



In July, council and members of the Lions Club gathered to officially unveil the Rainbow Bridge Pet Memorial at Muskoka Wharf. The public can purchase tags in remembrance of their fluffy, feathered, furry or fishy friends. Tags are \$50 to purchase, and more information is available through Gravenhurst Lions or scan the QR code at the bridge. All proceeds go to the Lions Club and their incredible community projects.

What's On!



OCT 02 Bruce McCulloch of Kids in the Hall

OCT 03 Forever Seger SOLD OUT!

OCT 06 Fine Films Gravenhurst presents tuner

OCT 17 The Bomb: A Retro '80s Live Experience

OCT 22 Dan Hill & Andy Kim In Story & Song

OCT 24 Grace, 2 Hip Tribute SOLD OUT!

Recreation Programs & Events

We've got programs and workshops for every age and interest!

Adult Cooking Classes
Workshops
Line Dancing
Indoor Cornhole League
Youth Cooking
Gymnastics
Art, Music & STEM for Kids
NEW: Geocaching
And more!



THINGS TO SEE & DO!

Public Skating
\$2/Person at the Graeme Murray Arena
Check Gravenhurst.ca/Events for the complete schedule

Halloween Fun
Let the Spirits Rise & The Spook Spot!
October 31

Light up the Wharf
November 28

Gravenhurst Winter Carnival
February 12-14, 2027

RECREATION FOR ALL

NEW: Free Access to Youth & Adult Programs for Eligible Low-Income Individuals & Households
For details & eligibility visit Gravenhurst.ca/Recreation



The Gravenhurst CONNECTION

The Town of Gravenhurst Quarterly Newsletter

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Updates at a Glance

Official Plan review survey open

The public can now participate in a survey regarding the Town of Gravenhurst's Official Plan review. The survey is available at EngageGravenhurst.ca.

Gravenhurst cameras are rolling

We are reminding the public that municipal surveillance cameras are operational at various sites in the community. The town uses cameras to deter criminal activity. Recorded footage helps police identify suspects.

Electronic device causes fire

An electronic device not approved for use in Canada caused a fire at a short-term rental in Gravenhurst recently, resulting in a hand injury to one person. The public is reminded to only use approved devices.

Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the autumn edition of The Gravenhurst Connection. I hope that everyone in our community enjoyed the summer. There has certainly been no shortage of things to do.

Our latest newsletter contains an array of information that we hope you find useful.

Please note that you can find town information at any time on our website at Gravenhurst.ca and on our social media channels.

Take care and talk again soon.

Heidi Lorenz, Mayor.



New heritage panels at Muskoka Wharf



Council representatives and Municipal Heritage Committee members were on hand for the unveiling of new heritage panels on Aug. 28.

The Town of Gravenhurst is proud to announce that a series of eight heritage-themed panels are now on display at the iconic Muskoka Wharf.

"These panels tell the story of the wharf through written word, historic photographs, and contemporary pictures," Mayor Heidi Lorenz said. "The result is an engaging and thoughtful look at a beautiful and important part of our community."

Spearheaded by the Municipal Heritage Committee, each panel explores a different aspect of the wharf's rich history. Boat building, lumber mills, the railway, and the steamship

era are among the themes that people will learn about. The town has placed the panels strategically along the boardwalk at the wharf. People can enjoy them while out for a walk, attending a community event, or checking out local businesses.

Bethune Memorial House 50th anniversary



On August 29, Mayor Heidi Lorenz and fellow council members attended the 50th anniversary of Bethune Memorial House National Historic Site in Gravenhurst. Operated by the Government of Canada, the site commemorates the birthplace and legacy of Dr. Norman Bethune.

New interpretive panel celebrates James McCabe's legacy



Earlier in the summer, the Town of Gravenhurst installed a new interpretive panel at the parkette at 755 Muskoka Rd S.

This double-sided panel pays tribute to the contributions of James "Mickey" McCabe and his wife, Letitia. It also includes details about the first church in Gravenhurst, which was built on land donated by the McCabe family.

Photo: The Freemason's Arms, operated by James & Letitia McCabe



Council Highlights

JUNE: Council awards tender for road and drainage project

The North Kawshe Lake Road Rehabilitation and Drainage Project was awarded to the lowest compliant bidder, Fowler Construction Company Ltd., at a cost of \$1,443,970.49, excluding HST.

JULY: Council recognizes GHS Bursary recipient for 2026

Noah Rousom is this year's recipient of the Gravenhurst High School (GHS) Bursary. Each year, the town provides \$2,000 to a graduating GHS student to help offset the costs of post-secondary education.

AUGUST: Mid-year financial update

Council received the Mid-Year Financial Update Report for information. Overall, the report shows the town remains in good financial shape.



You can watch Council meetings on our YouTube channel at [Gravenhurst.ca/Livestream](https://www.gravenhurst.ca/Livestream)

Stay in touch with us!

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



GRAVENHURST
VOTES

MUNICIPAL
ELECTION
Q&A

ARE YOU ON THE LIST TO VOTE?

Head to the election website to check: Gravenhurst.ca/Vote

WHO IS RUNNING?

A List of Candidates is available on the website along with submitted profiles.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Visit with staff at the Voter Help Centre at Town Hall (3-5 Pineridge Gate) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 4 pm or visit the website anytime!

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