

Georgian Bay Times



July 2025

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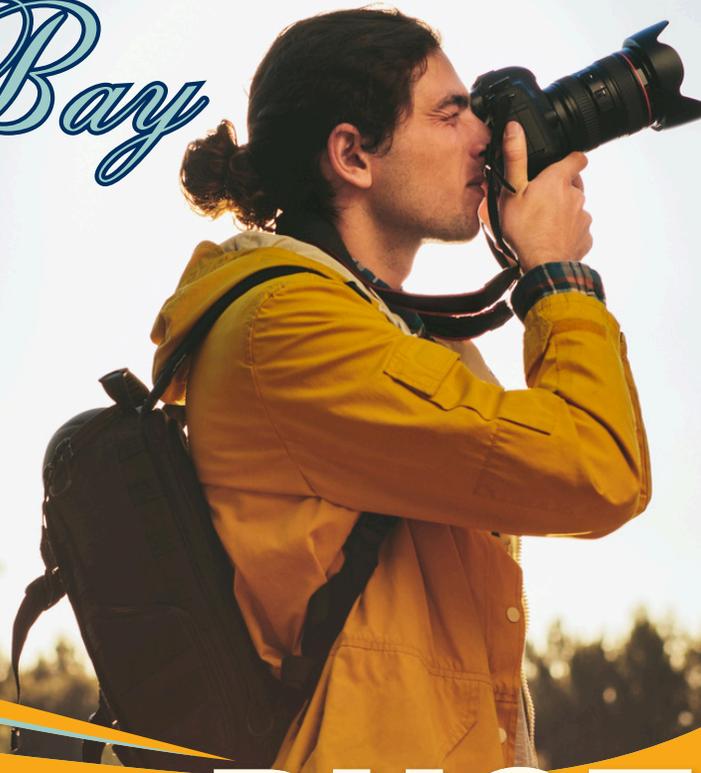


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YOUR LENS



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COUNCIL DATES

JULY 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, July 7 at 9:00 AM

Planning Council

Tuesday, July 8 at 9:00 AM

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, July 8 at 1:00 PM

Special Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, July 9 at 9:00 AM

Committee of Adjustment

Friday, July 11 at 9:00 AM

MacTier Community Advisory Committee

Monday, at July 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.

Clear Bag Program

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

- www.engagemuskoka.ca/solid-waste-master-plan
- Attend a summer pop-up or open house event.
- Visit the webpage www.muskoka.on.ca/clear-bags, for additional information on the Clear Bag Program.



Library Hours

Check with your local branch for seasonal hours

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

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	28	29	30	31	

**CLOSED
CANADA DAY**

MT: Lego Club @ 10-12pm
PL: Aquatic Bugs @ 10:30am
MT: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm
MT: Making Bird Houses @ 1:30pm

MT: Lego Club @ 10-12pm
Goats on the Go: PL @ 10:30am MT @ 1:30pm MT: Mind Aid
Mobile Unit @ 10-12pm
MT: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm

MT: Lego Club @ 10-12pm
Puppets Cool: HH @ 10:30am MT @ 1:30pm MT: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm

PL: Georgian Bay Island National Park Day @ 10am

MT: Lego Club @ 10-12pm
Where the Wild Things Thrive: PL @ 10:30am MT @ 1:30pm MT: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm

MT: Weaved Flower Baskets @ 10:30am
HH: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm
MT: Dominoes @ 1:30-4pm

MT: Jar-a-palooza @ 10:30am
HH: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm
MT: Dominoes @ 1:30-4pm

MT: Bee/Bug Hotel & Butterfly Feeders @ 10:30am
HH: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm
MT: Dominoes @ 1:30-4pm

MT: Percy Jackson Program @ 10:30am
HH: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm
MT: Dominoes @ 1:30-4pm

MT: Sand Slime & Sand Art @ 10:30am
HH: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm
MT: Dominoes @ 1:30-4pm

HH: Roaming Readers @ 9:30am
PL: "What to do Jars" @ 10:30am
PL: Lego Club @ 1:30pm

PS: Roaming Readers @ 9:30am
Touch a Truck BWCC @ 10-12pm
PL: Lego Club @ 1:30pm

MT: Roaming Readers @ 9:30am
PL: Terrariums @ 10:30am
PL: Lego Club @ 1:30pm

HH: Roaming Readers @ 9:30am
PL: Tiny Books @ 10:30am
PL: Lego Club @ 1:30pm

PS: Roaming Readers @ 9:30am
PL: Astronaut Program @ 10:30am
PL: Lego Club @ 1:30pm

MT: DIY Storytime - All day
PL: Little Adventurers Storytime @ 10:30am

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MT: Firefighter Storytime @ 10:30am
PL: Friday Crafternoons @ 1:30pm
MT: Book Club @ 11:30am

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**TD
Summer
Reading
Club**

Visit a branch near you to sign up today!



MT: DND @ 12-3pm

MT: Yoga @ 10am
PL: Soundbath @ 10:30am
MT: DND @ 12-3pm

Babysitting & Home Alone - MT Arena @ 8:30am
PL: Climate

Change in Muskoka & You 10:30am
MT: DND @ 12-3pm

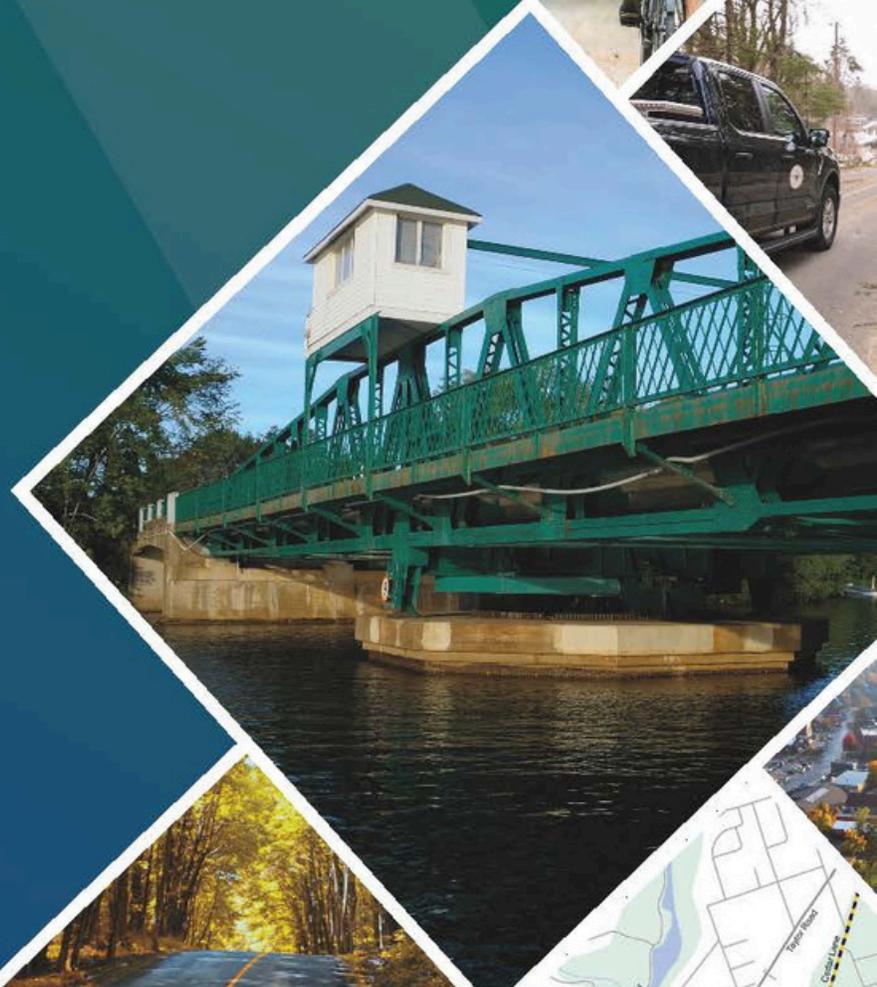
PL: Yoga @ 10am
MT: The Art of Cheese & Charcuterie @ 10:30am

MT: DND @ 12-3pm

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Stay Informed!

Have your say and help us **move
Muskoka forward together!**





Georgian Bay PHOTO CONTEST

PICTURE GEORGIAN BAY - THROUGH YOUR LENS



All Seasons. All Events.
All Locations.

We're inviting residents, cottagers, and visitors to share their favourite moments from across the Township of Georgian Bay. Whether it's a misty morning paddle, a snowy trail walk, or a bustling summer dock party — we want to see Georgian Bay through your lens! Use the form below to submit your photo and be entered to win a Georgian Bay Prize Pack and have your photo featured by the Township!

Categories

- Community in Action ◀
- Hidden Gems ◀
- Nature & Wildlife ◀
- Events & Festivals ◀
- On The Water ◀
- Local Landmarks ◀

SUBMIT NOW!

Deadline

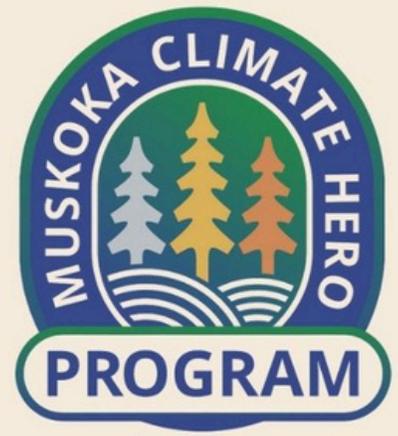
AUGUST 29, 2025
4:00 PM



Contact us
705-538-2337

Website
gbtownship.ca





Climate Change in Muskoka and You!

The District is excited to announce the launch of its **Climate Hero program!**

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

Come learn more about the Climate Hero program, how you can get involved and how climate change is impacting our environment in Muskoka.

Lauren Saville, the District's Community Climate Initiatives Coordinator will also share how the District is taking action on climate change. It will be an informative and fun presentation with time at the end for questions and discussion.

Honey Harbour Park
Location: Saturday, July
19 at 10:30 am

MacTier Branch:
Saturday, August 30 at
10:30 am



Georgian Bay Public Library
Honey Harbour: 705 - 756 - 8851
Port Severn: 705 - 818 - 7749
MacTier: 705 - 375 - 5430

gbpl.ca
Facebook: Facebook.com/GeorgianBayPL
Instagram: @GeorgianBayPL

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.

Community Events

Family ROLLER SKATE

Join us for a wheely good time as
Suso Skate Co. rolls into MacTier!



Beginners or Pros
Welcome



Borrow Roller Skates and
Safety Equipment



Learn a Few Tricks!



Entry by Donation, all
Proceeds go to MacTier
Food Bank



MacTier Lions
Food Bus will
be there!

**FRIDAY
JULY 11**
4 PM TO 9 PM
AT THE
MACTIER ARENA

**TIME TO
LACE UP!**



TOUCH A TRUCK



Baxter Ward Community Centre
Thursday, July 10th from
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm



**RAIN
OR
SHINE**

Brought to you in partnership with Georgian Bay
Public Library and the Township of Georgian Bay



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 MID JULY

Activity Guide July and August

WISE



Staying hydrated ensures that the body temperature is maintained and provides optimal joint lubrication and helps to keep the body's systems running smoothly. Protect your skin from the harsh sun rays by using sunscreen with SPF 15 or more that blocks both ultraviolet A and ultraviolet B rays.

Stay cool by wearing light coloured clothing, find shaded areas to enjoy the outdoors, and avoid high heat temperatures most common during the hours of 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Enjoy community cooling stations in your area.

Review medications to see if there are associated risks of sun exposure.



Try for a line or the entire card this summer!

READ A BOOK	Go for Ice Cream	Take a walk	Call a friend to check in	Try a new food
Listen to an entire album	Say hello to everyone you see	Take 5 minutes to just breathe	Watch a sunrise or sunset	Smell some flowers
Read a poem	Write down 4 things you love	FREE SPACE	Dip your toes in the river or lake	Give someone a compliment
Make a date to see a friend	Re-watch your favorite movie	Indulge in a sweet treat	Do some bird watching	Remind a friend of a good time
Go to the cinema or drive-in	Sit in the sun for 5 minutes	Eat some fruit	Visit a local beach	Create something! Anything!



Wishing you a wonderful summer
from Seniors Programs and
Services!

SENIORS PROGRAMS & SERVICES
Registration Required One Week in Advance

705-645-2100 ext. 4199

seniorsprograms@muskoka.on.ca

muskoka.on.ca/seniors-programs

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

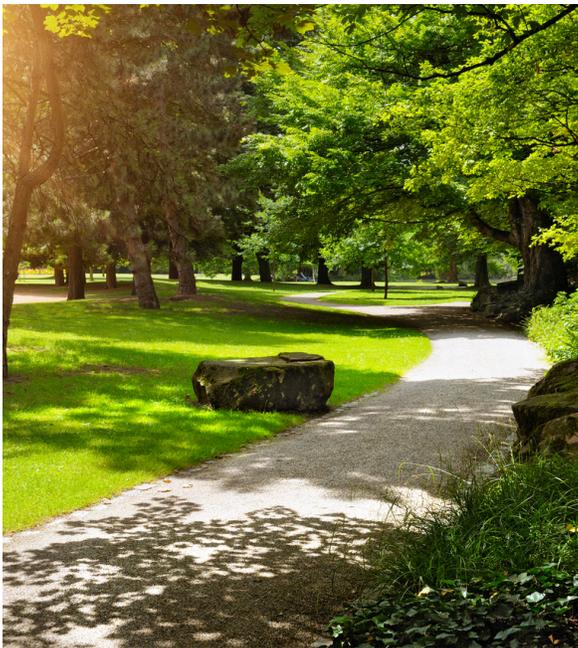
Whether you're needing planning permits, facility rentals, or other services, be sure to check the updated by-law for the latest information.

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!



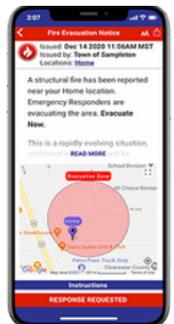
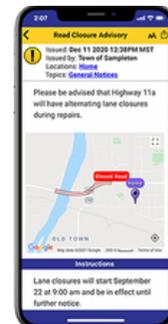
Download Now!



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





RABIES VACCINE CLINIC FOR DOGS

HOSTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY
BY-LAW DEPARTMENT



PROTECT YOUR PET- REGISTER TODAY!

THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY IS OFFERING FREE RABIES VACCINATIONS FOR DOGS LICENSED WITH THE TOWNSHIP.

NOT LICENSED? YOU CAN PURCHASE A LIFETIME DOG TAG FOR \$50 AT THE CLINIC AND STILL RECEIVE THE VACCINE AT NO ADDITIONAL COST!

CLINIC DETAILS

- DATE: JULY 5TH, 2025
- TIME: APPOINTMENT TIME PROVIDED
- LOCATION: MACTIER PUBLIC LIBRARY
- COST: FREE!
 - DOG MUST BE LICENSED WITH THE TOWNSHIP (\$50 LIFETIME TAG)



WHAT TO EXPECT

- LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE
- APPOINTMENT TIMES - 10 MINUTES PER DOG
- AGGRESSIVE DOGS - MUZZLE REQUIRED
- DOGS LEASHED - AT ALL TIMES
- LICENSED VETRINARIANS

REGISTER NOW



Need help registering?
Contact us!



by-law@gbtownship.ca
705-538-2337 ext. 251



REGISTRATION CLOSES
JUNE 27th, 2025



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





Burn Permits

\$20

It's starting to look a little like s'more season!



CLEAN-UP



S'MORES



FUN

Get Yours Today

Looking for more information from Council?



click here!



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