

Georgian Bay Times



August 2025



2026 BUDGET SURVEY

**Your Voice, Our Bay:
Shaping the Future Together**

Open until September 15, 2025

SCAN HERE



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

PHOTO CONTEST

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**PICTURE
GEORGIAN
BAY
THROUGH
YOUR LENS**



Township of Georgian Bay
99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn, Ontario L0K 1S0
Phone: 705-538-2337 Toll Free: 1-800-567-0197
www.gbtownship.ca

COUNCIL DATES

AUGUST 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, August 11 at 9:00 AM

Planning Council

Tuesday, August 12 at 9:00 AM

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, August 12 at 1:00 PM

Special Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, August 13 at 9:00 AM

Committee of Adjustment

Friday, August 15 at 10:00 AM

Sustainable Community Advisory Committee

Monday, at August 25 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.



BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION AT



TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

FIREARM DISCHARGE BY-LAW

UPDATES TO THE FIREARM DISCHARGE
BY-LAW TO KEEP OUR RESIDENTS SAFE

PRESENTED BY

Fire and Emergency Services Department

NEW! **DATE**

THURSDAY

August 14, 2025



TIME

5:30 TO 7:00 PM

ON ZOOM

OR IN PERSON AT

BAXTER WARD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Email to get a Zoom Link prior to 3:00 PM on August 14



clerks@gbtownship.ca

POP UP FOOD DRIVE



At the Port Severn General Store

FILL-A-TRUCK FOOD DRIVE!

In support of the
Township of Georgian Bay Food Bank

Bring your
Non-Perishable
food donations
to the
**Port Severn
General Store**

Saturday
August 2
9am-1pm

Items most needed:

Canned Meat | Canned Fruit &
Vegetables | Meal replacement
Drinks | Condiments | Peanut
Butter & Jam | Sugar & Spices
| Cereal | Muffin Mix |
Juices



Discounted items available to purchase at PS General during the Food Drive

Special thanks to Port Severn General Store for the event venue!

Inquiries: Text Jill Snider 705-209-2873

FILL A BACKPACK

for the GEORGIAN BAY FOOD BANKS

Assist in sending Students in our area to school with all the items they need.

Drop off donations to the Township Municipal Administration Building or any of the Georgian Bay Library Branches by

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025 AT 4:30 PM

-  Pencil Case, Pencils, Pens, Highlighters, Erasers and Sharpeners
-  Backpacks, Lunch Box, Water Bottles
-  Binders, Notebooks, Dividers, Paper
-  Calculators, Rulers, Geometry Sets
-  Crayons, Pencil Crayons, Markers



For details on this project and other Food Bank related inquiries please contact:
Trisha Walton, Communications & Sustainability Officer,
Township of Georgian Bay
705-528-2437
twalton@gbtownship.ca





Family
MOVIE NIGHT
★ **WITH SONIC 3** ★

★★★ **MACTIER ARENA** ★★★

AUGUST
2
SATURDAY
6:30 PM

RAIN OR SHINE
9 Haig St, MacTier, ON
www.gbtownship.ca

ENTRY BY
DONATION TO
FOOD
BANK



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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

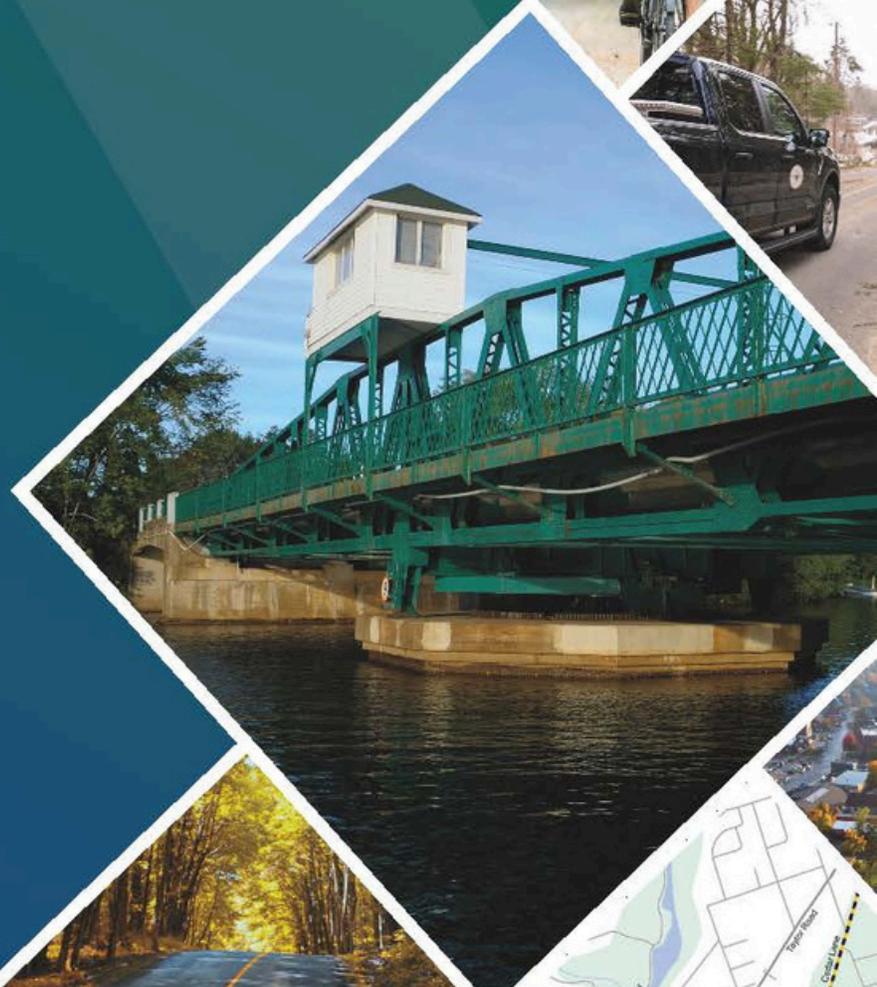
Website
gbtownship.ca



TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Stay Informed!

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





ANNUAL ATV POKER RIDE



August 16, 2025

Contact:
Steve 705-828-3387

Registration 9:00 AM
Ride at 10:00 AM
Cost is \$10.00, \$5.00 for second

Where: Groomer
Building, 35 Violet Dr



For more information:

Contact

- Steve McHaffie Social Director-Trail Mgr Cell #1- 705-828-3387
- Paul McGinn Baxter Pres' Cell # 1-705-528-8407
- Craig Limpright Chief Warden Cell # 1-705-229-8958

Email : baxteratvtrailriders@hotmail.com

Pat McHaffie BATV Secretary at Email: mchaffie_pat@hotmail.com

[Facebook.com/BaxterAtvTrailRiders](https://www.facebook.com/BaxterAtvTrailRiders)

Come out & enjoy the trails & play some poker at Lunch time

Lunch is usually around 1:00 to 1:15 pm...after lunch, go & explore on your own!

Meal & some prizes supplied by Ritchie's Feeds N Needs in Elmvale...your local Masterfeeds supplier

Always a Fun Day....BATV...

Trail reminder>> we allow up to 62" Side By Sides max width...& 130" max length.. as per our Twsp Bylaw!! (but after the ice storm, our trails are about 65" wide now...!)

***TRAILREMINDER. WE ALLOW UP TO 62" SIDE BY SIDES MAX WIDTH...& 130"MAX LENGTH..ASPEROUR**

Trails are about 65" wide

AUGUST 2025

Children Youth Adult

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2
			<p>MT: DIY Storytime - All day</p> <p>PL: Little Adventurers Storytime @ 10:30am</p>	<p>MT: Big Book Sale 10-12pm</p> <p>MT: DND @ 12-3pm</p>
5	6	7	8	9
<p>MT: Lego Club @ 10-12pm</p> <p>PL: Friendship Bracelets @ 10:30am</p> <p>MT: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm</p> <p>MT: Building Bat Boxes @ 1:30pm</p>	<p>PL: Bird Banding @ 9am</p> <p>MT: Indoor Camping @ 10:30am</p> <p>HH: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm</p> <p>MT: Dominoes @ 1:30-4pm</p> <p>PL: Soundbath @ 3pm</p>	<p>MT: Roaming Readers @ 9:30am</p> <p>PL: Summer Memory Boxes @ 10:30am</p> <p>PL: Knitting Basics @ 2:30pm</p>	<p>MT: DIY Storytime - All day</p> <p>PL: Little Adventurers Storytime @ 10:30am</p> <p>PS: Firefighter Storytime @ 10:30am</p> <p>PL: Friday Crafternoons @ 1:30pm</p>	<p>PL: Babysitting/ Home Alone @ 8:30am</p> <p>MT: Yoga @ 10am</p>
12	13	14	15	16
<p>MT: Lego Club @ 10-12pm</p> <p>PL: Collage Bookmarks @ 10:30am</p> <p>MT: Animal Tracks & Signs @ 1:30pm</p> <p>MT: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm</p>	<p>MT: Paper Squishies @ 10:30am</p> <p>HH: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm</p> <p>MT: Dominoes @ 1:30-4pm</p>	<p>HH: Roaming Readers @ 9:30am</p> <p>PL: Indoor Camping @ 10:30am</p> <p>PL: Lego Club @ 1:30pm</p>	<p>MT: DIY Storytime - All day</p> <p>PL: Little Adventurers Storytime @ 10:30am</p>	<p>PL: Classic Dips & Dressings @ 10:30am</p> <p>MT: DND @ 12-3pm</p>
19	20	21	22	23
<p>MT: Lego Club @ 10-12pm</p> <p>Drive-in Popcorn Picks: HH @ 10:30am MT @ 1:30pm</p> <p>MT: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm</p>	<p>MT: SRC Wrap Up Party @ 10:30am</p> <p>HH: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm</p> <p>MT: Dominoes @ 1:30-4pm</p>	<p>PS: Roaming Readers @ 9:30am</p> <p>PL: SCR Wrap Up Party @ 10:30am</p> <p>PL: Lego Club @ 1:30pm</p>	<p>MT: DIY Storytime - All day</p> <p>PL: Become a Pollinator Protector @ 10:30am</p> <p>PL: Friday Crafternoons @ 1:30pm</p>	<p>PL: Yoga @ 10am</p> <p>MacTier Arena: Soundbath @ 10:30am</p>
26	27	28	29	30
<p>MT: Lego Club @ 10-12pm</p> <p>MT: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm</p>	<p>HH: Tech Help @ 1-2:30pm</p> <p>MT: Dominoes @ 1:30-4pm</p>	<p>MT: Roaming Readers @ 9:30am</p> <p>PL: Lego Club @ 1:30pm</p>	<p>MT: DIY Storytime - All day</p> <p>PL: Little Adventurers Storytime @ 10:30am</p>	<p>MT: Climate Change in Muskoka & You @ 10:30am</p>

PL - Honey Harbour Park Location

PS - Port Severn

HH - Honey Harbour

MT - MacTier

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.

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

- [Engage Muskoka](#)
- Attend a summer pop-up or open house event.
- Visit the [webpage](#) for additional information on the Clear Bag Program.



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!

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!



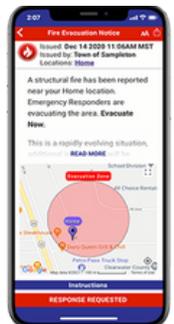
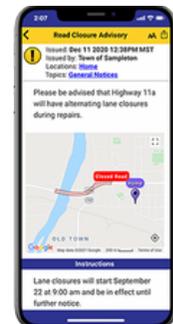
Download Now!



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



CHECK FIRE RATING



Township of Georgian Bay

Large Item

For water access only properties

2025



Pick Up

Aug 23

Honey Harbour -
Park Landing
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Barge

Aug 15

Cognashene -
Community Church
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Aug 25

Madawaska Club-Go
Home Bay
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



WHAT IS AN ACCEPTABLE ITEM?

- ✓ Large Appliances (stoves, dishwashers etc)
- ✓ Furniture (couches, chairs, tables, shelves etc)
- ✓ Metal Frames (BBQ, hot water, bikes)
- ✓ Mattresses

Freon Units will be accepted with a payment of \$30. Cash & Credit Payment on day of event.

WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE?

- Household Bagged Garbage
- Motorized Vehicles
- Boats & Boat Wrap
- Propane tanks
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Dock Cribbing / Foam
- Construction waste
- Stumps, rocks or landscape materials



*Burn
Permits*

\$20



Final Tax Bill Due

AUGUST
20



**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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