

RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

From: Delegations (MMA) <Delegations@ontario.ca>

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 8:59 AM

To: Town of The Blue Mountains

Subject: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2020 Delegation Form

Hello

Please be advised that the Municipal Delegation Request Form for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2020 Annual Conference is available online. Information about delegations and a link to the form are available here: <https://ontario.ca/page/2020-association-municipalities-ontario-conference> .The deadline to submit requests is **Friday June 26, 2020**.

Thank you

2020 Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference

Submit a request to meet with ministers and parliamentary assistants virtually at the AMO conference.

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Overview

The AMO conference is organized annually by the [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#). Municipalities across the province have an opportunity to discuss specific issues with provincial ministers and parliamentary assistants at the conference.

This year, the conference will be held virtually from August 17 to 19, 2020.

I look forward to hearing from municipal leaders during the AMO 2020 Conference to better understand how the Province can support municipalities during these unprecedented times and as we work together toward economic recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak.

Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Request a meeting

As a municipal delegate, you can request a virtual meeting with a minister or parliamentary assistant during the AMO conference. The deadline to submit your request is **June 30, 2020**.

Guidelines

- Do not submit the same issue to multiple ministries.
- Each form lets you request a meeting with up to three ministries. If you'd like to meet virtually with more than three ministries, submit a new form.
- Not all ministers and parliamentary assistants will be accepting delegations. Do not contact your MPP or individual ministers' offices to request a meeting.

[Request a virtual meeting](#)

After you submit your request

If you included your email address on the form before submitting it, you will receive a copy of your submission within one business day.

The respective ministries will contact you approximately **one week before the conference** to let you know if your request has been accepted. If your request is accepted, you'll be given a meeting time and details about accessing the virtual delegation meeting.

Contact

If you have questions or concerns about this form, contact Rhema Maharaj at [647-241-1456](tel:647-241-1456) or rhema.maharaj@ontario.ca.

AMO 2020 Delegation Request Form

Submit a request to meet with Ministers and Parliamentary Assistants at the 2020 AMO Conference.

Required

1. Enter the full name of your municipality

2. Full names and titles of municipal delegates

3. With the AMO Conference providing a digital experience for 2020, do participants from your municipality have bandwidth to support a full video enabled delegation meeting?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Some - Not all participants have bandwidth
- ☐ No - All participants will require alternate arrangements
- ☐ I don't know

4. Contact person: Choose a contact person who is knowledgeable about the issue(s) and is available to respond to ministry inquiries within one business day. Provide an alternate contact if this person will be on vacation.

Full name:

5.

Telephone number:

6.

Email address

7. If you would like to receive a copy of what you have submitted, please provide a valid email address. Note that the copy of your submission will be sent to this email address within one business day.

8. Select the minister you would like to meet with

Select your answer

9. Select your preferred date of the meeting:

- ☐ Monday August 17, 2020
- ☐ Tuesday August 18, 2020
- ☐ Wednesday August 19, 2020
- ☐ No preference

10. List your discussion issues related to this ministry (maximum three).

Issue 1

11.

Issue 2

12.

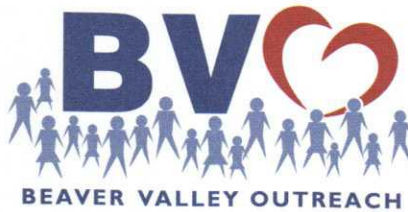
Issue 3

13. Provide background/context of the issue(s) you listed above:

14. Would you like to meet with a second minister?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Submit



PROCLAMATION WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

June 15, 2020

WHEREAS: Older Ontarians deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this province; and

WHEREAS: In 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS: 2020 marks the 15th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

WHEREAS: Elder Abuse Ontario and the Grey Bruce Seniors Safety Network recognize the importance of taking action to create social change to prevent and raise awareness to educate older adults of their rights; and

WHEREAS: Locally, thousands of seniors are at risk of being abused each year; and

WHEREAS: Ageism is a major cause of elder abuse in Ontario; and

WHEREAS: Preventing abuse of older adults will help improve their quality of life and allow older adults to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of Ontario; and

WHEREAS: Where there is respect there can be no abuse; therefore, residents of Town of Blue Mountains, Grey County, are urged to *Stop Abuse and Restore Respect*.

THEREFORE; I, Alar Soever, Mayor of Town of Blue Mountains, Ontario do hereby proclaim June 15, 2020 as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** in our community and encourage all of our residents to recognize and celebrate seniors and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of Ontario.

Dated on this day of _____, 2020 by _____

RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

May 21, 2020

Name: Cameron Bruce Hill

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Message:

I am writing regarding the Grants and Donations Committee's recommendation that Blue Mountains Curling be given \$1217.00. The curling group has been supported financially by the Town for the previous several years and is the only such group to receive money from the Town.

Hockey, figure skating, tai chi, pickle ball all use the Community Centre and pay their own way. In fact the curling group bumped us out of our Friday hockey and I now go to Collingwood for hockey on Friday. I do not see it in the best interest of all users of the Community Centre that favouritism has been given to one specific group and ask Council to eliminate the award of a donation to the Blue Mountains Curling. Like all other groups they should pay their own way.

Yours truly

Bruce Hill

May 25, 2020

To: The Council of The Town of the Blue Mountains

Dear Councillors,

As a follow up to conversations with staff members Shawn Carey (Director of Operations) and Shawn Everitt (CEO) from the Town of Blue Mountain please accept this request for immediate implementation:

1. The installation of 4 way stop signs at the intersection of Crosswinds Blvd., Snow Apple Cr. and Yellow Birch Cr.

Reasoning – Stop signs installed at this point will effectively limit the speed of vehicles entering and exiting the development and in the future, traffic which will transit the area via Crosswinds Blvd. This is also the site where school buses stop to pick up and drop off students so a 4 way stop at this point will provide a much-needed increase in safety.

2. The installation of “NO CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES” signs to be placed at the entrance to Crosswinds Blvd. and Hwy 19 and also at the point on Crosswinds Blvd. where construction vehicles can exit the construction site via Crosswinds Blvd.

Reasoning – This will remind construction vehicle drivers that Crosswinds Blvd. is not a construction access as per the original subdivision agreement. The use of this road by construction vehicles has posed a huge safety risk in the past to the school bus pickup/drop off area, created huge dust and debris issues along the road that has been assumed by the town. This will also allow the town to enforce and limit the construction vehicles to the prescribed construction access road which Passes through Phase 5 of the development.

On another related matter,

In addition, we would strongly suggest that future development of this area require that building be completed in the Phase 6 area before Phase 5 so that the construction access road (passing through Phase 5) can be maintained until development is completed. If Phase 5 is built out first there will be no construction access road for the 100+ homes to be built in Phase 6. It doesn't really make any sense to allow the builder to box themselves in in such a way that construction traffic will continue to disrupt the completed areas of the development.

Thanks for your consideration of these matters.

Scott Bamford on behalf of:

The Boards, GCECC 100, 109, 113

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June 4, 2020

Mayor Soever, Council, Attainable Housing Committee, Municipal Clerk Corrina Giles and Sustainability Committee

I intended to submit my concerns to the proposed attainable housing project on many occasions but have held back. What has triggered this correspondence is the fact that my concerns are by no means alone . The concerns range from location, ongoing costs and long term sustainability and the lack of public consultation throughout the process due to Covid 19.

Will council consider other options that have been recently presented to council? Will Council and staff engage in greater consideration for the public's opinion at large and enter into further public consultation processes using traditional and proposed new means since The Town Of The Blue Mountains taxpayers will be shouldering most of the financial burden .

Sincerely

Alex Maxwell

RECEIVEDV VIA EMAIL

From: Tom Kritsch [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 11:54 AM

To: Andrea Matrosovs, Jim Uram, Alar Soever, Peter Bordignon, Paula Hope, Rob Potter, Rob Sampson, Ryan R. Gibbons, Jennifer Moreau, Shawn Everitt

Cc: Corrina Giles

Subject: Municipal Staffing

Dear Mayor and Council,

Municipalities are facing unprecedented challenges these days. They are on the forefront of responding to the Covid-19 crisis by delivering services, communicating with residents and supporting local businesses. Unfortunately, there is also a dramatic curtailment of other municipal activities as well as a significant loss of revenue that has meant the majority of municipalities have had to take measures to reduce their operating costs. This has meant staff layoffs in many municipalities including those in adjacent and nearby municipalities. Below are links to a couple of examples in Meaford and Grey County.

Some municipalities have redeployed staff to long term Care facilities and some operational roles. However, in our municipality there are only a few such roles that need staffing. Bylaw enforcement does not need any of this superfluous staff. I think we can all agree that everyone in our community is doing an exceptional job at adhering to emergency regulations.

Significant layoffs of TBM staff must be considered. The private sector has been decimated and unemployment is soaring. Municipalities must share in the tough decisions we all face. The dramatic curtailment of municipal activities and the significant budgetary issues the town is now facing will be with us for some time to come. Laying off staff is never easy, but at least, in the short term, those who are will qualify for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit.

However, one area that should not be reduced is recreational services. As the provincial government eases restrictions and health experts urge people to get outside and exercise, we need to make sure that our recreational attractions are up and running for all to enjoy, including seasonal residents and eventually tourists.

To suggest, as some have, that our seasonal residents are not welcomed is a travesty. These people are an integral part of our community. Their taxes help pay for our schools and our infrastructure. They help to support to our local businesses, and they provide jobs for our local tradespeople. They are unquestionably one of our most important assets and to ostracize them will only create long term resentment.

The Town of the Blue Mountains needs leadership. Our council and staff must rise to the occasion and make difficult choices. We must make our own decisions to ensure the unique needs of our community are being met in the best way possible.

Grey County -

<https://www.collingwoodtoday.ca/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/grey-county-is-giving-90-staff-the-option-of-redeployment-or-layoff-2253171>

Meaford -

<https://www.themeafordindependent.ca/news/meaford-council-news/799911-revenue-shortfalls-staff-layoffs-council-updated-on-municipal-emergency-response>

Regards,

Tom Kritsch

MAYOR ALAR SOEVER – RESPONSE LETTER

VIA EMAIL

On Jun 4, 2020, at 6:07 PM, Alar Soever [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your e-mail of June 1st with regard to municipal staffing. Blue Mountains is indeed different from Meaford and Collingwood, in that we have a higher percentage of seasonal residents (49% versus 18% for Collingwood and 14% per Meaford, all based on census data based on percentage of homes occupied by usual residents) and also hosts 2.5 million visitors a year. Our economy is dependent on tourism and includes a range of sectors including our ever increasing agricultural based tourism and our historical recreational based tourism. These facts introduce complexity in our dealing with the current COVID crisis and the recovery phase which is now underway. This affects our staffing needs.

All of our staff have been working hard and have been fully occupied during this period of time. As an example we are the only municipality in Grey, Bruce and Simcoe counties, other than Wasaga Beach, which has met their 2019 Financial Information Reporting requirement. When the Pandemic hit we immediately transitioned to a skeleton staff working from the Town Hall, with proper social distancing in place and over 90 staff working remotely and some redeployment of staff to other areas within the town. As a result, we have had no refusals to work due to unsafe conditions, as has been the cases in some other municipalities. Operations of the Town have continued to function with a few modifications to address the current circumstances.

Some of the protocols we put in place, like the one person per vehicle rule, have impacted efficiencies, resulting in increased staff time to complete tasks, particularly in the roads and parks department. Additional work has been generated in the strategic opening and closing of Town lands to discourage gatherings, and an increased By-law department workload to deal with COVID related complaints. Last week by-law dealt with 17 Covid-19/Emergency Orders related complaints and continued active patrolling of closed facilities providing education to people who were not following Provincial Orders and advice. Town staff have also been working with the Recovery Task Force on a number of initiatives (see document attached) to prepare for a safe reopening (see attached document titled Commercial Business Adaptive Operations Standards & Tools). We are far ahead of other municipalities in many regards, but we have to be if we want to keep our community safe especially as we have a tourism based economy.

Staff continue to be fully engaged and have done a great job. We continue to monitor our staff complement and as noted above have reassigned some staff as needed, but with the additional workload that has been absorbed by our staff and the workload we see coming forward, we do not feel layoffs would be prudent. It is quite likely that additional staffing may actually be necessary to provide the safe environment our citizens deserve.

I agree with your comment that “To suggest, as some have, that our seasonal residents are not welcomed is a travesty.” To this end I have repeatedly made statements that our seasonal residents are part of our community and that we should all be held to the same standard, including bringing a resolution at Grey County. See links below for press coverage on that issue.

<https://www.collingwoodtoday.ca/the-blue-mountains-and-grey-highlands/its-not-us-vs-them-tbm-mayor-says-seasonal-residents-are-part-of-community-2374790>

<https://www.owensoundsuntimes.com/news/local-news/grey-county-seeking-to-heal-division-between-permanent-seasonal-residents>

Once again thank you for your concerns. I hope I have been able to answer them. If you have any further concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

“Alar Soever”

Mayor – Town of The Blue Mountains



Dear Mayor Soever & Council,

You are making an impact.

Your gift is providing care and support to palliative patients and their families throughout South Georgian Bay – both at Campbell House and in the community – for today and into the future.

In this new age of the coronavirus, the Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation (HGTF) needs your help to make that impact more than ever. Now that Campbell House has all ten beds in operation, and the effects of coronavirus are being felt in our community, thank you for choosing to be a part of the Hospice Georgian Triangle family. Thank you for your donation of \$3,000.00 to the HGTF. Your acknowledgement receipt may be found at the bottom of this letter.

As John F. Kennedy said, "a rising tide lifts all boats". With your gift you are lifting up our friends and neighbours when they need it most.
We are most grateful.

With warmest regards and appreciation,

*Thank you
so much!*

Trish Rawn
Interim Executive Director
Hospice Georgian Triangle

Janet Fairbridge
Foundation Director
The Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation

Acknowledgement Receipt

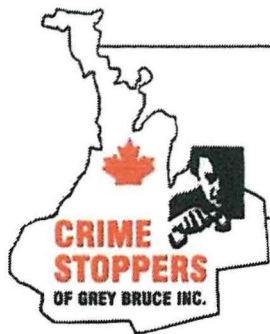
Donation Summary:

Date: 27/05/2020
Received: \$3,000.00

The Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation
240 Erie Street
Collingwood, ON L9Y 0X8
fairbridgej@hospicegeorgiantriangle.com

Town of The Blue Mountains

P.O. Box 310, 32 Mill Street
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0



Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc.



P.O. Box 1119, Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 6K6

Tel: 519-371-6078 **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)** Fax: 519-371-1275

Email: crimestopgb@bmts.com

Website: www.crimestoppersgb.ca

May 26, 2020

The Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310
Thornbury ON N0H 2P0
Attention: Mr. Peter Bordignon,
Grants and Donations Committee Chair

Dear Mr. Bordignon and Council;

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce, I express our sincere gratitude to The Blue Mountains for its 2020 contribution in the amount of \$1,000. Through your generous financial support you have become part of the solution to crime in Grey and Bruce counties.

Crime Stoppers is a volunteer program that collaborates with the public, media, and police to solve crimes and help ensure the safety of our communities. Crime Stoppers is a non-profit, charitable organization that relies on the financial support of municipalities such as yours, especially in these challenging times.

2020 marks the 33rd year of operations for Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce. We use many progressive approaches to encourage tip submissions from the public via our secure Web Tips service at www.cstip.ca, our P3 Tips mobile app, and our 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) Tips Line.

We are confident that with your municipality's support we will continue to have a positive impact on community life in Grey and Bruce.

Sincerely,



Peter Reid
Chairperson
Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc.

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce **Statistics Since Inception May 1987**

Tip Reports	15,898
Arrests	1,684
Cases Cleared	2,678
Property Recovered	\$4,071,294.00
Narcotics Recovered	\$49,540,064.00
Rewards Approved	\$274,960.00

Scandinave Spa Blue Mountain
152 Grey Road 21
Blue Mountains, ON L9Y 0K8

Date: June 8, 2020

To: To Whom it May Concern/Mayor/Clerk

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the South Georgian Bay Tourism Recovery & Resiliency Development Plan

I am writing this letter of support for South Georgian Bay Tourism, who has developed a recovery & resiliency plan to support the local tourism businesses.

The Tourism & Hospitality Sector has been one of the hardest hit by COVID-19, beginning March 13th, which was Ontario March Break a time that usually brings in some of the best business of the year.

My business, Scandinave Spa Blue Mountain, suspended operations on March 16th (11 weeks ago). We have a staff over 40 people and over 55 Registered Massage Therapists who all have been greatly affected by the pandemic. We have applied for some of the financial relief benefits provided by various levels of government. This has helped but the long-term financial impact to our business and the tourism region is difficult to predict.

We need all partners in the region to collaborate and work together to get through these uncertain times. Businesses need help understanding the health & safety regulations and we need to develop new business plans and practices to re-open, train our staff and adapt to a new normal of operating. It is important for the region to recognize tourism as a key driver of our economy and support a collective approach.

As a member of the South Georgian Bay Tourism Association, we rely on Melissa and her team for education related to municipal, county, provincial and federal opportunities, guidelines and support programs available to the tourism sector and other local businesses. South Georgian Bay Tourism has strong ties to local business, regional tourism organizations and partners with the 5 surrounding municipalities. This is an organization we trust.

This is a time we ask the Town of Blue Mountains and surrounding municipalities to come to the assistance of their tax paying tourism and hospitality businesses. Please give serious consideration to the funding request the South Georgian Bay Tourism has put forth. The \$7000/municipality request, a total of \$35,000 when aggregated across all the regional member municipalities, as well as additional contributions from Regional Tourism Organization 7 (funded by the province), will get us back to business!

Best Regards,



Mylisa Henderson
Co-Owner/Director of Marketing & Sales

RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

From: **Steven Schofield** [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, Jun 11, 2020 at 9:29 PM

Subject: RE: Lobsterfest update

To: Rob Sampson; Riverside Press, Linda Wykes

Cc: Peter Bordignon ; Caroline Seemann; Bruce Paterson; George Matamoros; Rick Offord ; Colin Clarke

Rotary has agreed to participate with the TBM Donations and Grant Committee and the TBM Library to organize a Lobsterfest at Tomahawk on July 25 2020 with net proceeds split evenly between the 3 participating groups.

Rotary will supply:

- 300 chairs
- 30 8 ft that seat 10 persons per table
- Rotary will supply as many canopies as they can to cover the tables and chairs (we have yet to do an inventory of how many we have)
- These will be supplied at 50% of Rotary's list price as published on their website
- Rotary will collect all monies from ticket sales, sponsorship etc and pay expenses and provide accounting to all parties.
- Rotary will get the appropriate LCBO license for the event and man the bar.
- Rotary will set up on-line ticket sales facility on its website and issue tickets and tax receipts.
- Rotary will set up an online auction facility on its website

TBM Donation and Grants Committee and TBM Library will:

- set the menu,
- ticket pricing
- seating logistics and Drive through logistics
- solicit sponsorship
- solicit silent auction items, photo the items (send photos to Rotary to put on the web) and handle delivery/pickup of winning bids
- Marketing
- Entertainment
- Parking and traffic control
- Obtain sanctioning for the event from the local health authority

RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

From: Jamie Morrison [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 11:48 PM
To: Council & Clerk <councilandclerk@thebluemountains.ca>
Subject: Contact Form from Jamie Morrison

Message:

I just read the town's plan to charge \$10 per hour and \$50 per day for parking at the beaches. If this is taking place, the town needs to have a parking pass available for purchase for locals that don't live in Blue Mtns as this pricing is ridiculous.

We take our kids to the pier and beach many days every year, we buy groceries and go to get ice cream up the street. Our kids go to BVCS, as did I in the 80s. The fact that we live 30' from the Blue Mtns side of the road shouldn't make us have to pay \$50 per day to park at the beach. \$10 per day would be reasonable.

I operate my own business mostly working in Blue Mtns, my wife works at the Meaford Hospital and we volunteer and donate a lot in the community. Please rethink this decision.

Thanks,
Jamie

RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

From: John Kutcy [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 7:58 AM
To: Alar Soever [REDACTED]; council <council@thebluemountains.ca>; Corrina Giles <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Thank You

Hello Mayor and Council Members,

Re: Staff Report PDS.20.44

On behalf of the residents in Monterra Estates, thank you for your support at last week's Committee of the Whole meeting and the decision to vote against the new application submitted by David Rose. We hope that decision will be finalized by a similar outcome at next week's council meeting.

John Kutcy

President, Monterra Estates Property Owners Association