



On Nov. 19, we hosted the Gravenhurst Community Awards at the Gravenhurst Opera House. Congratulations to everyone honoured at the event. For more information, see our Facebook page or visit Gravenhurst.ca.

What's On!



2026 Shows
Book your tickets now!

MAR **12** Opera House 125
Community Celebration

MAR **13** Crash Test Dummies

MAR **14** Chantal Kreviazuk
& Raine Maida

MAY **01** Dreamer: Supertramp
Tribute

MAY **02** Great Canadian
Comedy Caravan Tour

Recreation Programs

The Town of Gravenhurst is home to a wide range of recreation programs & workshops for all ages.

- Baking
- Cooking
- Dodgeball
- Gymnastics
- STEM for Kids
- AND MORE!

Get moving, learn new skills & meet new people. Visit the website to REGISTER NOW for programs starting in January.

Gravenhurst.ca/Recreation



HOLIDAY SKATING

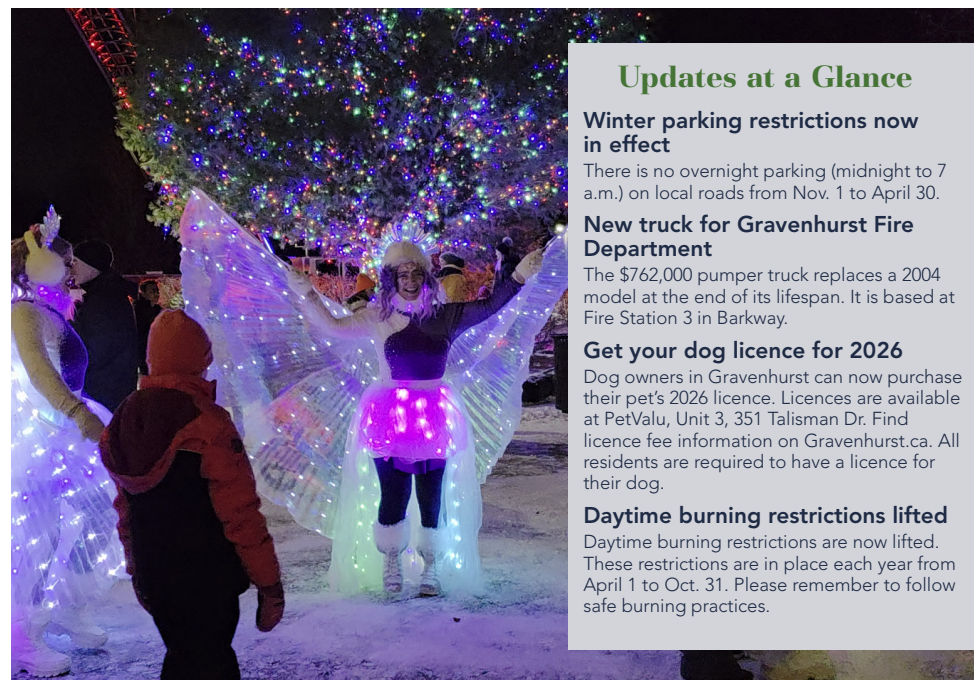
Glide through the holidays with public skating! Visit the website for all the details.

Graeme Murray Arena
101 Centennial Dr
Gravenhurst.ca/Skating

The Gravenhurst CONNECTION

The Town of Gravenhurst Quarterly Newsletter

December 2025



Updates at a Glance

Winter parking restrictions now in effect

There is no overnight parking (midnight to 7 a.m.) on local roads from Nov. 1 to April 30.

New truck for Gravenhurst Fire Department

The \$762,000 pumper truck replaces a 2004 model at the end of its lifespan. It is based at Fire Station 3 in Barkway.

Get your dog licence for 2026

Dog owners in Gravenhurst can now purchase their pet's 2026 licence. Licences are available at PetValu, Unit 3, 351 Talisman Dr. Find licence fee information on Gravenhurst.ca. All residents are required to have a licence for their dog.

Daytime burning restrictions lifted

Daytime burning restrictions are now lifted. These restrictions are in place each year from April 1 to Oct. 31. Please remember to follow safe burning practices.

Message from the Mayor

On behalf of council and staff, I want to extend our best to everyone in the community this holiday season. This is a special time of year and I hope each one of you finds a way to celebrate.

Our latest newsletter includes a variety of information we hope you find useful. Remember, you can visit Gravenhurst.ca at any time to get the latest news from us.

In closing, please have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Heidi Lorenz,
Mayor



Gravenhurst Opera House celebrating 125th anniversary in 2026



The Gravenhurst Opera House is turning 125 years old in March 2026 and the Town of Gravenhurst has three days of performances lined up to celebrate.

"The opera house is a cherished part of the vibrant arts and entertainment scene in our community, and we look forward to marking this special year with everyone who loves this historic downtown building," Mayor Heidi Lorenz said.

To kick things off, the town is hosting a community celebration on Thursday, March 12, 2026. A free show will start at 7:30 p.m., featuring Miranda Mullholland, Bet Smith and the Currie Brothers, Rhonda Way, Autumn Smith, Grant Tingey and Family, Peaches, Gravenhurst Bi-Focals Concert Band, Sonny Boy Mick, and more.

On Friday, March 13, 2026, the fun continues with the three-time Grammy nominated and Juno award-winning Crash Test Dummies, starting at 7:30 p.m.

And on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., drop by Heritage Square in front of the opera house for a community market, featuring local vendors and food.

Later, starting at 7:30 p.m., catch Chantal and Raine on stage at the opera house. Four-time Juno Award-winner Raine Maida – frontman with Our Lady Peace – and three-time Juno Award-winner Chantal Kreviazuk promise a powerful and memorable show.

For ticket information, visit Gravenhurst.ca/OperaHouse125



Council Highlights

SEPTEMBER: New elevator for Gravenhurst Opera House

Council approved awarding a contract to the lowest compliant bidder Hytrac Elevator Co. Ltd. at a cost of \$288,210.92. Work started in December and will take 10 weeks.

OCTOBER: Meeting recordings will be kept in perpetuity

Council adopted a new policy that will see meeting recordings kept permanently on the town's YouTube channel to improve transparency. Previously, recordings were kept for 12 months.

NOVEMBER: Council endorses new asset management plan

The plan outlines the financial steps the town should take to ensure municipal assets such as roads, sidewalks, facilities, and vehicles, are maintained and, when required, replaced.



You can watch Council meetings on our YouTube channel at Gravenhurst.ca/Livestream

Stay in touch with us!

Visit our website for more Council highlights and all your Town of Gravenhurst updates.



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