

# ***Teeswater Community Calendar***

## ***November 2021 (152nd Edition)***

THANK YOU

After 13 years of promoting the Teeswater and surrounding area with our Community Calendar, we are faced with new challenges with which we have had to make a hard decision going forward. In that respect, December 2021 will be the last issue of the "Teeswater Community Calendar". Phyllis and I would like to offer our assistance to anyone who has an interest in pursuing a similar endeavour.

Thank you to everyone for their dedication, donations and help in getting the information for each month. We'd also like to thank the Teeswater Printcraft for their service in the printing of the calendar.

Lisa Pennington and Phyllis Ireland

## **Teeswater Curling Club**



### **Curling Rocks!**

Looking for a great winter sport that the **whole family** can play? Curling is growing in popularity and could be your chance to be more active through the winter months. The Teeswater Curling Club is welcoming anyone that might be interested in curling to join the club. People of all ages can enjoy this great game. Last season had some hiccups due to the pandemic but we were able to

have a great season anyway. With the required protocols in place the club will again be open for action this winter. There are various curling leagues available and you do not need to have any experience whatsoever to join. Contact James Elphick (519-889-1621) for details or if you want to curl with us this winter. Curling leagues begin in mid-November. Check out our website for directions and more information at [teeswatercurlingclub.com](http://teeswatercurlingclub.com).

## **Teeswater Agricultural Society**

Teeswater Agriculture Society/South Bruce Fire Rescue 2022 Cash Calendars Wall Size - \$20.00  
Total Prize Money - \$5,000.00 – 62 draws in total  
Early Bird Draw – Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
Excellent Birthday, Anniversary and Christmas Gifts!

Proceeds for Community Projects  
Available at Boomers Cosy Restaurant and from some Firefighters and Agri-Society Members

## **Hillcrest Central School**



Photo: Amanda Frape-Inglis (SCC Chair), Stephanie Bouchard (Principal), Rick (Independent RC Canada) and Pat (Independent RC Canada)

Independent RC Canada attended Hillcrest Central School on Friday, October 2, 2021 to provide a donation for our breakfast program. Thank you to Independent RC Canada and all donators for their generous donation to our Breakfast Program at Hillcrest Central School. A special thank you to Huron Bay Co-operative Inc. Teeswater Branch for their contribution.

## Five Star Quilters Guild

President: Bev Berndt

Everyone is invited to the 5 Star Quilt Guild meeting on November 24, 2021 at 9:30 am at the Teeswater Complex. We will be having block of month, show and tell and a demonstration how to choose different borders for panels. A speaker has been invited to our meeting. Protocol will be followed with masking and hand washing. Everyone will need to show verification of 2nd vaccine (2 weeks after 2nd vaccine) and ID to Security and complete sign in sheets for public health. The guest fee for the day is \$5. Our first in person meeting in September went well. It was wonderful to see everyone and all their specular creations over COVID times. You can reach the guild with any questions at [5starquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:5starquiltguild@gmail.com).

### Did You Know .....by Ron Hill

My little story this month will focus on the Rideau Canal. This canal is the oldest continuously run canal in North America. It was built between 1826 and 1832 and goes from Kingston on Lake Ontario to Ottawa on the Ottawa River. This canal is about 125 miles long and makes use of the Cataraqui River, Rideau Lake and the Rideau River. To join these bodies of water into a canal system it took about 12 miles of manmade canals and locks.

The reason for building the canal was to provide a safe supply route between Kingston on Lake Ontario and Montreal on the St. Lawrence River. As you remember, the War of 1812 had just been fought between the U.S.A. and Canada (then British Colonies). Travel via the St. Lawrence would become dangerous if problems arose.

The Duke of Wellington who had commanded the British Army that had defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo, had advocated in 1819 that a Rideau Canal system should be built as a defence system for Canada. So it was that in 1826 the go-ahead approval was given and the canal was started.

Control for building the canal was under the direction of Lt. Colonel John By of the Royal Engineers. But it was hundreds of local tradesmen, smiths, masons, carpenters, etc. who did the work. In addition to these, thousands of Irish immigrants and French Canadians were used to dig the dirt, chop down the trees, move stones, etc. All work was done by hand with the help of oxen and horses. It is written that many workers contracted malaria and died.

In addition to the canal dug by hand, about 50 dams were necessary to control the water levels at

rapids on the rivers. They needed 46 locks as well to raise the boats about 270 ft. between Ottawa and Lake Ontario. Most of the locks are still operated by hand using the same mechanisms that were used to operate the locks in 1832.

The exact number of workers that died is unavailable. But with worker camps that contained women and children that total number through sickness and accidents could be between 800 to 1000 people over the six year span.

The headquarters for Colonel By's camps were set up at the mouth of the Rideau River where it joined the Ottawa. It became known as Bytown. In 1855 the name Bytown was changed to Ottawa and in 1857, I believe (or thereabouts), Queen Victoria selected it as the capital of Upper and Lower Canada (Ontario and Quebec).

Since the War of 1812-15, no military concerns have occurred between Canada and the U.S.A. So, the Rideau Canal was never used for defence purposes, but it played a vital role in the development of Canada. Since the canal was easier to navigate than the St. Lawrence River, it saw a lot of commercial use as the trade route. Thousands of immigrants also used the canal as a route to head westward as they come to settle in Canada.

Today, the Rideau Canal is a great tourist attraction. It is the only canal in North America dating from the canal building era that remains operational as it was originally built. It is designated a National Historic Site of Canada. In winter, the Ottawa section of the canal can become the largest skating area in the world sometimes.

In 2012, the Government of Canada cut the budget of the Rideau Canal by 20%. It is our hope that government will not lose sight of the fact how important the canal is in Canada's history.

## Teeswater Culross Horticultural Society

Teeswater Culross Horticulture in-person meeting in Sept 2021 went well with all Protocol in effect. Thank-you to Colleen for her slide show on her travels and all the beautiful flowers.

The Executive is President Bev Berndt, 1st Vice Ruth Price, need 2nd Vice! Secretary Cathy Kirk, Treasurer Rosemary Benninger, Past President Colleen Moran. Society Directors are Pat Townsend, Barb Zettler, Sharon McDonald (AI) and Linda Ruetz.

This is the time for our Annual dues which are \$10.00 for the year. Please feel free to contact any

of the above names if you are unable to come to the meeting. We are hoping to do door to door this year. We need our membership to be above 50 to get our grants.

Teeswater Culross Horticulture Society meeting will be held at Teeswater Town Hall on Nov. 8, 2021 at 7 pm. All Public Health protocol will be in effect including masks and hand wash. Security will check ID and confirmation of 2nd Vaccine. Agenda will include plans for the upcoming new year.

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[rbberndt@wightman.ca](mailto:rbberndt@wightman.ca)

## Teeswater Lawn Bowling Club

Contact: Rosemary Benninger

Did you know that it rained every Tuesday in the month of September 2021? Well, it did, so no lawn bowling was able to take place. The season was short but at least we had a few fun games during this difficult pandemic year. So, with the daylight hours decreasing and leaves falling onto the bowling greens, it was decided to end the season of 2021 in October. Thanks to all those who came out. Thanks to Bob T. for all his work, it was appreciated. Let's look for a better year in 2022. Meanwhile, get vaccinated, wear a mask, practise safe distancing and follow Public Health rules thereby protecting yourself and others. Looking forward to seeing everyone next spring.

## Red Hat Ladies - T's H2O Lilies



"Queen" Lorraine Riley  
519-392-6088

November 2021 - another month and the Red Hat Ladies are continuing their social distancing and staying safe, thus no meeting. In the past, the month of November meeting often brought another thought - *Remembrance Day*. As this is a group of ladies 50 years and older, *Remembrance Day* does have significance to this group. Most can relate personally in some way to the importance of

*Remembrance Day*. Today's youth often cannot relate to this but thanks to school programming, *Remembrance Day* is talked about and noted. Today's youth are going to remember a Covid-19 pandemic time. Yes, lives are being lost but not like our soldiers who fought to bring the freedom we have today to get a vaccine and be safe. So this November, don't forget about *Remembrance Day - Lest We Forget*.

## Teeswater & Salem United Church

Contact for a minister: 519-392-6815  
Contact for church hall bookings: 519-392-6489

Everyone welcome  
Starting regular Sunday services at Teeswater and Salem  
All services at 10:00 am

## Teeswater United Church Women

Contact: Sharon A. McDonald

*"And they who for their country die, shall fill an honoured grave, for glory lights the soldiers tomb, and beauty weeps the brave."*  
Joseph Rodman Drake



It is November. October has passed with its Thanksgiving activities. Our hope is that everyone was able to enjoy some kind of Thanksgiving time with family or friends safely. Coming next will be December Christmas activities. But in November it is a time to remember - **Remembrance Day**.

Churches that are having services will acknowledge this day and remember. Our prayers are that everyone remembers and is thankful for this country we live in. *"Silence now the soldiers sleep, their tales long laid to rest, I knew them not yet still I weep and place a poppy o'er my breast"* from the poem *"In Gratitude of Silence by Debbie Halick*.

The Teeswater UCW held a meeting in the month of October following Public Health regulations. Decisions were made as to how to carry on for the coming months. We want to remain safe and pray that the Covid-19 restrictions will lift soon.

Reminder that Sunday church services are now alternating again between Teeswater United Church and Salem United Church. November services will be at Teeswater United Church and December services will be at Salem United Church. Church time is 10:00am.

Blessings to all. Stay safe.

## **Sacred Heart Church, Teeswater**

Fr. Paul Edmondstone  
Parish Office 392-6935  
Email: [pedmondstone@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:pedmondstone@hamiltondiocese.com)  
Facebook Page: Immaculate Conception Church

## **Sacred Heart CWL News**

"October is a Marian Month, honouring our Blessed Mother Mary.

Our CWL ladies are leading the Rosary for the last three Sundays in October before the 9 am Mass. We will begin at 8:40 am and the parishioners are invited to join in.

In the next newsletter, we will have the details for our Christmas Lawn Sign Project. These can be ordered at a low cost and will be ready by mid-November in preparation for the Advent Season. Our league feels this would be a great way to remind us that "Jesus is the Reason for the Christmas Season" and what better way than to put a sign on your lawn.

## **Immaculate Conception, Formosa**

Fr. Paul Edmondstone  
Parish Office 367-5341  
Email: [pedmondstone@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:pedmondstone@hamiltondiocese.com)  
Facebook Page: Immaculate Conception Church  
<https://formosaparish.ca>

## **Knox Presbyterian Church**

Minister Rev. Owen Kim @ 519-507-9876  
Contact: Wanda Inglis @ 519-392-8768

## **Kinlough Presbyterian Church**

Minister: Rev. Owen Kim 519-507-9876  
Contact: Bruce Bushell 519-395-3472

## **McIntosh & Mildmay United Churches**

Plan to have in-person worship  
Sundays at 10 am. over the coming weeks,  
with all precautions in place,  
at Mildmay United during November.

Details can be confirmed by calling  
Dave Mawhinney 519-392-6710 or  
Deanne Dickson 519-418-9748.

## **Belmore Presbyterian Church**

Contacts: Rev. Carel Grundlingh 226-222-0051  
[carel.grundlingh@gmail.com](mailto:carel.grundlingh@gmail.com)

Rev. Larry Skinner 519-492-0081  
[larryskinner@cyq.net](mailto:larryskinner@cyq.net)

Abe Versteeg 519-327-8578

## **Belmore Community Events**

Contact phone numbers:  
Belmore News - Kim Harris: 519-327-8063 or  
519-889-0326 email: [belmorerentals@gmail.com](mailto:belmorerentals@gmail.com)  
Hall/Meeting Room (Kim) ...519-327-8063  
Curling ..... 519-335-3360

## **BELMORE ICE RENTALS**

For bookings of the ice surface contact Rose and  
Warren Weber at 519-881-7651(cell),  
519-392-8215 (home), or by email  
at [belmorearena@gmail.com](mailto:belmorearena@gmail.com)

## **Info on Community Organizations and Meeting Places - FORMOSA**

*The pandemic is still hanging around with numbers of Covid cases higher in Ontario than we would like. Students are back at school and they and everyone are encouraged to please help out by observing the Covid rules, wear your mask correctly, keep your distance, and wash your hands and DO, if you are able, get your vaccines. .. Joan M. Borho*

### **Formosa Immaculate Conception Parish**..

Weekend Masses – 7 pm. Saturday and 11 am.  
Sunday. Covid rules apply.

Parish Office 519-367-5341; website  
[www.formosaparish.ca](http://www.formosaparish.ca);

Email [pedmondstone@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:pedmondstone@hamiltondiocese.com)

Facebook Page Immaculate Conception Church;  
Pastor – Rev. Fr. Paul Edmondstone

**Formosa Catholic Women's League** .. The Formosa Catholic Women's League has their meeting every first Tuesday of the month from September to December and from March until June. Father says Mass for the living and deceased members of the league at 7 pm. at the church, and our meeting follows directly after at the Formosa Hall. First in person CWL meeting since Covid is Tues. Nov. 2, 2021. We will keep you updated about future meetings regarding any Covid restrictions. We warmly welcome new members. If interested in joining or coming to a meeting to learn more, please contact:  
President Marlene Voisin 519-367-2634 or fmvoisin@wightman.ca

**Formosa District Lions Club** .. Chairpersons Lions Hank Soers and Trish Borho announced the Oct. 17 Drive-thru Formosa Turkey Supper was not only a booming success but most delicious to boot. Lion Joan reported the 2021 Formosa Craft Show has been cancelled because of the fourth wave of Covid and because of reduced capacity at the hall. Do watch for upcoming events or changes to events, in the Community Calendar and the newspapers. CEO and President of Howick Mutual Insurance Co. presented a \$2,500.00 cheque donation to Formosa Park Chair Lion Bill Borho to be used toward renovations and upkeep of the Formosa Lions Parks. Thanks a bunch Howick Mutual Insurance Co., The Lions and the whole community are most grateful.  
President Jim Batte 519-392-8282 or jbatte@wightman.ca

**Formosa Lions Park** .. To book the beautiful Park check out the Lions web-site: [www.formosalions.ca](http://www.formosalions.ca)  
The Lions Park has 25 trailer spots with water and hydro. The 40 ft. x 80 ft. pavilion is great for family gatherings and weddings. There is also a kitchen and bar area and a separate building with washrooms. Detailed rental prices and availability are included on the web-site.  
For more info contact Peter Evans 519-367-3492 or peter@formosalions.ca

**Formosa Swans** .. This new Formosa Club meets every first Monday of the month at the Formosa Hall – Covid restrictions permitting. The ladies are continuing the making of Fruity Moist Christmas Cake and Gumdrop Cake. It is available from any member or at the Formosa TNT Grocery Store. Thanks Tracy for your great community support.  
President Mary Nichols – 519-367-2785 or mnichols0803@gmail.com

**St. Joseph's Aid Society** ..  
President Jason Wagg: Secretary Earl Spitzig

**Pickleball in Formosa** .. takes place in the upstairs of the Formosa Community Centre. Our schedule is the same as before. Anyone can play who is 14 years of age and older.  
We play on: Tuesday mornings from 9 am. – 11 am., Thursday nights from 7 pm. - 9 pm. and Sunday mornings from 10:30 am. - 12:30 pm. All are welcome.  
Check the South Bruce Pickleball schedule for any cancellations or for information call ..  
Contact person Kathy Benninger - 519-367-2722.

**Formosa Country Christmas** .. (FCC) Mark your calendar. The best Christmas show in southern Grey and Bruce Counties will take place in Formosa beginning each evening at 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 2 to Sunday, December 5. This drive-thru family event will feature displays with thousands of lights throughout the village and the chain-saw carved, larger than life Nativity Scene and the breathtaking North Pole. FCC volunteers have been busy making all kinds of new decorations and have in fact built a beautiful new shed for storage at the Park. Anyone interested in lending a hand to get ready for this Christmas event, or anyone who is available to help out during the event do give Carl a phone call or an email. Do visit their Facebook and Instagram pages to keep an eye on what is happening.  
FCC chair Carl Zettel – 519-367-5686 or [cmzettel@wightman.ca](mailto:cmzettel@wightman.ca)

**Formosa Library** .. The Formosa Library is open 6 days a week from Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday and Holidays. The Library has adult and children's books, puzzles, games, movies, CD'S and DVD's available. Donations of any of those used items are most welcome. There is no charge - just enjoy. Covid rules in effect, must sign in, wear a mask and social distance.  
Contact person Shirley Kuntz – 519-367-5969 or Kuntzide@wightman.ca

**Formosa Community Centre** .. The Hall can now be booked for events, with 50% capacity in attendance. Covid rules will apply with masking, distancing and handwashing in effect. If covid restrictions change, those changes will be in effect. Do check that out when booking the Hall.  
Contact person for booking Hall Sherryl Wilson 519-901-0013 or fcc@southbruce.ca

**Formosa Homecoming**... Formosians will be "coming back to their roots" in 2022. Souvenirs are now available at the Homecoming Souvenir Store located in the Formosa Post Office building. As hours are not set in stone yet give Shirley Kuntz 519-367-5969 to see what hours they are open. For more Homecoming information check out their web-site [www.formosahomecoming.com](http://www.formosahomecoming.com) or have a look at their Facebook page or email [Formosa.homecoming@gmail.com](mailto:Formosa.homecoming@gmail.com). Chair Tim Borho 519-392-6052 or [ttborho@wightman.ca](mailto:ttborho@wightman.ca)

## Walkerton Knights of Columbus

Bingo - Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25 - 7:00 pm.  
Dec. 2, 9, 26 - 7:00 pm.

## Crokinole for Alzheimers Tournament

Saturday, September 25 a successful "Crokinole for Alzheimers" Tournament was held at the Teeswater Town Hall. There were 27 participants all of whom were double vaccinated and came from Strathroy, Kitchener, Waterloo, Goderich, Owen Sound, Penetang, Tara and surrounding area. The afternoon went quickly with lots of good competition. Our players ages varied from 14 - 85. The crokinole skills also varied from World Champs to first time crokinole tournament players. The overall winner of the day was the Grey/Bruce and Huron County Alzheimer Societies. With the proceeds of the day and numerous donors the tournament raised over \$7,000.00. The success of the afternoon was greatly due to a generous donation which covered the expenses of the day from Amos Albrecht owner of North Star Carpentry from Elmwood. Our top shooter for the day was Robert Bonnett from Wingham, Andrew Hutchinson from Kitchener was second and third place went to Roger Vaillancourt of Penetang. Following play everyone enjoyed subs and ice-cream. Sufficient door prizes had been donated to allow everyone present to take something home. Julie Johnstone, Executive Director from the Grey/Bruce Alzheimer Society and Marsha Taylor, In-Home Recreation Coordinator from Huron County Alzheimer Society assisted with the door prize distribution.



Pictured: Roger Vaillancourt, (Penetang) playing Jeff McKeen, (Strathroy) next two tables the players on the left are Peter Carter (Teeswater) and Janet Diebel (Mildmay) with their oppositions on the right hidden.



Pictured: Cody Carter (youngest player) (Hanover) playing Gertie Zimmerman (Hanover) next two tables the left players are hidden on the right side of the board is George Ribey (oldest player) (Tiverton) and Cathy Kuepfer (Tara)

## Foodgrains Bank Fundraiser

Come out and enjoy a meal of Hot sausage and Kraut on a bun along with vegetable and dessert on Friday October 29 at the Walkerton K of C Hall on Hwy 9. Take out will be served from 4 to 6 pm and DINE-IN at the hall will be served from 5 to 6:30 pm. Our first since Covid! Take out tickets are \$15 and DINE-IN tickets with beverages and a KC cash bar are \$20. 50/50 tickets are available also for \$2 with your name and phone number.

Donations to Jubilee Acres to Help End Hunger can also be given, or sent to Jubilee Acres, PO Box 1403 Walkerton N0G 2V0. Tax receipts are given and Government Matching is still in place. Twenty dollars become \$100 of aid to End Hunger. Tickets are available at Browns Guardian and Holst Office Supply in Walkerton or by calling Steve at 901-0988, Len at 881-3456, Wayne 881-3342, Gerald at 367, Peter at 392-8115 or Carl at 367-5686. Covid vaccination guidelines will be in place to help keep everyone healthy.

As before Covid the contact is Bryan Huber 519-881-0757 for Hall Rental or Peter Carter 519-392-8115 for details of upcoming events.



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**PUBLIC SKATING PUNCH CARDS**

10 Pass punch card is \$20.00 taxes included

**Locations to purchase**

- Mildmay Carrick Recreation Complex
- Teeswater Culross Community Centre
- Online at [www.southbruce.ca](http://www.southbruce.ca)
- Municipal Administration Office

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**Willingness Study results presented to Community Liaison Committee**



*Pictured: GHD consultants leading a live workshop with South Bruce residents in August.*

**SOUTH BRUCE, ON** – Following several months of extensive consultation, a summary of the South Bruce community’s feedback on *how* to measure willingness to host the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) Project which would store used nuclear fuel was presented to the Community Liaison Committee (CLC).

Katrina McCullough, Community Engagement Specialist with GHD Limited – the consultant that led the Study independent of the NWMO – addressed the CLC members and the public Thursday evening.

McCullough discussed the various methods that the community participated, including virtual and in-person workshops, an online survey, workbooks, telephone calls, and more. A total of 230 individuals participated in the process through one or more of the engagement activities.

Participants had a range of ideas on how willingness could be measured, with the majority preferring a public referendum as fair, anonymous and clear.

The timing of the referendum and whether it should be the only indicator of South Bruce’s willingness to host the Project were also discussed as important factors. Some participants expressed concerns specific to a public referendum including low voter turnout, voters not being adequately informed, and the potential to cause deeper division in the community.

Several other themes emerged through these discussions as well, such as the need clear and accessible information regarding the process and studies related to the Project to make an informed decision. The community also stressed that broad participation and engagement is critical, and that trust and transparency are paramount. In September, GHD shared the draft report with the community. Study participants had the opportunity to ensure that their input was included and to provide any feedback.

In early November, the final report, which will reflect comments raised during the report back period, will be presented to South Bruce Council for their review. Following that, Council will consider what the community expressed and decide on a defined process for determining willingness.

The next CLC Meeting will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Those who would like to receive notice of the monthly meetings can do so by joining the mailing list at <https://forms.southbruce.ca/Stay-Connected>.

**For more information:**

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*South Bruce is one of two remaining communities that the Nuclear Waste Management Organization is considering for the site of a deep geological repository for Canada's used nuclear fuel, a Centre of Expertise and many supporting facilities. The Municipality of South Bruce is working towards an informed decision for the community through the South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Project team, the Community Liaison Committee, and independent reviews to determine if the site is safe for people and the environment, offers positive benefits and if the community is willing to host the site.*

## **Municipality of South Bruce adopts Strategic, Economic Development Plans**

SOUTH BRUCE, ON – South Bruce Council adopted both a new Corporate Strategic Plan, and an Economic Development Strategy Update for the Municipality at a recent Council Meeting.

The Corporate Strategic Plan is designed to be a guide for Council and staff in the next several years (2021-2025). The plan lays out key goals, such as fostering a favourable business environment, attracting investors and residents, and promoting environmentally sustainable practices throughout the community, among others.

The development of the Plan was made possible through engagement activities with residents, businesses, service groups, Municipal staff, and Council members through the spring of 2021. Participants had the opportunity to share their thoughts on the strengths and weaknesses in the Municipality, in order to provide a clear path on next steps and improvements.

In a message to the public, Mayor Robert Buckle stated that the Corporate Strategic Plan “presents us with great opportunities and concrete actions to undertake in the next few years.”

“I look forward to working together to continue to improve how we operate, offer services, and advance common interests for the betterment of all

the communities that make up our Municipality,” he added.

Similarly, the Economic Development Strategy Update was also prepared earlier this year with valuable input from the community.

The Update highlights three Strategic Objectives for economic development, which are Foundations & Follow-Through, Agri-Business Reboot, and Village Revival. Each of these Objectives is detailed with additional priorities and actions.

The Executive Summary notes that the Update was prepared factoring in “normal community growth, not including the ongoing NWMO Project.”

Separate economic development studies and planning will be done next year which will consider the potential impact of the Project if it is ultimately sited in South Bruce.

Both the Corporate Strategic Plan and the Economic Development Strategy Update were prepared by MDB Insight, the Canadian consulting company which was retained by the Municipality for the development of the previous Strategic and Economic Development Plans.

**For more information:**

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## **Teeswater Medical Centre Development Steering Committee provides key updates**

SOUTH BRUCE, ON – The Teeswater Medical Centre Development Steering Committee has been working for nearly two years to bring the vision of a new, fully accessible and modern medical centre to the community of Teeswater. Some excellent progress has been made in recent months, and the Committee is proud to have purchased, with the support of Council, a facility that will be renovated into the new medical centre, as well as the adjacent land for parking or further development.

The committee has undertaken extensive research and reviewed of a number of aspects of the operation of a medical centre, including the layout and design; the required equipment; potential opportunities for public-private partnerships; and the most effective methods for operating and providing oversight of the facility and its operations. The following is an overview of the current status of the project.

### **Building Acquisition and Renovation**

The properties at 26 and 28 Clinton Street South have been purchased by the Municipality, on behalf of the Committee. Preliminary drawings have been completed for renovations of the former Studio 410



building to include 2 doctor's offices and exam rooms, pharmacy, a reception area, staff washroom and lunchroom, rental offices and elevator for basement floor access.

### **Business Model**

An important part of the operation of the medical clinic is the business model that will define how the facility is operated. The Business Model Subcommittee has spent considerable time researching other clinics and systems in order to be able to recommend a community-based, cost-effective system.

Based on their research, the Subcommittee is recommending the medical clinic follow a not-for-profit management structure for the facility to ensure that it operates without taxpayer funding for operating expenses. The Committee and the Municipality are presently seeking legal opinion on the proposed not-for-profit structure.

### **Fundraising**

The project is now entering a very important phase, which is the capital funding campaign. To date, the Committee has been fortunate to have the support of the Wingham and District Hospital Foundation, who have generously provided the services of their Executive Director, Nicole Duquette, to guide and lead the discussions around fundraising. Nicole conducted a feasibility study to determine the ability of the community to support the project and it's proposed capital budget of just over one million dollars. Thanks to her work and leadership, the Committee feels confident that the capital campaign fundraising goal can be reached. In the very near future, the Fundraising Subcommittee will be moving forward with a formal capital fundraising campaign.

After many months of meetings with constructive and informative discussions, the Committee looks forward to moving into the next stages of fundraising, renovating, and establishing the management structure for the facility, with the support of Council and the community.

**For more information:** Andrea Creeden, [andreacreeden@gmail.com](mailto:andreacreeden@gmail.com) Teeswater Medical Centre Development Steering Committee



Budgets are one of the toughest things for a Municipality as there are multiple considerations. Each year Council undergoes an annual budget process to create budgets that support Municipal operations to deliver the programs and services required to maintain the quality of life we enjoy in our community. We want to know what you consider to be your top priorities for the 2022 municipal budget. Please take 5 minutes to complete an anonymous survey at: <https://southbruceswitchboard.ca/>



### **Municipality of South Bruce recognizes National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

*Pictured: The Every Child Matters flag is flown at half-mast at the Teeswater Cenotaph to acknowledge National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*

SOUTH BRUCE, ON – The Municipality of South Bruce joins with Canadians across the country in marking Orange Shirt Day and the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

“Today, we acknowledge the past and present wrongdoings towards Indigenous Canadians, particularly through the residential school system. On behalf of Council and staff I encourage all South Bruce residents to take time to learn from history, and commit to putting Reconciliation into action in

our community, today and on a regular basis,” said Mayor Robert Buckle.

The Municipality has taken steps to acknowledge and recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, by lowering flags to half-mast on municipal flag poles and encouraging staff to wear orange shirts to honour the survivors of the residential school system and raise awareness about this tragic chapter in history.

Furthermore, the Municipality has and will continue to take actions to promote education, respect and understanding among staff, Council and the community as part of the process of reconciliation. Council recently adopted a Land Acknowledgement to be offered at the beginning of Council and Committee meetings, to recognize that the Municipality lies within the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, and encourage respect for and awareness of Indigenous people.

As well, Council directed staff to find opportunities for Reconciliation training that would be made available to all in the community, building on Cultural Awareness training that Council, Community Liaison Committee, and staff members received a couple of years ago.

“We hope that these actions will help our staff, Council and community members continue on the important journey towards reconciliation with Indigenous Communities,” said CAO/Clerk Leanne Martin.

“The Municipality will continue to reflect on, and seek guidance on ways we can genuinely do our part to deepen our understanding and put reconciliation into action,” added Martin.

The Municipality recognizes that this day may be particularly difficult for survivors of the residential school system and the families of those who’s lives were lost, and notes that support is available 24 hours a day through the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line, at 1-866-925-4419.

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## **Howick**

Huron County Cruisers, along with Santa, invite you to our 2<sup>nd</sup> “LIGHT UP YOUR NIGHT IN HOWICK Drive Through to View Christmas Parade”, Friday evening, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the Howick Community Centre, 6:30 p.m. - ? Organizations – Businesses – Families are invited to enter a stationary float or display. Email [feldskov@wightman.ca](mailto:feldskov@wightman.ca) or phone Marion Feldskov 519-335-3269 to make an entry in the displays. Everyone welcome to drive through to view.

Spectators must remain in their vehicle. Santa will be on hand to wave to the children. We look forward to seeing you there!