

Georgian Bay Times



October 2025



WHAT AN INCREDIBLE HONEY BEE FESTIVAL HONEY HARBOUR



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COUNCIL DATES

OCTOBER 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, October 6 at 9:00 AM

Planning Council

Tuesday, October 7 at 9:00 AM

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, October 7 at 11:00 PM

Special Council

Tuesday, October 7 at 2:00 PM

Committee of Adjustment

Friday, October 10 at 10:00 AM

MacTier Arena Advisory Committee

Monday, October 20 at 10:00 AM

Sustainable Community Advisory Committee

Monday, October 27 at 10:00 AM

Planning Council and Committee of Adjustment

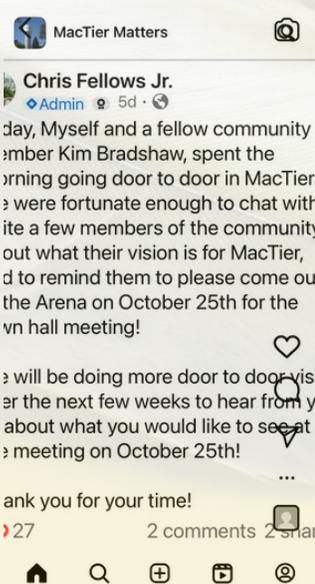
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Council and Committee of the Whole requests for

Open Forum remote participation are due the previous business day by 12:00 Noon to clerks@gbtownship.ca.



WHO DO WE



Ever wonder who you should follow?
Here are some accounts:

- @georgianbaybiosphere
- @moosedeerpointfirstnation
- @georgianbaypubliclibrary
- @severnsoundenvironmentalassociation
- @sebgaychamberofcommerce
- @mactiermatters

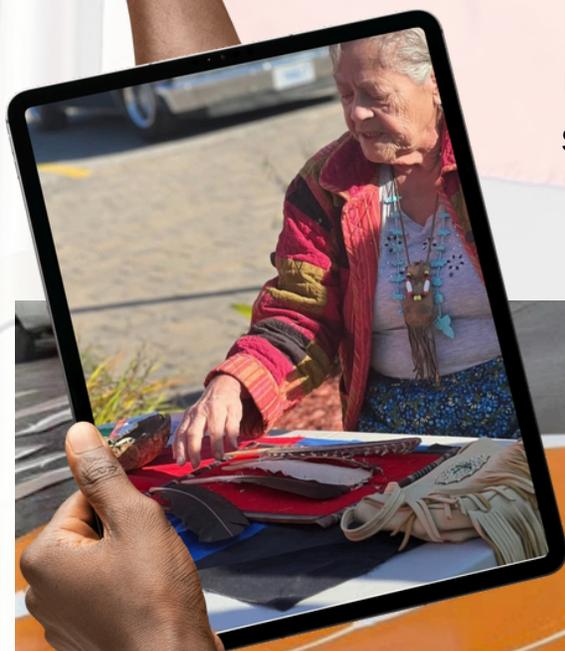
Just copy and paste these considerations in Instagram

TRUTH and reconciliation



The Township strategic plan identifies the importance of honoring and improving relationships with the First Nation neighbours in the Township of Georgian Bay.

Staff education, supporting local initiatives and collaborating on new ideas, is helping all of us move forward. Seen below Elder Lovett teaching staff, the seven grandfather teaching cross walk and a plow blade (above) with First Nation residents hand prints.



POSTAL STRIKE IMPACT

How will the postal strike affect supplemental and omitted taxes?

The Township of Georgian Bay is committed to supporting our residents through these difficult times.

Due to the Canada Post strike, and the recent mail out of supplemental and omitted taxes dated September 23, 2025, the Township will be postponing the due date from October 23, 2025 to November 26, 2025.

Planning Act Public Meetings may be delayed with the postal strike. All notices for upcoming Public meetings are available on the Council Portal.

2025 Final Tax Bill Due

Ways You Can Pay

- New Customer Service Portal
- 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

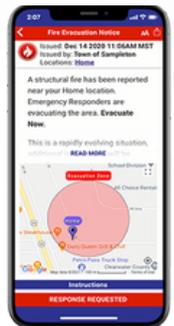
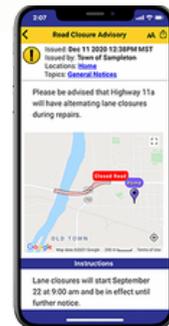
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GEORGIAN BAY ALERT

REGISTER AND RECEIVE NOTICES ON:

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



We our Volunteers



THANK
YOU!



Honey Bee Festival

TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BROS

HONEY BEE FESTIVAL 2025

What a Buzzing Success!

This year's Honey Bee Festival couldn't have asked for better weather — bright sunshine, clear skies, and temperatures soaring over 30 degrees! Nearly 1,200 visitors strolled through the gates to enjoy the marketplace, entertainment, and community spirit. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors who make this event thrive year after year. You truly keep the buzz alive!



THANK YOU Sponsors..



2025



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Our Partners



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FOOD BANK

PANTRY CLEAN OUT



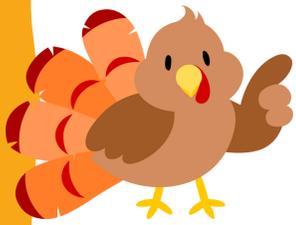
Are you closing down the cottage?
Do you have unused, unopened
items you will no longer need?
You could support your local food
bank with these items!

Items that are good to donate:

- Canned Meats
- Sauces
- Condiments
- Baking Items
- Toiletry Items



If you have items you would like to give to the food bank please deliver to the administration office Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. You can also reach out to Trisha, Communications and Sustainability officer at twalton@gbtownship.ca



THANKSGIVING



This Thanksgiving, we hope you find time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy the simple pleasures, a walk through the fall colours, a quiet moment by the water, and of course, a delicious meal shared with family or friends. From all of us at the Township, thank you for being part of our vibrant, caring community. Your kindness, volunteerism, and support make Georgian Bay shine brighter every season.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Township Administration Office will be closed:

**Monday, October 13, 2025
Reopening Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 8:30 am**



LEFTOVER - TURKEY SHEPHERDS PIE



Ingredients:

- 2 cups leftover turkey, chopped
- 2 cups leftover stuffing
- 1-2 cups leftover vegetables (peas, carrots, corn, or whatever you've got)
- 1 cup turkey gravy (or more if you like it saucy)
- 2 cups mashed potatoes
- Salt and pepper to taste



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. In a baking dish, layer the turkey, vegetables, and gravy.
3. Spread the stuffing evenly over top.
4. Finish with a generous layer of mashed potatoes.
5. Bake for 25-30 minutes, until the top is golden and the edges bubble.
6. Let it rest a few minutes before serving – and enjoy that second helping of Thanksgiving comfort!

Tip: Freeze any extra portions in single servings – future-you will be very grateful.



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.

WISE MOBILE



MacTier

MacTier Memorial Community Centre, 9 Haig St, MacTier

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

10:00 - 10:30 AM	Coffee / Tea Social
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Guess the Sound
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Cyanotypes - Make Art with the Sun
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch - Ukrainian Cuisine - Alexandr Soloviov
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Cultural Exploration - Suzanne Witt-Foley



Port Severn

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

10:00 - 10:30 AM	Coffee / Tea Social
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Tree ID Trivia
11:00 - 12:00 PM	History of the British Home Children - Home Children Canada
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch: Maple Chicken, Sweet Potatoes, and Green Beans
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Ink Printing - Fall Leaves

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.

Who do you contact?

- [Engage Muskoka](#)
- Visit the [webpage](#) for additional information on the Clear Bag Program.
- If you have any questions or comments about the new program, please email the Solid Waste Team at waste@muskoka.on.ca.

Please note, we are experiencing higher than normal volumes and responses may be delayed.



Waste is the responsibility of the District of Muskoka
Questions? email: waste@muskoka.on.ca

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.



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FOODCYCLER
PROGRAM



DISCOUNTED FILTERS AT LIBRARY BRANCHES AND
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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 October at the Library?



Library Hours

Library Hours
Following Thanksgiving the hours of the library will be:

Honey Harbour

Tuesday: 10 am – 6 pm
Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday:
10 am – 3 pm

Port Severn

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday: 10 am – 3 pm

MacTier

Tuesday: 10 – 3 pm
Wednesday: 10 – 6 pm
Friday and Saturday: 10 am – 3 pm

Adult
programs

Childrens
Programs

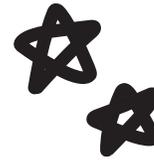
Tween
Programs

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?

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click here!

