

Georgian Bay Times



June 2025



Residents remain responsible for tax payments due August 31, 2025, even during a postal strike.

**SIGN UP FOR
E-SERVICES
OR ONLINE PAYMENTS**

Have you signed up for the eServices portal yet?
Check the back of your tax bill for a personalized signup key and instructions.

Plan Ahead
**FOR
POTENTIAL
MAIL STRIKE**

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

COUNCIL DATES

JUNE 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.

Planning Council
Tuesday, June 3 at 9:00 AM

Committee of Adjustment
Friday, June 6 at 10:00 AM

Sustainable Community Advisory Group
Monday, June 23 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.

Council
confirms no
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Children's/Youth Programs

Popcorn Picks - Drop In

MT: Saturday, June 21 at 1:00 pm

Feature Presentation: **Sonic 3, rated G.**

HHPL: Saturday, June 7 at 1:00 pm

Feature Presentation: **Ron's Gone Wrong,**
rated PG

Lights, Camera, Library! Join us for Popcorn Picks, it's movie fun for the whole family! No admission and complimentary popcorn.

Little Adventurers Storytime

HHPL: Every Friday at 10:30 am

Join us for captivating stories, fun activities, crafts and songs! Meet new friends and join in the fun! Drop in to see where your next adventure will take you?



Lego Club – drop in

HHPL: Saturday, June 21 at 11:30am

MT: Saturday, June 7 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

MT: Every Friday at 10:30 am

Drop in for a self-led story and craft.

Firefighter Storytime

HHPL: Saturday, June 21 at 10:30 am

Georgian Bay Fire and Emergency Services is visiting the Library for a special Storytime!

Come by with your family and friends for this interactive storytime featuring fire safety tips, fun activities, Plus don't miss the chance to explore fire truck!



Georgian Bay Public Library

Your Library is active all year long!
Stay up to date by signing up for our [newsletter](#).



Summer Seasonal Hours in Operation now

MacTier	Honey Harbour	Port Severn
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Wednesday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM	Friday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM	Saturday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	



June @ The Library

Adult Programs

Cricut & Coffee

HHPL: Friday, June 6 at 1:30 pm

MT: Friday, June 20 at 1:30 pm

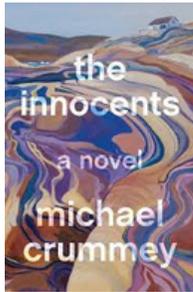
Are you ready to transform your crafting experience? Join our Cricut Basics program, a comprehensive workshop designed for beginners eager to learn how to use their Cricut machines and navigate Design Space with confidence

Adult Craft Night

HH: Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 pm

MT: Wednesday, June 18 at 6:30 pm

Come out and be creative with us!
Please register as space is limited.



MacTier Book Club

The first Friday of the month at 11 am
June 7, 2025 The Innocents
by Michael Crummey.

Mexican Train Dominoes

MT: Every Wednesday at 1:30 pm

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!

Checkmate – drop in

MT: Wednesdays June 4 & 18 from 3 – 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!

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



Roaming Readers

HH: Thursday, June 12 at 9:30 am

MT: Thursday, June 5 & 26 at 9:30 am

PS: Thursdays, June 19 at 9:30 am

Introducing "Roaming Readers" our Library's new walking group, a perfect blend of fitness and community! Join us for invigorating walks through our local neighbourhoods, where we can enjoy fresh air, meet new friends, and share our love of literacy, learning and the outdoors! Whether you are looking to stay active, discover new paths, or simply connect with fellow enthusiasts, our walking group is the ideal way to engage with community. Grab your walking shoes, and let's explore together! Weather permitting.

Guided Barefoot Grounding

PS Schoolhouse Trail: Saturday, June 7 at 2 pm

Experience the tranquility of nature on our guided barefoot walk through the forest! This unique adventure allows you to connect with the earth while exploring the School House Trail in beautiful Port Severn. Led by an experienced guide, this walk is designed for all ages and skill levels promoting relaxation and mindfulness.

Paddles & Pages: Marine Library

This summer Georgian Bay Public Library and Fire and Emergency Services are teaming up to reach you at your cottage! Stop by during one of our scheduled visits so that you can access various Library and Municipal services including but not limited to; Librarian card signups, Burn Permits, Dog Tags, a selection of new books for check out, and some fun family activities. Stay tuned for dates and more details.

Need to access Service Ontario?



You can access their mobile unit outside of the MacTier Library on Tuesday, June 3 & 17 from 10 – 3 pm

Rain Barrels for Sale!!



Support our
**RAIN
BARREL**
Fundraiser

Help support the Honey Harbour/Port Severn Food Bank by purchasing a rain barrel.

Why Get a Rain Barrel?

- Conserve Water
- Reduce your use of treated tap water and your water bill!
- Lessen stormwater runoff and help protect our local lakes and rivers.
- Great for summer dry spells and watering restrictions.



Visit the website

RAINBARREL.CA/GEORGIANBAY TOWNSHIP

Expected Delivery Date:

June 14, 2025
at the Repair Cafe



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.

Firearm Discharge Bylaw

Due to ongoing crown land discharge issues in the Township, staff were directed by Council in June 2024 to update the current firearm discharge by-law 91-105.

Staff worked with many different agencies along with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and brought forward a draft by-law for discussion on May 6, 2025 Committee of the Whole.

The proposed by-law has six prohibitions and several exemptions that allow discharge of a firearm or bow in certain circumstances. The main prohibitions are summarized as follows:

- No person shall discharge a firearm or bow without property owner permission.
- No owner of land where a firearm or bow is discharged, shall allow a person to discharge where it is prohibited.
- No person shall discharge a firearm or bow within a prohibited area (this term is defined within the by-law- school, township property, township trail etc.) or on or within a property that is less than 3 acres in size.
 - The 3 acre prohibition has an exemption that allows discharge if abutting properties with written permission that exceeds three acres in size or if the property abuts Crown land.
- No person shall discharge a firearm within 100 meters of a prohibited area or dwelling without consent of the dwelling owner.
- No person shall discharge a bow within 50 meters of a prohibited area or dwelling without consent of the owner.

Staff will be hosting a public meeting to present more content on the proposed by-law, and received public input. **Watch our socials for the public meeting date and time.** You can also watch the Committee of the Whole meeting on YouTube for further information (May 6th, 2025).

If you have any questions about the proposed by-law, please contact the Supervisor of Municipal Law Enforcement at (705)-538-2337 ext 251 or by email at cking@gbtownship.ca.



REPAIR CAFE



*Throw it away?
No Way!*

A free, community event where volunteers help fix broken items like electronics, clothing, tools, and more.

Bring it, mend it, learn a skill – don't toss it!

 Reduce waste, connect with neighbours, and keep things out of the landfill!

[Check out our Facebook Event for more info](#)



ITEMS TYPICALLY REPAIRED AT REPAIR CAFÉS:

- Electronics: Computers, phones, appliances
- Clothing: Clothes, bags,
- Household Items: Furniture, toys, lamps
- Small Appliances: Blenders, toasters, fans
- Bicycles: Tire repair, brake repair, pedals

Saturday, June 14, 2025
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Baxter Ward Community Centre

Award Winning News for Georgian Bay

The Township of Georgian Bay has earned national recognition for its commitment to environmental stewardship and Indigenous Reconciliation, receiving the 2025 CAMA Environmental Leadership & Sustainability Award.

In addition, the Township of Georgian Bay has also received an Honourable Mention in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2025 Sustainable Communities Awards in the Reconciliation and Anti-Racism, Equity, and Inclusion (R-AREI) category.

The Township returned 95 acres of shoreline and road allowance lands to Moose Deer Point First Nation for \$1, land that historically should not have been under municipal ownership. In partnership with the Georgian Bay Land Trust and Moose Deer Point First Nation, the Township also placed 553 acres of municipal land under permanent environmental protection through a 999-year lease and contributed to protecting an additional 32,900 acres of Crown land.

“Returning lands to Moose Deer Point First Nation was simply the right thing to do—they never should have been Township lands,” said Mayor Peter Koetsier. He also recognized the role of collaboration in protecting ecologically sensitive areas:

“We greatly appreciated the work of the Georgian Bay Land Trust, and the support of the provincial and federal governments, to ensure our lands remain in their natural state for generations to come.”

These efforts have helped create jobs for youth, surveyors, and stewards, improved equitable access to nature, and strengthened Indigenous leadership in land care.

Colette Isaac, Lands Director for Moose Deer Point First Nation, spoke to the deeper significance of the land return:

“These little 66-foot strips that alienate us from the shoreline... play an important part in our psyche. There is an underlying impact of this awareness that our lives are constrained by external factors that have nothing to do with us.”

Key lessons from the project highlight the importance of consistent communication, as regular meetings helped build trust and maintain transparency throughout the process. The value of local legal expertise also became clear, with in-depth understanding of rural Ontario’s complex land titles proving essential to the project’s success. Perhaps most importantly, the relationships built must extend beyond the life of any single project—engaging staff as well as elected officials has helped lay the foundation for lasting, respectful cooperation.

Chief Rhonda Williams-Lovett of Moose Deer Point First Nation added, “The honourable mention of this achievement is a befitting tribute to the work that has been undertaken. Moose Deer Point is grateful for, and respectful of, the successful and effective working relationships that we have established with our neighbours. G’chi-miigwech [thank you], Township of Georgian Bay leadership and staff.”

The Township’s work is now being shared across other jurisdictions to support similar efforts. With a shared goal of protecting 62,900 acres of connected wilderness, the Township continues to support the Georgian Bay Land Trust’s long-term vision.

For more details contact Greg Mariotti, Chief Administration Officer at gmariotti@gbtownship.ca or 705-538-2337.



CAO Greg Mariotti and Director of Corporate Services Karen Way accept the award in Quebec May 28, 2025 at the national conference. This very prestigious award was won with the continuous and methodic efforts of both of these individuals. Middle Tony Kulbisky, CAMA’s President,

ESTATE PLANNING

WISE MOBILE

MacTier

MacTier Memorial Community Centre, 9 Haig St, MacTier

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

10:00 - 10:30 AM	COFFEE / TEA SOCIAL
10:30 - 11:00 AM	RIDDLE SCAVENGER HUNT
11:00 - 12:00 PM	FROM ESTATE PLANNING TO FAMILY MEETINGS - Edward Jones Financial
12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH - BEEF CHILI
1:00 - 2:00 PM	SUMMER TIE DIE



Port Severn

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025

10:00 - 10:30 AM	COFFEE / TEA SOCIAL
10:30 - 11:00 AM	HEALTHY EATS, COOL TREATS, YOGURT BARK
11:00 - 12:00 PM	FOOD HEALTH GEORGIAN SPORTS MEDICINE & PHYSIOTHERAPY
12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH -PORK TERIYAKI RICE BOWL
1:00 - 2:00 PM	BRAIN GAMES

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

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!

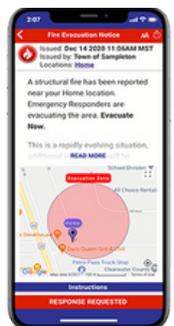
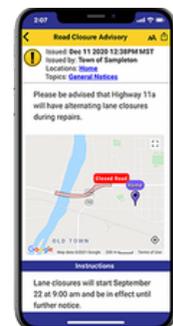
Download Now!



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





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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