

# Georgian Bay Times



February 2025

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Township of Georgian Bay  
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[www.gbtownship.ca](http://www.gbtownship.ca)

# COUNCIL DATES

FEBRUARY 2025



## MEETINGS

### Council

Monday, February 3 at 9:00 AM

### Planning Council

Tuesday, February 4 at 9:00 AM

### Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, February 4 at 1:00 PM

### Committee of Adjustment

Friday, February 7 at 10:00 AM

### Sustainable Communities Advisory Group

Monday, February 24 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](mailto: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](mailto:clerks@gbtownship.ca).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:planning@gbtownship.ca) or [info@gbtownship.ca](mailto:info@gbtownship.ca).

You can Watch Council Meetings on YouTube.

CLICK HERE



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Consider joining a committee of Council

# Building Department: Maintenance Fee

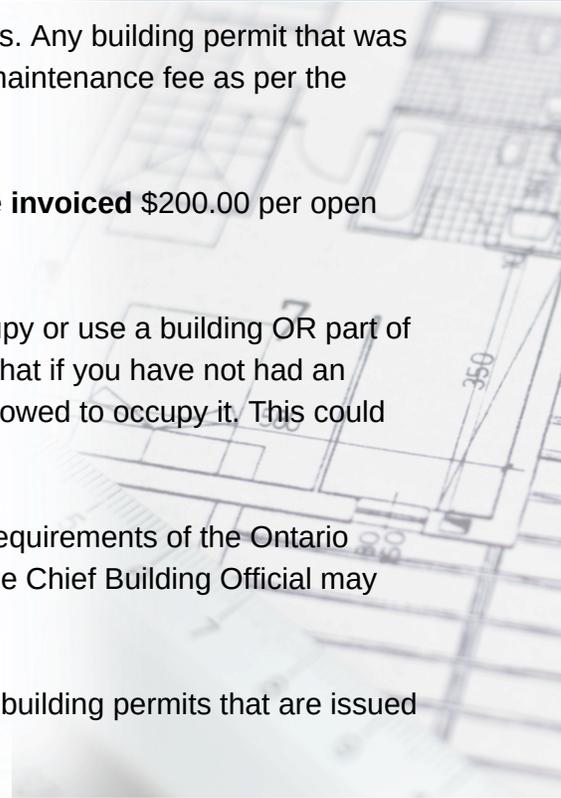
The Building Department is currently reviewing its open building permit files. Any building permit that was issued in 2022 or prior will be subject to the Township of Georgian Bay's maintenance fee as per the Township's Fees and Charges By-law.

If a building permit remains **open** as of **September 30th, 2025**, you will be **invoiced** \$200.00 per open building permit (unless Fees and Charges By-law is updated).

Be advised that under the Ontario Building Code Act, no person shall occupy or use a building OR part of a building until the requirements of the building code are met. This means that if you have not had an occupancy inspection on your outstanding building permit – you are not allowed to occupy it. This could also lead to issues with your insurance provider.

Note: this is **not a renewal fee**, if your building permit does not meet the requirements of the Ontario Building Code regarding commencement or continuation of construction the Chief Building Official may cancel it.

As the owner of the home, you are entirely and solely **responsible** for the building permits that are issued in relation to your property.



At the Township of Georgian Bay, we take pride in our efforts to protect and sustain the natural beauty and resources of our community. Through carefully considered by-laws, we aim to safeguard the environment, support local businesses, and enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors.

### ***Some of our By-laws to consider:***

- **Tree Cutting By-law:** Protecting our forests and natural habitat to maintain the ecological balance and preserve the character of our landscape.
- **Site Alteration By-law:** Protecting shorelines and preventing activities that may harm the environment or disrupt local ecosystems.
- **Dark Sky By-law:** Minimizing light pollution to protect wildlife, conserve energy, and provide unobstructed views of our breathtaking night skies.

These initiatives, among others, demonstrate our commitment to preserving Georgian Bay's unique beauty and fostering a balanced relationship between people, nature, and development.

Together, we can ensure that Georgian Bay remains a vibrant and sustainable community for generations to come.

If you have questions, contact 705-538-2337 x251 or email [by-law@gbtownship.ca](mailto:by-law@gbtownship.ca)

[Review Our  
Frequently  
Requested  
By-Laws](#)





February 2025  
@The Library

# Township of Georgian Bay Public Library NEWSLETTER

[www.gbpl.ca](http://www.gbpl.ca)



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!

**HH: Saturday, February 15 at 10:30am**  
**MT: Saturday, February 1 at 10:30 am**

## Cricut & Coffee

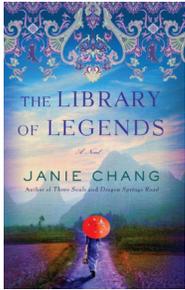
**HHPL:** Friday, February 14 at 1:30 pm  
**MT:** Friday, February 21 at 1:30 pm



Cricut & Coffee, where we create and caffeinate!

Join us for some crafty fun as we tackle this months Cricut project! February is Valentine Sign making.

**Drop-in, while supplies last!**



## MacTier Book Club

The first Friday of the month at 11 am

February 7 Title:  
The Library of Legends  
by Janie Chang



## After School Adventurers – Drop In

**HH:** Tuesday, February 4 & 18 from 3 – 5 pm  
**MT:** Wednesday, February 5 & 19 from 3 – 5 pm

Become an After School Adventurer! Join us every other week as our adventurers embark on a new theme, exploring everything from science and nature to art and technology.

**Drop in and let the adventures begin!**

## TECH HELP

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.

Need to access Service Ontario? You can access their mobile unit outside of the **MacTier Library** on Tuesday February 4 and 18 from 10 – 3 pm

DIY Storytime - Drop In

**HH & MT:** Friday, February 14 & 28

Drop in for a self led story and craft during our open hours



# CRAFT

## Adult Craft Night

**HH:** Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm  
**MT:** Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm

Come out and be creative with us!  
Contact your branch for more details  
Please register as space is limited.



### Honey Harbour

Tuesday 10:00 – 6:00  
Wednesday, Friday,  
Saturday 10:00 – 3:00

### Port Severn

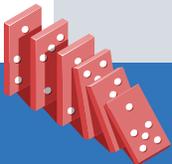
Tuesday, Friday &  
Saturday 10:00 – 3:00

### MacTier

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 – 3:00  
Wednesday 10:00 – 6:00

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!  
**MT:** Every Wednesday at 1:30 pm

[gbpl.ca](http://gbpl.ca)



# WISE MOBILE ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE

Seniors Programs

[www.muskoka.on.ca/seniors-programs](http://www.muskoka.on.ca/seniors-programs)

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

## MacTier Memorial Arena

9 Haig Street

Thursday, February 20, 2025

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Social
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Brain Games
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Hospice Muskoka
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch - Cabbage Rolls
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	DIY Bath Bombs / Shower Steamers

## Baxter Ward Community Centre

275 Honey Harbour Rd., Port Severn

Thursday, February 27, 2025

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Social
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Family Feud
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Hearing Health - Hear Well Be Well
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch - Cabbage Rolls
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Wood Wick Candle Making

**Please Register one week in advance for programs.**

Register Now

**Seniors Programs and Services**

705-645-2100 ext. 4199

[seniorsprograms@muskoka.on.ca](mailto:seniorsprograms@muskoka.on.ca)

# Save Money



Purchase and install a new heat pump to receive up to \$5,000 for an air source heat pump or \$10,000 for a ground source heat pump.

[saveonenergy.ca](http://saveonenergy.ca)

The Canada Greener Homes Grant provided incentives for home energy efficient retrofits to help improve your home's energy efficiency, increase home comfort, reduce your environmental footprint, and save money.

Participants received up to \$5,600 in total:

- Up to \$600 for two EnerGuide evaluations (one pre- and one post retrofit); and
- Up to \$5,000 for energy-efficient retrofits



[greencommunitiescanada.org](http://greencommunitiescanada.org)

## Municipal Grants



### REQUESTS FOR FUNDS \$1500 OR UNDER.

On an annual basis, applications shall be received by the Director of Finance from area cottage and lake associations, community associations and nonprofit groups that are united with a common goal for consideration by Township Council for the Municipal Grant Program.

Private road associations or for-profit organizations are excluded. All grant requests must be submitted between **January 1st and March 31st** for consideration into the annual subsidy.

The amount of distributed municipal funds shall be dependent on the number of applicants received that meet Municipal Grant Policy For More information click [here](#)

[treasury@gbtownship.ca](mailto:treasury@gbtownship.ca)

# Community Events

**Saturday February 8, 2025** **\$30**

## COMEDY NIGHT



OAKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE  
290 PARK ST VICTORIA HARBOUR



Chuck Byrn



Shannon Laverty



Cathy Boyd

**SHOW STARTS AT 7:30 PM DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM**

PRIZE TABLE ✦ CASH BAR ✦ LIGHT LUNCH  
CALL JUDY LARMAND (705) 627-8895  
OR BONNIE BLANCHARD (416) 428-2062  
FOR TICKETS  
COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE BAXTER WARD  
LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER




**Feb 1, 2025**  
**@ 5:00 PM**

MacTier Figure Skating & MacTier Legion hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser @ the MacTier Legion.



## International Women's Day Event



**March 7, 2025**

Order your tickets  
office@segbay.ca  
705-756-4863



## Community Calendar

Explore events happening across the Township of Georgian Bay with our online Community Calendar. Residents, organizations, and businesses can submit their own events or subscribe to get updates directly to their inbox. Visit [gbtownship.ca](http://gbtownship.ca) to stay informed and get involved!

## PUBLIC SKATING

MacTier



**FRIDAY EVENINGS**

**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

follow us



# Annual Business Survey



The Southeast Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce (SEGBAY) and the Township of Georgian Bay are committed to fostering a strong and sustainable local economy. The Annual Business Survey provides a vital opportunity for businesses to share their perspectives, challenges, and ideas to shape the future of our community.

Through this survey, we aim to:

- Identify the needs and priorities of local businesses.
- Develop programs and initiatives that drive growth and sustainability.
- Strengthen collaboration between businesses, the Chamber, and the Township.



## Shape the Future of Your Business Community

Your input helps identify challenges and opportunities in the local business environment, guiding decisions that support growth and sustainability.

## Influence Policy and Programs

The survey informs the Township of Georgian Bay and SEGBAY on creating policies, programs, and initiatives that benefit businesses like yours.

## Spotlight Local Business Needs

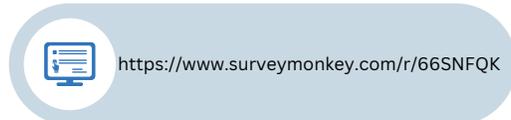
By sharing your experiences, you ensure that the unique needs of small and rural businesses are acknowledged and addressed.

## Build a Sustainable Local Economy

Your feedback is critical to shaping a resilient and sustainable economy that benefits businesses, residents, and the environment.

## Strengthen Collaboration Opportunities

Participation fosters stronger partnerships between the business community, the Township, and SEGBAY, opening doors to new resources and opportunities.



## 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 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!*

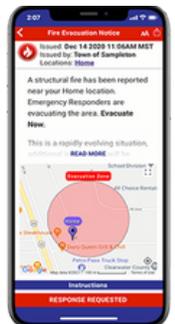
## Download Now!



### 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





### WHERE IS BYLAW ENFORCED?

On **ALL** municipally maintained roads within the Township of Georgian Bay.



### WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Remember, it's not just about parking – it's about creating a winter wonderland that's safe, accessible, and ready for anything!



### OUR GOAL

To educate our residents and visitors to create a peaceful, safe place for all to enjoy.

# WINTER PARKING

November 15 and April 1.  
Parking By-Law 2018-06

The Township prohibits parking within 3.05 metres (10 feet) of the edge of any gravel, surface treatment or asphalt road within Georgian Bay between November 15 and April 1.  
Parking By-Law 2018-06

### Web Services



Pay your tickets online at our website. It's fast, easy and convenient.  
[gbtownship.ca/payments](http://gbtownship.ca/payments)

### Don't Get Towed



Our By-Law officers have the right to have your vehicle towed if you are in contravention of the parking by-law. This will cost you \$\$\$.

Looking for more information from Council?



*click here!*



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