**

We are just missing you





HONEY BEE FESTIVAL 2025

Buzz on over for a day packed with sweet fun! From live music and local vendors to kids' activities, food, and community spirit, the Honey Bee Festival is a celebration for all ages. Join us as we support our pollinators and enjoy the best of fall in Georgian Bay!



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2025**



9 AM TO 10 PM



PORT OF HONEY HARBOUR

1 Delawana Road, Honey Harbour, ON



WWW.HONEYBEEFESTIVAL.CA

More details available there



Bring the whole hive! Kids can enjoy games, crafts, a buzzing Kids Zone, and free face painting, while families explore the Marketplace, enjoy live entertainment, and learn all about our pollinators. There's something sweet for every age to enjoy!

9 AM - 10:30

Georgian Bay Métis Pancake Breakfast – A sweet start to the day, syrup included!

8 AM - 4 PM

2nd Annual Pickleball Tournament – Paddle up and join the swarm for fun on the court!

11 AM - 4 PM

Kids Zone – Busy bees can play, craft, and create.

10 AM - 4 PM

The Buzz Marketplace & Art – Shop local treasures straight from the hive. Jammed with music, drinks and entertainment

10 AM - 4 PM

Bee Presentations – Discover the buzz about our pollinators. Schedule to be announced.

7 PM - 10 PM

Buzz After Dark – An evening swarm of art, bites, spirits, and surprises. Buzzing after Dark



PICKLEBALL Tournament

Saturday
04 October, 2025

\$75
/Couple

Mixed Pairs
34 Teams

At Honey Harbour Pickleball Courts

Register Now!

www.honeybeefestival.ca

COMMUNITY

YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY CAN HELP



Did you know your local pharmacist can do more than fill prescriptions? Pharmacists are highly trained health professionals who can provide many non-urgent health services, often right on the spot, without an appointment. That means you can get the care you need close to home, saving you time and worry.

Pharmacy Services



- Renewing or Extending most prescriptions
- Adminstrating vaccines (Flu, COVID-19, Shingles, travel vaccines and more)
- Supporting healthier life choices, like quitting smoking
- Treating minor ailments like rashes, allergies, pink eye, cold sores and urinary tract infections
- Providing medication reviews and consultation
- Monitoring blood pressure, diabetes and chloresterol

Where to find a pharmacy?

- Hauser's Pharmacy - MacTier, 249-607-0148
- Guardian Pharmacy - Coldwater, 705-686-3356
- Guardian Pharmacy - Victoria Harbour, 705-506-0301
- PharmaChoice - Port Carling, 705-765-6866
- Pharmasave - Bala, 705-762-3333

Reminder
For Emergencies
Call



Next time you need non-urgent health support, think pharmacy. Your pharmacist can answer questions, offer guidance, and provide care.

BACK TO SCHOOL

3rd Annual Fill A Backpack Campaign

This year, 50 backpacks filled with school supplies and snacks were provided to students in MacTier, Honey Harbour, and Port Severn.

A huge thank you to Marleana from the SEGBAY Chamber of Commerce for lending a hand in stuffing all those bags, and to everyone who donated. Your generosity made a real difference, our local food banks and students are deeply grateful for the support.



Parry Sound School Experiencing Delays on Opening

Some students expecting to go to the new Parry Sound school are learning remotely. Construction delays have kept students at home longer. MacTier residents impacted by this are reminded that the Libraries are available to provide online support and additional resources for their learning needs.

School Bus Safety

As our students travel to and from school, let's all do our part to keep them safe. When you see a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing and stop arm extended, it means children are getting on or off, drivers in both directions must stop.

Please stay alert in school zones, reduce your speed, and watch for children crossing the road. A few extra seconds of patience can make all the difference in keeping our kids safe.



WISE MOBILE



MacTier

MacTier Memorial Community Centre, 9 Haig St, MacTier

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

10:00 - 10:30 AM	Coffee / Tea Social
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Tree ID Trivia
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Cyanotypes - Make Art with the Sun
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch: Penne with Sausage and Roasted Red Pepper Ragu
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Bala Museum

Port Severn

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

10:00 - 10:30 AM	Coffee / Tea Social
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Game: Guess The Sound
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Sourdough Bread: Beginner's Guide
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch: Penne with Sausage and Roasted Red Pepper Ragu
1:00 - 2:00 PM	S.S. Regina & White Glove Experience - Huronia Museum

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

SENIORS PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Registration Required One Week in Advance

705-645-2100 ext. 4199

seniorsprograms@muskoka.on.ca

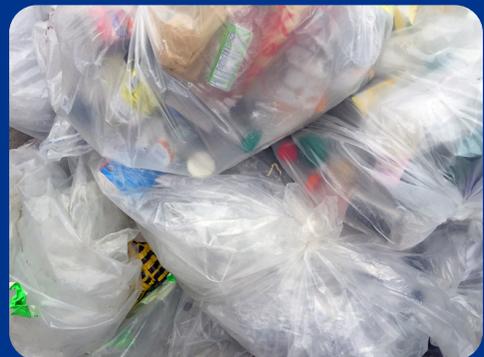
The Clear Bag Program, launched in March 2025, is now in effect for all residents who receive curbside garbage collection. That includes seasonal and second-home residents.

What you need to know:

- Use clear plastic garbage bags (opaque black/white/green bags are no longer accepted).
- You may include up to two small opaque “privacy bags” inside each clear bag.
- You can place your clear garbage bag inside a rigid garbage bin and/or roadside container.
- Why clear bags?
- Using clear bags helps everyone do a better job of sorting, reduces contamination, and keeps recyclables, organics, and hazardous materials out of the landfill. This not only protects the environment, but it also extends the life of our one and only landfill and helps cut down on harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

Get Involved

- [Engage Muskoka](#)
- Visit the [webpage](#) for additional information on the Clear Bag Program.



Become A Climate Hero

The Climate Hero program is an easy way for individuals and businesses to take actionable steps to reduce their carbon footprint and make Muskoka more sustainable.

Learn more: [Climate Hero Program](#)



Zero

WASTE

South Gibson Depot

Environmental Compliance Approval: 1280-6SNRNW

Winter Hours

Balance of year

Monday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Summer Hours

First Monday in May to last Sunday in October

Monday, Wednesday,
Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day,
Good Friday and Easter Sunday.**

Open Statutory Holiday Mondays 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Drop-off location for household bagged garbage and recycling only
- All loads are subject to inspection by Site Attendant
- Site Attendant will instruct proper disposal locations
- No dumping is permitted outside of this site



www.muskokawaste.ca

24-hour emergency line 705-645-2100 • 1-800-281-3483

SITE ATTENDANT SERVICES AT THIS LOCATION CONTRACTED TO: MAXAMA PROTECTION INC.



PROUDLY PRESENTS THE
FOODCYCLER
PROGRAM



DISCOUNTED FILTERS AT LIBRARY BRANCHES AND
THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL OFFICE

1 PACK FOR ECO 3/5 \$22.60
(HST INCLUDED)

4 PACK FOR ECO 3/5
\$67.80 (HST INCLUDED)

1PACK +REFILLABLE
CARTRIDGES FOR FC-30
\$22.60 (HST INCLUDED)



AVAILABLE NOW!

What is happening in September at the Library?

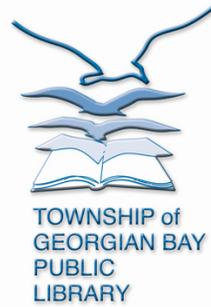
Service Ontario

MT: Tuesdays, September 2, and 16
Service Ontario is on the go! The new mobile service centre provides convenient in-person access to government services in the community! Services available: driver and vehicle, health card, Ontario Photo Card and accessible parking permit services, and more.

Go to Ontario.ca/Locations to find out more.

Don't wait in line, book an appointment online at Ontario.ca/Appointments Web Page:

Ontario.ca/ServiceOntarioOnTheGo



Honey Harbour

Tuesday to Thursday 10:00 – 5:00

Friday 10:00 – 6:00

Saturday 10:00 – 3:00

Honey Harbour Park Location

Friday 10:00 – 6:00

Saturday 10:00 – 3:00

MacTier

Tuesday 10:00 – 5:00

Wednesday 10:00 – 6:00

Thursday and Friday 10:00 – 5:00

Saturday 10:00 – 3:00



Port Severn

Tuesday 10:00 – 3:00

Wednesday – closed

Thursday 10:00 – 5:00

Friday and Saturday 10:00 – 3:00

Friends of the MacTier Library Fundraising Auction

MacTier Saturday, September 20
from 4 – 7 pm

The Friends of the Library invite you to an evening of literacy, appetizers, mingling, special guests, and auctioning! Tickets are \$10.00 each.



Pay in cash at the Library, reserve tickets through mactierpl@gmail.com, or e-transfer through friendsofthemactierlibrary@gmail.com - pick up at all library branches.

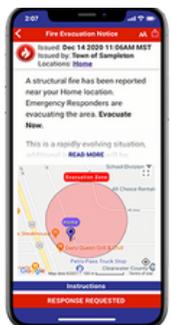
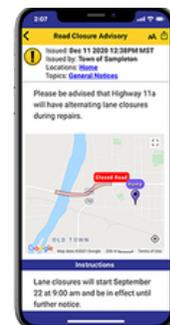
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Now!

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

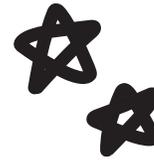


Community Associations

WHAT HAPPENED AT YOUR AGM



Staying in touch is key
to support local
communications.



Send an email to Trisha Walton to ensure your
latest contact information is up to date.
twalton@gbtownship.ca



BURN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

Purchase yours for \$ 20
Renewal Date is January 1, 2025

Current Fire Rating?



CLICK HERE

ATTENTION SHORELINE LANDOWNERS

Changes to Provincial planning regulations mean that shoreline lands are subject to Site Plan Control. Before making a Planning application, contact the Planning Department to find out what this means for you.

Email:

planning@gbtownship.ca

Phone:

705-538-2337 Ext. 263



Looking for more information from Council?

click here! 
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