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October 2026



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Truth &
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- First and last name
- Municipal address
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- Application number and title

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SUBSCRIBE

Council

Monday, October 5 at 9:00 AM

Planning Council

Tuesday, October 6 at 9:00 AM

Committee of Adjustment

Friday, October 9 at 10:00 AM

Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee

Monday, September 28 at 3:00 PM

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

Do You want to
Speak before Council?
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2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION



It is almost time!



Election Day

Voting day for the 2026 municipal and school board elections is Monday, October 26, 2026!

Voting will be by internet and telephone and will be open from Wednesday October 14 at 10:00 a.m. until Monday, October 26 at 8:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES



Date	EVENT
October 14, 2026	• Voting Period Opens
October 23, 2026	• Third Party Advertiser Registration Closes
October 26, 2026	• Election Day (Voting Period Closes)
November 15, 2026	• New Term of Council Begins
November 16, 2026	• Inaugural Council Meeting



2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

CLICK HERE!

**REGISTER
TO VOTE**



Voter Information Letter

All registered voters will receive a Voter Information Letter (VIL) by mail during the first week of October.

The VIL will contain everything you need to vote in the 2026 municipal and school board election, including the website and telephone number to access voting, as well as a Personal Information Number that will be required to cast your ballot.

If you have not received your VIL by October 8, please reach out to the election team at elections@gbtownship.ca or by calling 705-538-2337 x 333, so we can assist you in retrieving your credentials.

Voter Help Centres

Voting for the election will be held online and by telephone, but Township staff will be available to assist any voter who needs help casting their ballot.

We will have staff equipped with tablets to be used for voting at both the municipal office in Port Severn and the MacTier Memorial Arena during the voting period from October 14 at 10:00 a.m. to October 26 at 8:00 p.m.

Please see the dates and times for Voter Help Centres:

Township Administration Office 99 Lone Pine Road

Regular Business Hours as well as:

October 17, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
October 23, 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM
October 24, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
October 26, 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM

MacTier Memorial Arena 9 Haig Street

October 17, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
October 23, 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
October 24, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
October 26, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

COMMITTEES

Apply to be a **COMMITTEE MEMBER**

The Township is looking for community members to sit on various committees for the 2026–2030 term.



BE A PART OF THE FUTURE OF GEORGIAN BAY

The Township of Georgian Bay is looking for community members to sit on various committees for the 2026-2030 term of Council.

If you're interested in being more involved in your community or have a specific area of expertise you think would benefit one of the Township's committees, we would love to hear from you!

Applications are being accepted to sit on the Committee of Adjustment, Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee (RMAC), and the Sustainable Communities Advisory Group (SCAG). Application forms can be found on the Township's Committee webpage at gbtownship.ca/committees.

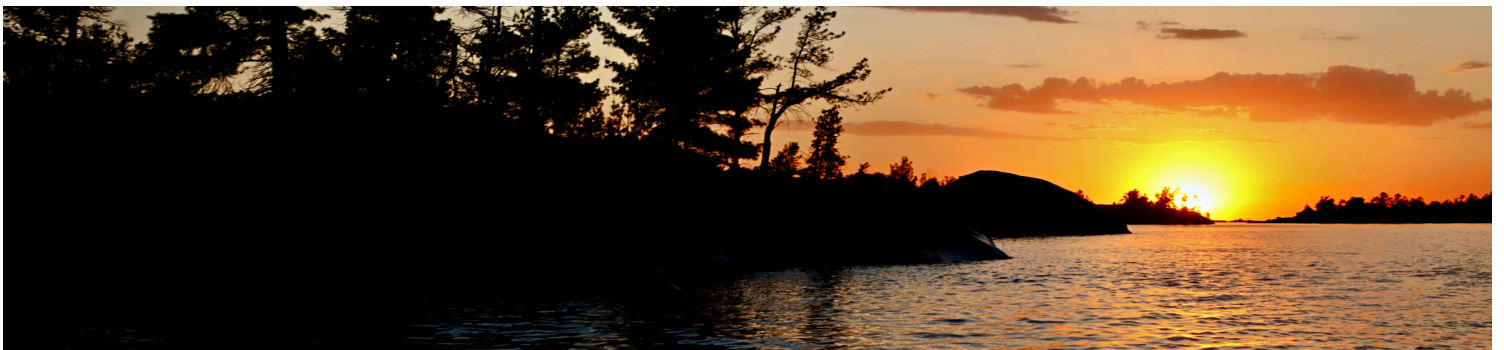
Applications are due Friday, November 20 by end of day, and may be submitted to clerks@gbtownship.ca.

COUNCIL CONNECT



Stay informed with Council Connect! Catch up on highlights from Township of Georgian Bay Council meetings, including key decisions, discussions and updates that matter to our community. Read the latest edition to see what's happening and how Council's work shapes the future of Georgian Bay.

[Read It Here](#)



TRUTH & RECONCILIATION



Teachings Finds A Home in Council Chambers



Left to Right: Councillor Stephen Jarvis, Councillor Steven Predko, Kate Dymont, Brenda St. Denis-Monague, Mayor Peter Koetsier and Councillor Brian Bocek

On September 29, the Township of Georgian Bay unveiled Teachings by the late William Anthony Monague, a self-taught artist from Chimnissing/Beausoleil First Nation. The unveiling and flag raising were part of the Truth and Reconciliation ceremony held prior to National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

The only print of the artwork is now proudly displayed in Council Chambers.

Monague's family joined Mayor Peter Koetsier, Council and staff for the unveiling. His daughter, Kate Dymont, shared the painting's symbolism—from the turtle shell shoreline's connection to the land and water to the loons' teachings about leadership, family, and future generations.

She also sang and drummed "Wildflowers," celebrating the beauty of different perspectives coming together. "We need each other to paint a full picture of our future," Dymont shared. Held ahead of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the unveiling offered a meaningful opportunity to listen, learn and reflect—lessons that Teachings will continue to bring into Council Chambers.





Port Severn Programs and Events

Oct 2026 Calendar

Blue Events- Adult Programs Honey Harbour Library
 Purple Events - Children Programs Honey Harbour Library
 Green Events- Adult Programs Baxter Ward Community Centre

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
28 Pickleball 10:30-12:30pm	29 Pickleball 10:30-12:30pm Beginner Pickleball 1-3pm	30 Truth and Reconciliation Day	1 Sourdough Starter 10-12 pm	2 Pickleball-10-12:30pm Little Adventures Story time-10:30am Booked for Bedtime- 5:00pm	3
5 Pickle ball-10am -12:30pm	6 Pickleball-10:30-12:30pm Beginner Pickleball-1-3pm After school Adventures- 3-5pm	7 Early ON- 10am- 1pm Pickleball- 2:30-4:30 pm Tech Help- 1-2:30pm	8 Beginner Pickleball-1-3pm Mexican Train Dominoes-1:30 pm Euchre 7:30-9:30pm	9 Pickle ball-10-12:30pm Little Adventures Story time-10:30am Crafternoons: 1:30pm	10 Popcorn Picks: Movie Legend of the Guardians The owls of Ga'hoole 1:00pm
12 Thanksgiving	13 Pickleball 10:30-12:30pm Beginner Pickleball 1-3pm	14 Early ON- 10am- 1pm Pickleball 2:30-4:30 pm Tech Help- 1-2:30pm Mexican Train Dominoes- 11:00am	15	16 Pickle ball-10-12:30pm Little Adventures Story time-10:30am Crafting Connections 10:30am	17 Lego Club-10:30
19 Pickle ball-10am -12:30pm	20 Pickleball-10:30-12:30pm Beginner Pickleball-1-3pm After school Adventures- 3-5pm Adult Program-6:30pm	21 Early ON- 10am- 1pm Pickleball- 2:30-4:30 pm Tech Help- 1-2:30pm	22 Beginner Pickleball-1-3pm Senior Wise Program 10-2pm Euchre 7:30-9:30pm	23 Pickle ball-10-12:30pm Little Adventures Story time-10:30am Indoor Houseplant Exchange 10:30am	24 Murder and Mocktails 6-8pm
26 Pickle ball-10am -12:30pm	27 Pickleball-10:30-12:30pm Beginner Pickleball-1-3pm	28 Early ON- 10am- 1pm Pickleball- 2:30-4:30 pm Mexican Train Dominoes- 11:00am Tech Help- 1-2:30pm	29	30 Mahjong Meet Up 10:30 am	31



MacTier Programs and Events

Oct 2026 Calendar

Purple Events - Upstairs Arena Hall

Green Events- Arena Floor

Blue Events: Adult Programs MacTier Library

Pink Events: Children Program MacTier Library

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		Truth and Reconciliation Day	1 Public Skate- 4:30-5:20 pm	2 Preschool Story Time- 10:30 am Public Skate- 7:00- 7:50 pm Stick and Puck- 8-8:50pm	3 Lego Club 10:30 am
5 Early ON- 10am- 1pm Public Skate 4:30-5:20 pm	6 Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Adult Crafters- 10- 3pm Tech Help- 1-2:30 pm Stick and Puck- 4:30-5:45 pm Wellness Clinic Day with Mind Aid Mobile 1-7pm	7 Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Mexican Dominos- 1:30- 4pm Afterschool Adventures 3-5pm	8 Public Skate- 4:30-5:20 pm	9 Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Shuffleboard- 10:30-12:30pm Preschool Story Time- 10:30 am Public Skate- 7:00- 7:50 pm Stick and Puck- 8-8:50pm	10 Popcorn Picks- Jumanji the Next Level 1 pm
12 Thanksgiving	13 Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Adult Crafters- 10- 3pm Stick and Puck- 4:30-5:45 pm Tech Help- 1- 2:30 pm	14 Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Mexican Dominos- 1:30- 4pm Checkmate- Tween /Teen Chess Club 3-5pm	15 Seniors Wise Program 10-2pm Public Skate- 4:30-5:20 pm	16 Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Shuffleboard 10:30- 12:30pm Preschool Story Time- 10:30 am Public Skate- 7:00- 7:50 pm Stick and Puck- 8-8:50pm	17 Voters Help Center 9am - 4 pm
19 Early ON- 10am- 1pm Public Skate 4:30-5:20 pm	20 Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Adult Crafters- 10- 3pm Stick and Puck- 4:30-5:45 pm Tech Help- 1- 2:30 pm	21 Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Mexican Dominos- 1:30- 4pm Afterschool Adventures 3-5pm Adult Program 6:30 pm	22 Public Skate- 4:30-5:20 pm	23 Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Shuffleboard- 10:30-12:30pm Preschool Story Time- 10:30 am Voters Help Center 1-9pm Public Skate- 7:00- 7:50 pm Stick and Puck- 8-8:50pm	24 Voters Help Center 9-4pm
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MACTIER

— *Memorial Arena* —

ICE PROGRAMS & RENTALS



❄️ SKATE • PLAY • PRACTICE • HAVE FUN! ❄️

Whether you're looking for a family skate, hockey practice, or private ice time, the MacTier Memorial Arena has ice opportunities for everyone.



PUBLIC SKATING

Come enjoy a fun, family-friendly skate!

MONDAY 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

No registration required!



STICK & PUCK

Work on your skating, puck handling, passing & shooting in a non-competitive setting.

TUESDAY 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

FRIDAY 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.



Please wear appropriate hockey equipment and be mindful of other users on the ice.



LOOKING FOR ICE TIME?

Ice is available for:

- ✓ Hockey Practices
- ✓ Figure Skating
- ✓ Family Skates
- ✓ Birthday Parties
- ✓ School & Youth Groups
- ✓ Community Events
- ✓ Private Rentals



Contact Arena Staff for available dates and times.

❄️ ICE RENTAL RATES ❄️

RENTAL TYPE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Prime Ice	\$122.40/hr	\$173.40/hr
No Prime Ice Weekdays before 3:30 p.m. and weekends	\$81.60/hr	\$81.60/hr
Ice – Youth Organization	\$81.60/hr	\$81.60/hr

GET IN TOUCH



705-538-2337



mma@gbtownship.ca



www.gbtownship.ca/recreation



Skate with Us!

Drop in for Public Skate or Stick & Puck each week.
No registration required!



Schedules and ice availability may change seasonally. Check back regularly for updates, special events and additional ice times.

We look forward to seeing you at the arena! ♥

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PLANNING

Housekeeping and Review

The Township of Georgian Bay will be completing housekeeping amendments prior to commencing the Review process. Housekeeping amendments are intended to address administrative updates, improve clarity and consistency within the document, and ensure the framework is current and aligned before the formal Review begins.

The Township of Georgian Bay began its 2026-2028 Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review before the Province approved Bill-98. The Review is being adjusted to reflect Bill-98. This important process will help guide future growth, development, and land use across the Township.

Residents, businesses, and stakeholders are encouraged to stay informed and share their input throughout the review process.

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

SCAN ME



Learn more and view proposed updates by scanning the QR code or visiting:
<https://www.gbtownship.ca/ofpzoningammendment>

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LIBRARY NEWS

Fall into a good book at the library this season.



Programming

The Georgian Bay Public Library offers rich programming for every age, designed to inspire, engage and connect our community. With three friendly branches throughout the Township, you'll find a warm space for learning, fun and creativity.

Adult programs

Whether you're looking to learn something new, connect with others, or simply enjoy a new experience, there's something for everyone. From engaging book clubs and hands on workshops to technology support and welcoming social gatherings, our adult programs are a great way to learn, create, and connect with your community.



Childrens Programs

Spark a lifelong love of reading with storytimes, crafts, play-based learning, and fun family programs designed especially for young children.

Tween Programs

Tweens and teens are invited to dive into dynamic, age-friendly activities that spark curiosity and creativity — from coding and crafts to games and group projects built just for them.



Library Hours

October 2026

Honey Harbour

Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday:
10 am – 5 pm
Friday: 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 3 pm

Port Severn

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday:
10 am – 3 pm
Thursday:
10 am - 5 pm

MacTier

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
10 – 5 pm
Wednesday: 10 – 6 pm
Saturday:
10 am – 3 pm



View the Township Community Calendar for daily schedule or check out the library website by clicking the links.



BEAR BIN PROGRAM

Bear Bin features include:

- Heavy-duty, weather-resistant construction
- Bear-resistant locking design
- Large capacity for household waste
- Suitable for curbside collection



Order Now for Spring Delivery

Limited Bins | Only 1 Bin Per Property

Protect your property—and help keep Georgian Bay's bears wild!

Through the Township of Georgian Bay's partnership with Big Red Works, residents can save \$75 on a locally made, bear-resistant Bear Bin. These secure bins keep household waste contained, help prevent unwanted bear visits and create a safer community for residents and wildlife.

Only 100 bins are available through this municipal bulk-purchase program. Orders are first come, first served and require full payment—order yours today before they're gone!

WISE MOBILE



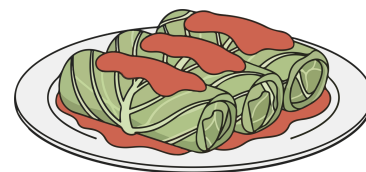
MacTier

MacTier Memorial Community Centre, 9 Haig St, MacTier

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

10:00 - 10:30 AM	Coffee / Tea Social
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Intro to Book Borrow and Brain Games
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Decoupage Pumpkins
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch: Chicken Parm over Pasta
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Reptiles: Muskoka Conservancy

Port Severn



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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

10:00 - 10:30 AM	Coffee / Tea Social
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Jeopardy!
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Social Media 101-Gravenhurst Library
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch: Chicken Parm over Pasta
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Spooktacular Ghost Tapers

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Centre
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offers FREE
programs for
older adults
55+ in
Muskoka.
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seniorsprograms@muskoka.on.ca

muskoka.on.ca/seniors-programs

FOOD CYCLER



Regular Price
\$615

Through the
Township
\$249

ECO 3

- **3.5L capacity** - idéal for 1-3 person household
- 6-9 hour cycle
- free shipping

Turn your food waste into something useful with the FoodCycler, available to Township of Georgian Bay residents at a discounted rate. This compact appliance transforms everyday food scraps into nutrient-rich soil amendment in just hours, reducing household waste and keeping organics out of landfills.

It's a simple, convenient way to support local waste reduction efforts and help protect Georgian Bay's natural environment while creating a cleaner, more sustainable community.

Purchase Filters at a discount too!
Available at the Library Branches and Township 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)



Regular Price
\$815

Through the
Township
\$319

ECO 5

- **5L capacity** - idéal for 3-5 person household
- 6-9 hour cycle
- free shipping



ORDER NOW

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Fire Prevention Week runs October 4–10, 2026.

This year's theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower," highlights simple habits that can help prevent fires involving rechargeable lithium-ion batteries. From phones and laptops to cordless tools and e-bikes, these batteries power many familiar devices. When damaged or charged improperly, they can overheat and cause a fire.

Residents are encouraged to:

- Use the charger supplied with the device or a replacement approved by its manufacturer.
- Charge on a firm, level surface, away from bedding and other materials that can burn.
- Disconnect devices once charging is complete.
- Keep charging equipment clear of doors and escape routes.
- Stop using a device if the battery develops unusual heat, swelling, odours, leaks or noises.

As Thanksgiving approaches, residents closing cottages or travelling for the weekend are encouraged to include battery safety in their preparations and follow manufacturer instructions for storage.



Apple & Butternut Squash Au Gratin

Bring a little autumn comfort to your table! Tender butternut squash, sweet apples and a creamy cheddar sauce make this rich, golden-baked side dish a lovely addition to Thanksgiving dinner—or any cozy October meal.

LET'S MAKE IT!

Serves: 6–8 | Prep: 20 minutes | Bake: 55–65 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeded and thinly sliced (about 6 cups)
- 2 firm apples, such as Honeycrisp, cored and thinly sliced
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- ½ cup breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoons melted butter

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Butter a 9 × 13-inch baking dish.
2. Slice squash approximately ⅛ inch thick so it cooks evenly. Layer the squash, apples and onion in the dish.
3. Whisk together the cream, maple syrup, garlic, thyme, salt and pepper. Pour evenly over the layers.
4. Cover tightly with foil and bake for 40–45 minutes, until the squash is nearly tender.
5. Remove the foil and sprinkle with cheddar. Mix breadcrumbs with melted butter and scatter over the cheese.
6. Bake uncovered for 15–20 minutes, until golden and the squash is easily pierced with a fork. Let rest for 10 minutes before serving.

Harvest tip: Serve alongside roast turkey or chicken, and enjoy leftovers with a crisp green salad the next day.



THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

DOWNLOAD

MUSKOKA WASTE APP

Get customized waste management information right to your phone.



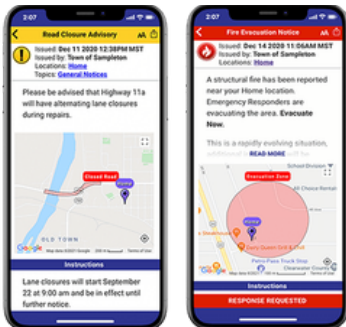
MUSKOKA

Never miss a collection day again! The Muskoka Waste App makes managing your recycling, compost, and garbage schedules simple. Get weekly reminders, collection calendars, and sorting tips right on your phone. Not sure where something goes? Use the handy "What Goes Where" tool to find out instantly. Download it free from your app store and keep Muskoka clean and green, one bin at a time!



WHAT3WORDS

The What3Words app divides the world into 3-metre squares, each identified by a unique set of three words. It's a fast and precise way to share your exact location. Perfect for emergencies, trail adventures, or giving clear directions in rural areas. Download What3Words today to help emergency responders or friends find you quickly, anywhere in Georgian Bay.



GEORGIAN BAY ALERT

Be the first to know about emergencies and important community updates with Georgian Bay Alert, powered by Voyent Alert! This free notification system keeps you informed about road closures, fire bans, extreme weather, and other critical events in the Township. Receive alerts the way you prefer — by text, email, phone, or through the mobile app. Sign up today at gbtownship.ca/alerts and stay connected when it matters most.