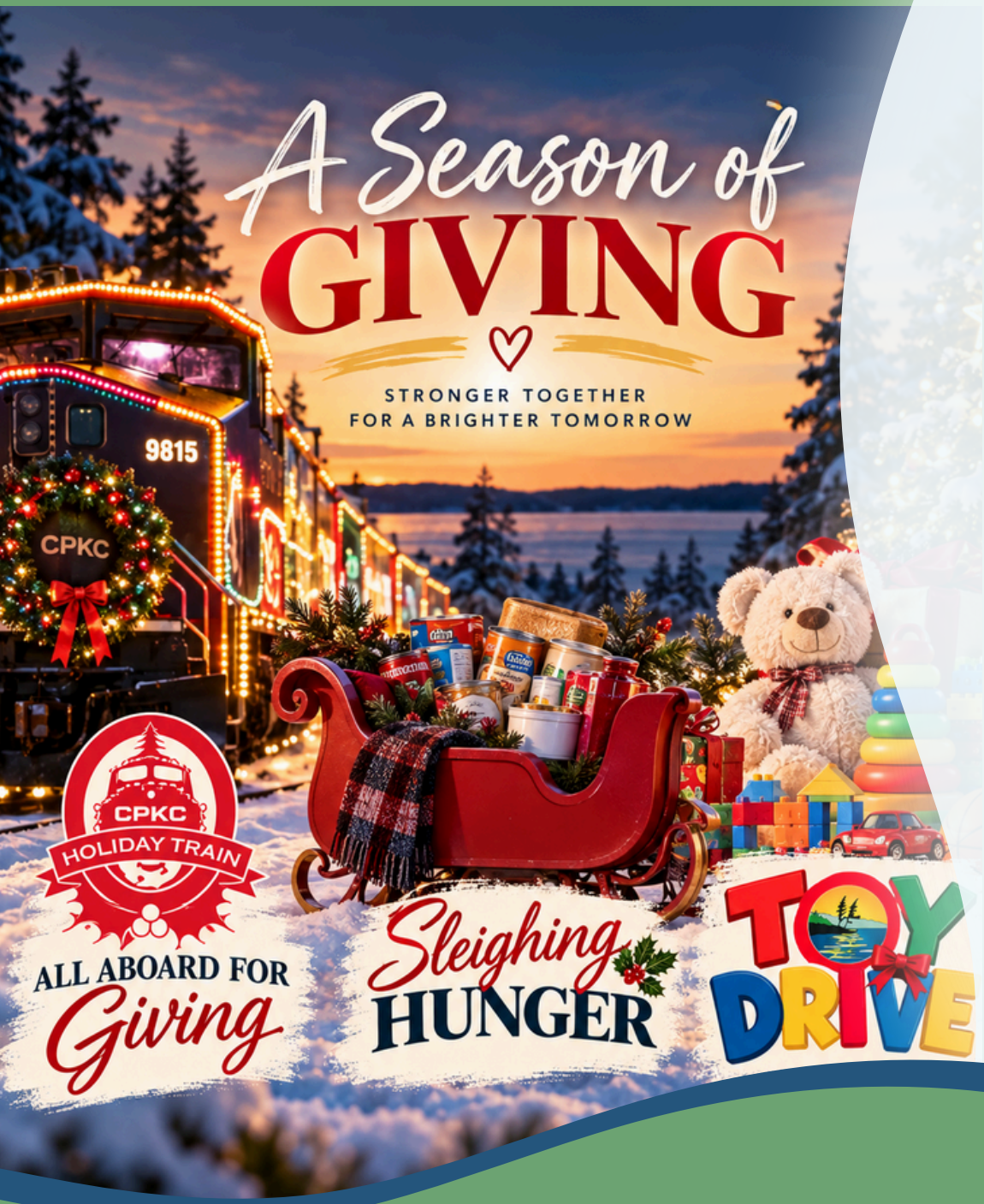
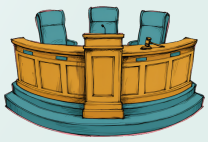
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Recreation Calendars



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COUNCIL DATES

NOVEMBER 2026



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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 clerks@gbtownship.ca.

SUBSCRIBE

You can Watch Council Meetings on YouTube.

Inaugural Meeting of Council
Monday, November 16 at 1:00 PM
In person attendees must have a formal invitation from the Township of Georgian Bay (limited occupancy)

Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee
Monday, November 23 at 3:00 PM

Council
Monday, December 7 at 9:00 AM

Planning Council
Tuesday, December 8 at 9:00 AM

Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, December 8, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Committee of Adjustment
Wednesday, December 11, 2026

Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee
Monday, December 14, 2026

Planning Council and Committee of Adjustment requests for remote participation are due the previous business day by 12:00 Noon to planning@gbtownship.ca

2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to all the elected and acclaimed Members of Council as they prepare to begin their four-year term in service to the Township of Georgian Bay. Thank you to all the candidates who put their name forward and ran a good, fair race. Running for public office takes courage, commitment, and a genuine desire to contribute to our community. Your participation sparked important conversations and encouraged people from across the Township to get involved.

Certified results are now available online at www.gbtownship.ca/election.



MEET YOUR COUNCIL

A new term brings fresh perspectives, new opportunities, and a continued commitment to our community!

Following the 2026 Municipal Election, we are pleased to introduce your Township of Georgian Bay Council for the 2026–2030 term.



Mayor

Peter Koetsier

With deep roots in Georgian Bay and a genuine passion for the community, Mayor Peter Koetsier continues to bring experience, dedication, and a strong sense of community to his leadership role as he is embarks on his third term as Mayor.

Peter's connection to Georgian Bay has shaped his appreciation for its natural beauty, unique communities, and the people who make it special. As Mayor, he believes in listening to residents, encouraging open communication, and working together to make thoughtful decisions that benefit the entire Township.

His priorities include responsible financial management, protecting the environment, supporting local communities, and balancing growth with the preservation of Georgian Bay's unique character. Peter understands the importance of representing both permanent and seasonal residents while ensuring the Township remains a welcoming place to live, work, and enjoy.

With a collaborative and approachable leadership style, Peter looks forward to continuing to work with Council, staff, and residents to build a strong and sustainable future for Georgian Bay.



District Councillor Ward 1 & 3

Laurie Russell

Elected to represent Wards 1 and 3 on both Georgian Bay Township Council and Muskoka District Council, District Councillor Laurie Russell brings a commitment to open communication, thoughtful decision-making, and ensuring residents have a strong voice at both levels of municipal government.

Her priorities focus on responsible management of taxpayer dollars, maintaining reliable municipal services, protecting Georgian Bay's natural environment and waterways, and supporting thoughtful community development. Councillor Russell recognizes the importance of balancing the needs of permanent and seasonal residents while preserving the unique character of Georgian Bay.

With a focus on listening, transparency, and collaboration, she is committed to advocating for community priorities and helping residents stay informed about decisions that affect them.

She looks forward to the next four years of working with council and residents, developing relationships and being the voice for the community.



District Councillor Ward 2 & 4

Rod Northey

A fifth-generation Cognashene cottager with more than 60 years of connection to Georgian Bay, Councillor-Elect Rod Northey brings a deep appreciation for the community, its natural environment, and the importance of protecting it for future generations.

With 35 years of experience specializing in environmental law, Rod brings extensive knowledge of municipal policy, environmental protection, and working with communities and Indigenous groups across Canada.

His priorities focus on protecting water quality, improving waste management services, supporting responsible development, and investing in essential infrastructure and economic development. Rod is particularly interested in advancing water quality initiatives, developing a new water quality bylaw, and contributing to the Township's Official Plan review to ensure policies reflect the needs of Georgian Bay's unique cottage communities.

With a focus on collaboration and practical solutions, Rod looks forward to working with residents, Indigenous partners, Township and District staff, and fellow Council members to address community priorities.



Councillor Ward 1

Steve Predko

Returning for his second term on Council, Councillor Steve Predko brings decades of connection to Georgian Bay, professional leadership experience, and a strong commitment to the communities he represents.

His priorities focus on maintaining roads and public infrastructure, improving essential services, supporting local businesses and recreation, and ensuring municipal decisions reflect community needs. Steve continues to advocate for improvements to waste collection, transportation, public safety, and responsible development.

With a longstanding connection to Go Home Lake and the surrounding communities, Steve believes effective representation begins with listening to residents, understanding their concerns, and following through with practical solutions.

He looks forward to continuing his work with residents, Township staff, and fellow Council members to build a stronger future for MacTier and Ward 1's inland lake communities.





Councillor Ward 2

Stephen Jarvis

Councillor Stephen Jarvis is a fourth-generation cottager in Cognashene, with deep family roots in the Georgian Bay community. For generations, his family has relied on the services and amenities of Honey Harbour, and their cottage continues to serve as a gathering place for extended family. He is passionate about preserving the natural beauty and unique character of Georgian Bay, ensuring future generations have the opportunity to enjoy all that the area has to offer.

Stephen has been actively involved in the community, having served on the Board of the Cognashene Cottagers Association and as President of the Georgian Bay Osprey Society. He has also served as Council Representative for the Georgian Bay Public Library and the Southeast Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce (SEGBAY).

With a degree in Business Administration, Stephen enjoyed a successful 31-year career specializing in sales and sales management before retiring in 2009. His commitment to community service extends beyond his professional career, including 31 years of volunteering as a Beaver Leader with Scouts Canada, along with involvement in numerous other organizations.

Stephen and his wife, Laura, have two adult sons and three grandchildren. His strong family connections and dedication to community continue to inspire his commitment to protecting and enhancing Georgian Bay for generations to come.



Councillor Ward 3

Kristian Graziano

Returning for a second term on Council, Ward 3's Councillor Kristian Graziano brings four years of experience, a strong commitment to the community, and a passion for ensuring residents' voices are heard.

Councillor Graziano’s priorities focus on investing in essential infrastructure and services, protecting Georgian Bay's natural environment and waterways, improving roads and connectivity, and supporting both seniors and young families. He believes meaningful representation starts with listening to residents, understanding their concerns, and taking action on the issues that matter most.

With a focus on collaboration, responsible growth, and strengthening community connections, he looks forward to continuing his work with residents, Township staff, and fellow Council members to build a stronger, more connected future for Ward 3 and the entire Township of Georgian Bay.



Councillor Ward 4

Darren Demera

With deep family roots in Honey Harbour spanning generations, Councillor Darren Demera is committed to serving his community with integrity, transparency, and respect.

His priorities focus on three key areas: representation, stewardship, and policy. Darren aims to ensure residents have a meaningful voice in municipal decisions, promote responsible spending of taxpayer dollars, and support practical, common-sense policies that reflect the needs of the community.

Passionate about the place he has always called home, Darren looks forward to working collaboratively to build a strong future for Ward 4 and the entire Township of Georgian Bay.



COMMITTEES

Apply to be a COMMITTEE MEMBER

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



Sustainable Community Advisory Group



Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee



Committee of Adjustment



Township of Georgian Bay Public Library Board

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

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



WINTER PARKING



NO PARKING ON MUNICIPAL ROADWAYS & CUL-DE-SACS

November 15 - April 1

Parking By-Law

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

REMINDER

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

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 $$$.

Seasonal Closures: Preparing for Winter

As the temperatures begin to drop and we prepare for another Georgian Bay winter, our Operations team will be busy getting our parks, docks, and boat launches ready for the season ahead.

Dock Removals & Boat Launch Closures

Beginning November 1, Township crews will start removing seasonal docks and closing municipal boat ramps for the winter.

Work will take place throughout the first two weeks of November, with all dock removals and boat ramp closures expected to be completed by November 15, 2026.

If you're planning one last trip out on the water, please keep these dates in mind and plan accordingly.

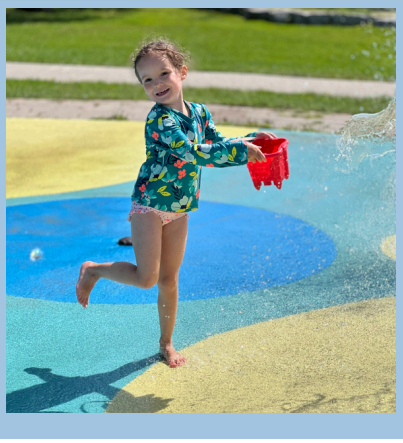
Playground Closures

All Township playgrounds will officially close for the season on November 1, 2026.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in respecting these seasonal closures as we prepare our outdoor recreational spaces for winter.

Thank You for a Wonderful Season!

From afternoons at the playground to beautiful days spent exploring Georgian Bay's waterways, we hope you've enjoyed everything our outdoor spaces have to offer this year. A big thank-you to our Operations team for their work maintaining these spaces throughout the season and preparing them for the winter months. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the spring!







Port Severn Programs and Events
Nov 2026 Calendar

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

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
2 Pickleball 10:30-12:30pm Yoga 5- 6 pm Kid and Youth Drop in Night 6-8pm	**3** Pickleball 10:30-12:30pm Beginner Pickleball 1-3pm After school Adventures- 3-5pm	**4** Early ON- 10am- 1pm Mahjong Meet up- 11:00 am Tech Help- 1-2:30pm Pickleball- 2:30-4:30 pm	**5** Euchre 2:00 - 4:00pm	**6** Pickle ball- 10- 12:30pm Mexican Train Dominoes- 10:30 am Little Adventures Story time- 10:30am	**7**
9 Pickle ball- 10am -12:30pm Yoga 5- 6 pm Kid and Youth Drop in Night 6-8pm	**10** Pickleball- 10:30-12:30pm Beginner Pickleball- 1-3pm	**11** Early ON- 10am- 1pm BCVG Luncheon 11-2pm Mexican Train Dominoes- 11:00 am Tech Help- 1-2:30pm Pickleball- 2:30-4:30 pm	**12** Vision Board Experience Workshop 10-4 pm	**13** Pickle ball- 10-12:30pm Chapter and Chats 10:30 am Little Adventures Story time- 10:30am Crafternoons: 1:30pm	**14** Popcorn Picks: Night at the Museum 1:00pm
16 Yoga 5- 6 pm Kid and Youth Drop in Night 6-8pm	**17** Pickleball 10:30-12:30pm Beginner Pickleball 1-3pm After school Adventures- 3-5pm Adult Program: 6:00pm	**18** Early ON- 10am- 1pm Mahjong Meet up- 11:00 am Tech Help- 1-2:30pm Pickleball 2:30-4:30 pm	**19** Euchre- 2:00 - 4:00pm	**20** Pickle ball- 10-12:30pm Little Adventures Story time- 10:30am Mahjong Meet up- 10:30 am	**21** Lego Club- 10:30 Mrs. Clause Story Time- 10:30 am Winter Wonderland Slime Workshop 11:30-12:30pm
23 Pickle ball- 10am -12:30pm Yoga 5- 6 pm	**24** Pickleball- 10:30-12:30pm Beginner Pickleball- 1-3pm After school Adventures- 3-5pm	**25** Early ON- 10am- 1pm Mexican Train Dominoes- 11:00 am Tech Help- 1-2:30pm Pickleball- 2:30-4:30 pm	**26** Senior Wise Program 10-2pm	**27** Little Adventures Story time- 10:30am	**28**
30 Pickle ball- 10am -12:30pm Yoga 5- 6 pm Kid and Youth Drop in Night 6-8pm	**31** Pickleball- 10:30-12:30pm Beginner Pickleball- 1-3pm				**31**

MacTier Programs and Events
Nov 2026 Calendar

Purple Events - Upstairs Arena Hall
Green Events- Arena Floor
Blue Events: Adult Programs MacTier Library
Orange Events: Children & Youth Program MacTier Library

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
2 Early ON- 10am- 1pm Public Skate- 3:00- 4:00 pm Public Skate- 4:30-5:20 pm	**3** Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Adult Crafters- 10- 12 pm Tech Help- 1-2:30 pm Stick and Puck- 4:30-5:45 pm	**4** Mexican Dominoes- 1:30 After school Adventures 3-5pm	**5** Public Skate- 4:00-5:00 pm Author Visit 6:30 pm	**6** Preschool Story Time- 10:30 am MacTier Book Club- 11:00am Public Skate- 7:00- 7:50 pm Stick and Puck- 8-8:50pm	**7** Lego Club 10:30 am
9 Early ON- 10am- 1pm Public Skate- 3:00- 4:00 pm Public Skate- 4:30-5:20 pm	**10** Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Adult Crafters- 10- 12 pm Tech Help- 1-2:30 pm Stick and Puck- 4:30-5:45 pm	**11** Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Mexican Dominoes- 1:30 Checkmate- Tween /Teen Chess Club 3-5pm	**12** Public Skate- 4:00-5:00 pm Youth Hang Time Night 4-7 pm	**13** Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Shuffleboard- 10:30-12:00pm Preschool Story Time- 10:30 am Public Skate- 7:00- 7:50 pm Stick and Puck- 8-8:50pm	**14** Popcorn Picks- Lego Batman Movie 1 pm
16 Early ON- 10am- 1pm Public Skate- 3:00- 4:00 pm Public Skate- 4:30-5:20 pm	**17** Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Adult Crafters- 10- 12pm Tech Help- 1- 2:30 pm Stick and Puck- 4:30-5:45 pm	**18** Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Mexican Dominoes- 1:30 After school Adventures 3-5pm Adult Program 6:30 pm	**19** Seniors Wise Program 10-2pm Public Skate- 4:00-5:00 pm	**20** Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Shuffleboard 10:30- 12:00pm Preschool Story Time- 10:30 am **FREE Public Skate- 7:00- 7:50 pm** Stick and Puck- 8-8:50pm	**21** Youth Chess Tournament 10-3pm
23 Early ON- 10am- 1pm Public Skate- 3:00- 4:00 pm Public Skate- 4:30-5:20 pm	**24** Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Adult Crafters- 10- 12 pm YMCA One on One Support- 10:00- 12:00pm Tech Help- 1- 2:30 pm Stick and Puck- 4:30-5:45 pm	**25** Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Mexican Dominoes 1:30- Checkmate- Tween /Teen Chess Club 3-5pm	**26** Public Skate- 4:00-5:00 pm	**27** Exercise with Gail- 9-10am Shuffleboard- 10:30-12:00pm Preschool Story Time- 10:30 am Friday Crafternoons 1:30pm Public Skate- 7:00- 7:50 pm Stick and Puck- 8-8:50pm	**28** Lions Club Games Dinner Visit with Santa 11:00 am
30 Early ON- 10am- 1pm Public Skate- 3:00- 4:00 pm Public Skate- 4:30-5:20 pm					

FAMILY ICE PROGRAMS

Township of Georgian Bay MUSKOKA

Free Public Skate

All Ages

Join for a Free Public Skate
sponsered by The District of Muskoka



Date: Friday November 20
Time: 7:00 p.m. -7:50 p.m.
Location: MacTier Memorial Arena
Cost: Free

Public Skate and Stick and Puck

All Ages

Lace up your skates and enjoy some time on the ice at our public skate! Helmets are strongly recommended for all participants. For Stick and Puck sessions, CSA-approved helmets and hockey gloves are required.

Monday	Tues	Thur	Fri
Public Skate 3-3:50 pm	Stick and Puck 4:30-5:20 pm	Public Skate 4:00- 4:50 pm	Public Skate 6:00-7:50 pm
Public Skate 4:30-5:20 pm			Stick and Puck 8:00-8:50 pm

Admissions		
Age Group	**Rec Pass (includes Tax) Purchase with debit or credit**	**Drop in Cash Fee**
Under 5	Free	Free
Children 6-14	1 child rec pass: $1.00	$1.00
Student 15-18	1 student rec pass: $2.26	$4.00
Adult 18+	1 rec adult pass: $3.39	$4.00
Senior 65+	1 senior rec pass: $2.26	$4.00

Township of Georgian Bay
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Children & Youth PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER– DECEMBER 2026

FREE PUBLIC SKATE



All Ages

Friday, November 20
7:00 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.

MacTier Memorial Arena

FREE!

Join for a Free Public Skate!

KID & YOUTH DROP-IN NIGHTS

All Ages Welcome

Mondays • November 2 – December 14
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Baxter Ward Community Centre

$1.00
drop-in fee per child or 1 Rec Pass

Games, activities, crafts, colouring, & more! Parents/ guardians welcome to join in or relax and socialize.

No registration required — Just drop in!

Supervision: An adult guardian must remain on-site.

MRS. CLAUS STORY TIME

Saturday, November 21
10:30 a.m.

FREE!

Baxter Community Center • Children's Library

Gather your little ones for a magical hour filled with enchanting **storytime** tales and festive fun **with Mrs. Claus!**



FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR RECREATION PROGRAMS:

www.gbtownship.ca/recreation

WINTER WONDERLAND SLIME WORKSHOP

Ages 5+

Saturday, November 21
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Baxter Ward Community Centre

$20 + HST

Step into a magical **Winter Wonderland** with a fun, snow-inspired slime-making workshop! Kids will create their own frosty, sparkling slime using icy colours, shimmering glitter, and wintery decorations.

Hosted by Alex from Tiny Fun Parties!

Register: Email rec@gbtownship.ca



BUILD A CHRISTMAS STUFFY

Ages 5+

Sunday, December 13
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Baxter Ward Community Centre

$40 + HST

Join Alex from Tiny Fun Parties and bring a Christmas stuffy to life! Each child will hand-stuff their very own plush friend to take home, then personalize it with a custom T-shirt and collar. A hands-on **workshop filled with creativity, imagination, and holiday cheer!**



Register: Email rec@gbtownship.ca

Recent Planning Amendments and Official Plan Review

Council of the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bay passed Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z26-06, being By-law 2026-078, on October 6, 2026, and enacted the by-law on October 8, 2026, pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act. The amendment implements permissions for additional residential units, refines source water protection regulations, and includes housekeeping amendments to correct typographical errors and improve the clarity of Zoning By-law 2014-75. The application was initiated by the Township of Georgian Bay and considered concurrently with Official Plan Amendment Application O26-02 (Official Plan Amendment No. 32). Please note that By-law No. 2026-078 will not come into force:

- Until the applicable appeal period has expired; and
- Until Official Plan Amendment No. 32, as adopted by Council through By-law No. 2026-077, has been approved by the District Municipality of Muskoka.

For additional information and to review the by-law, please see Planning Services Staff Report 2026-190. The Notice of Adoption O26-02 and Notice of Passing Z26-06 are also available.

The Township of Georgian Bay began its 2026-2028 Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review before the Province approved Bill-98. The Township is adjusting the review 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.

SCAN ME

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

Did You Know?

You can subscribe to receive Planning Notices directly from the Township website. Simply click Subscribe, select the items you'd like updates on, such as Planning Notices, and you're all set. You can unsubscribe at any time.

A SEASON OF GIVING

A Season of Giving: Together, We Make a Difference ❤️

The holiday season is approaching, and it's a wonderful reminder of just how special our Georgian Bay community really is. It's a time to come together, lend a helping hand, and make the season a little brighter for those around us.

This November, we're kicking off three of our favourite holiday traditions: Sleighing Hunger, All Aboard for Giving, and our Annual Toy Drive. Each campaign has one simple goal: to make sure our neighbours feel supported and cared for during the holidays.

Through Sleighing Hunger, in previous years, a generous local donor has offered to match donations up to $25,000, doubling the impact of every dollar raised for the Port Severn/Honey Harbour Food Bank. This campaign kicks off November 1 and ends December 31, 2026.

In MacTier, the CPKC Holiday Train rolls into town on November 30, bringing with it an estimated $7,000 donation. We're hoping our community can come together to match that generosity and make an even bigger difference.

While those amazing fundraisers are happening, staff will also be promoting the Annual Toy Drive! With more than 70 local children to support, every donated new toy, book, or gift helps bring a little extra magic to their holiday season. The final day for donations is Friday, December 11.

All three campaigns begin November 1, and there are plenty of ways to get involved. Donations can be dropped off at the Township Administration Office, MacTier Home Hardware, or any Georgian Bay Public Library branch. Financial donations can also be made online.







TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY

TOY DRIVE



Make a Child's Holiday Magical

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FROM NOW UNTIL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

DONATE NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS AND HELP MAKE THE HOLIDAYS SPECIAL FOR OVER 70 CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY.

TOP ITEMS NEEDED

- Toys and educational games
- Gift cards and clothing
- Art supplies, books, and sports items

DROP-OFF POINTS

Township of Georgian Bay MUSKOKA

Township Administration Office
99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn

MacTier Home Hardware

TOWNSHIP of GEORGIAN BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Georgian Bay Library Branches
MacTier, Honey Harbour & Port Severn

For more info **705-528-2437** or visit **www.gbtownship.ca**

ALL ABOARD FOR *Giving*



The CPKC Holiday Train brings $7,000! Let's show MacTier's heart can match it!

How you can help:

Donate non-perishable food at the Holiday Train event, or make a financial donation toward our $7,000 community match.
Encourage your business, club, or family to take part!
Every dollar donated doubles the impact, together, we can make this the brightest season yet in MacTier.

Event: CPKC Holiday Train
Date: Monday, November 30, 3:00 PM
Goal: $7,000 Community Match

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Sleighing Hunger

Make a difference this holiday season, Donate to the ***Port Severn / Honey Harbour Food Bank.***

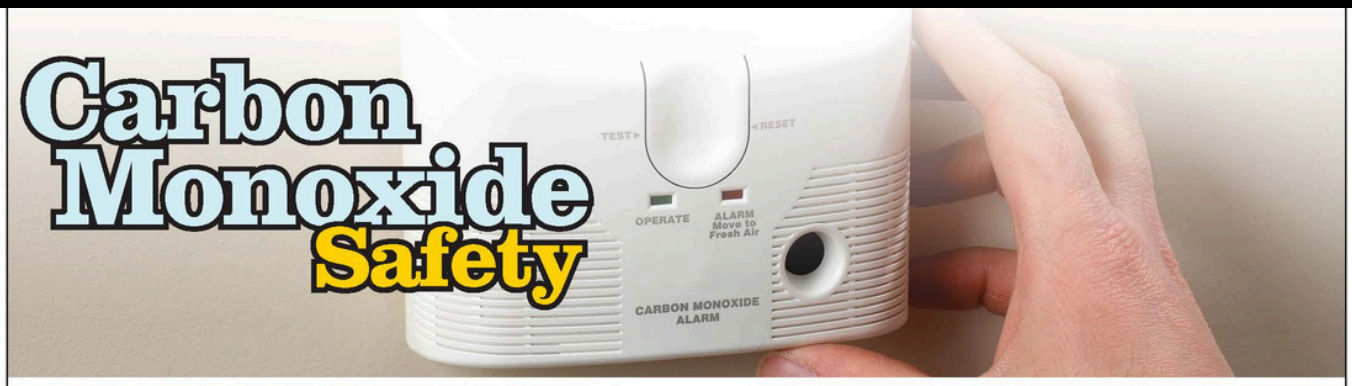
Donate online at gbtownship.ca
or by Cash or Cheque at the Municipal Administration Office, 99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn



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Closes December 31, 2026

Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.

NFPA
NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

GEORGIAN BAY FIRE SERVICE FIRE

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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.



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



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
November 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

TOWNSHIP of GEORGIAN BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

WISE MOBILE

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



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MacTier

MacTier Memorial Community Centre, 9 Haig St, MacTier

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026

10:00 - 10:30 AM	**Coffee / Tea Social**
10:30 - 11:00 AM	**Word Chains**
11:00 - 12:00 PM	**Holiday Linocut Cards**
12:00 - 1:00 PM	**Lunch: Beef Stew**
1:00 - 2:00 PM	**Neuroplasticity Talk - Neuro Motion Wellness**



Port Severn

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2026

10:00 - 10:30 AM	**Coffee / Tea Social**
10:30 - 11:00 AM	**Scattergories**
11:00 - 12:00 PM	**Smartphone Fraud Prevention & Safety**
12:00 - 1:00 PM	**Lunch: Beef Stew**
1:00 - 2:00 PM	**Aromatherapy Bracelet or Keychain**

SENIORS PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Registration Required One Week in Advance

705-645-2100 ext. 4199 seniorsprograms@muskoka.on.ca

muskoka.on.ca/seniors-programs



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Community Homelessness Survey

Muskoka's fourth homeless enumeration

November 18th, 2026

Are you experiencing homelessness?

Experiencing homelessness might look a little different from person to person and could include one or more of the following living situations:

- Living **unsheltered** (e.g., living outside, in vehicles, tents, or camps)
- Using **emergency shelters** (e.g., staying in temporary shelters or motels)
- **Hidden homeless** (e.g. staying with friends or family, couch surfing, etc.)
- Using **temporary accommodation** (e.g., staying in a hospital, or residential treatment, or correctional institution without having a home to go to when discharged)

As part of the Nationally Coordinated Point-in-Time Counts of Homelessness in Canada, the District of Muskoka is conducting a homelessness survey to better understand the needs of individuals and families facing homelessness in our community.

Scan the QR code below or visit www.muskoka.on.ca to learn more.

If you would like to take the survey but are not currently working with a community agency, please call our team - we can help.

Homelessness Programs and Services

705-645-2100 ext. 4404

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

Give a Gift That's Beary Good for the Planet!

Looking for a unique holiday gift that's practical, thoughtful, and a little beary special? This holiday season, consider giving a Bear Bin! It's a gift that keeps on giving by helping keep waste secure, reducing wildlife attractants, and protecting the beautiful environment we call home.

Support sustainability, protect wildlife, and give a gift that makes a difference!
Make your holiday giving a little greener this year. Purchase a Bear Bin and help keep Georgian Bay beautiful for generations to come!

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

DOWNLOAD

MUSKOKA WASTE APP

Get customized waste managment information right to your phone.

Download on the App Store

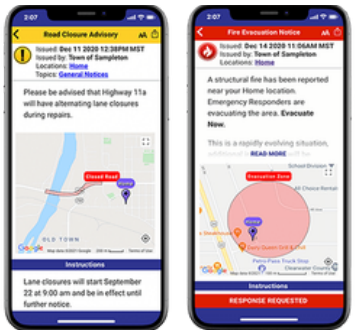
GET IT ON Google Play

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.

FOOD CYCLER



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.



ECO 5

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

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

1 Pack for Eco 3/5 S22.60 (HST included)

4 Pack for Eco 3/5 S67.80 (HST Included)

1Pack +Refillable cartridges for FC-30 S22.60 (HST Included)



ORDER NOW



Maple Dijon Sheet-Pan Chicken

Bring the comforting flavours of autumn to your dinner table with this easy, one-pan meal! Juicy chicken, colourful seasonal vegetables, and a delicious maple Dijon glaze make this the perfect dinner for a chilly evening. Best of all, cleanup is a breeze!

Serves: 4 | Prep: 15 minutes | Bake: 35-40 minutes

Ingredients

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken thighs (or chicken breasts)
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 3 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 cups brussel sprouts, halved
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Maple Dijon Glaze:

- ¼ cup pure maple syrup
- 2 tbsp Dijon Mustard
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar

LET'S MAKE IT!

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Prepare the vegetables. In a large bowl, toss sweet potatoes, carrots, and brussel sprouts with olive oil and salt and pepper. Spread evenly on the baking sheet.
3. Make the glaze. In a small bowl, whisk together the glaze ingredients.
4. Place the chicken thighs among the vegetables. Brush the chicken generously with the glaze and drizzle any remaining on the vegetables.
5. Roast for 35-40 min stirring halfway through, until the chicken reaches an internal temperature of 156*.
6. Let rest for 5 min and serve.

Simple ingredients, delicious flavours, and only one pan to wash!

GET PAID TO CHARGE AT HOME

lakeland EV CHARGING
Powered by SWTCH

A SMARTER WAY TO CHARGE

Lakeland EV Charging and SWTCH are helping homeowners turn everyday EV charging into everyday earnings. A $300 refundable deposit is required at registration and will be reimbursed after reaching a charging milestone of 1,500 kWh.

HOW IT WORKS

1. Scan the QR code or visit lakelandevcharging.ca to register and pay the deposit.
2. Receive your Level 2 EV charger.
3. Have a licenced electrician install your new EV charger.
4. Scan the QR code on your charger to download the SWTCH app and activate.
5. Plug in your EV and start earning $$$.

YOUR EARNINGS

1. Earn $0.03 per kWh for the first 1,500 kWh.
2. $300 deposit is fully refunded.
3. Earn $0.11 per kWh after 1,500 kWh.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Get paid when you charge at home.
- Easy monitoring & support.
- Support a smarter energy future.
- Enjoy convenient home charging.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Is installation included?** No. Participants are responsible for arranging and paying for any required electrical work and installation costs.
- **How do I get paid to charge at home?** Once you accumulate $100 worth of charging, a payment is issued via direct deposit to your bank account.
- **Why do I get paid?** By joining the program, you will start generating carbon credits for powering clean transportation (your EV) through Canada's Clean Fuel Regulations.

lakelandevcharging.ca