

# Welcome to the supportive community of:

# The Township of Georgian Bluffs

Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership works to fill critical gaps in the local labour force by welcoming newcomers to the region.



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### **Your First Call**

### **Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services for Newcomers**

Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services is here to support you in settling, integrating, and calling Grey / Bruce counties your new home.

This program offers free services to eligible newcomers in a central place to help you feel more connected to your new community. This is made possible through the many resources and partnerships with other local service agencies.



Connect with us today!

Settlement Services phone number: 519-371-9222

Email: settlement@osgb.ymca.ca



# **Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services**

We can help, support, and assist clients with:

- Free eligible Language classes (LINC)
- Interpretation and translation services
- Citizenship Test Preparation classes and Application Review
- Banking
- Employment
- Applying for government documents
- Housing support
- Childcare support
- Transportation support
- Workplace Integration Assistance

\*Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services is a collaboration between YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce and Welcoming Communities Grey Bruce.



# 2-1-1: Help and Information

211 is a helpline that can direct you to many helpful services including translation services, English as a second language courses, employment programs, and more.



Phone (multiple languages) or Text (English): 211

Email: 211info@communityconnection.ca

Website: <a href="https://www.newcomersbrucegrey.ca">www.newcomersbrucegrey.ca</a>

## **Municipal Contact Information**

If you have questions about your new community of Georgian Bluffs, use the contact information below to get answers to your questions.



**Municipal Office Phone Number: 519-376-2729** 

Municipal Email: info@georgianbluffs.ca

Municipal Website: www.georgianbluffs.ca

### **Townhall Address and Office Hours**

**Municipal Office** 

177964 Grey Road 18, R.R. #3,

Owen Sound, ON N4K 5N5

**Office Hours** 

Monday – Friday

9:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.

### Health

If you need medical help, you can visit the closest hospital, make an appointment with a nurse practitioner, or visit your family doctor. The Canadian Mental Health Association Grey Bruce (CMHA Grey Bruce) provides a variety of mental health and addiction services.

If you need help finding a family doctor, please contact **Grey Bruce Settlement** and Language Services (p. 3).

## Hospital



Hospital Name: Grey Bruce Health Services, Owen Sound

**Hospital Phone Number:** 1-519-376-2121

Hospital Address: 1800 8th St. East, Owen Sound, ON N4K 6M9

## Hospital



**Hospital Name:** Grey Bruce Health Services, Wiarton

**Hospital Phone Number: 1-519-534-1260** 

Hospital Address: 390 Mary Street, Wiarton, ON NOH 2TO

## Hospital



**Hospital Name:** South Bruce Grey Health Centre, Chesley

**Hospital Phone Number:** 1-519-363-2340

Hospital Address: 39-2nd St. SE, Chesley, ON NOG 1L0

### **Nurse Practitioner**



**Nurse Practitioner Phone Number: 519-470-3030** 

Nurse Practitioner Address: 1415 1st Ave W, Suite 2000,

Owen Sound, ON N4K 4K8

## **Doctor's Office**



Name: Owen Sound Family Health Team

**Doctor's Office Phone Number:** 519-470-3030

Doctor's Office Address: 1415 1st Ave W, Suite 2000, Owen

Sound, ON N4K 4K8

### **Walk-in Clinics**



Name: Virtual Urgent Care (a virtual visit with a physician)

www.gbhs.on.ca/virtual-urgent-care

Name: Bay Street Clinic

**Phone Number:** 519-376-4865

Walk-in Clinic Address: 960 3rd Ave E, Owen Sound ON N4K

2K9

Walk-in Clinic Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

## **Mental Health and Addiction Services**



**Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Grey Bruce** 

**Phone Number:** (519) 371-3642 or 1-888-451-2642

Website: greybruce.cmha.ca



# **Transportation**

Transportation options for your municipality are listed below. To find out what transportation services are available and if you are eligible for transportation supports, please contact **Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services (p. 3).** 

## **Public Transportation Options**

The community of Georgian Bluffs has transportation services including Grey Transit Route, and several taxi companies operating nearby.

## **Taxi / Cab / Transportation Companies**



Bayshore Taxi, Owen Sound | Phone number: 519-371-5555

Website: www.bayshoretaxi.com

The Crabby Cabbie, Wiarton | Phone number: 519-477-5950

Discount Taxi, Owen Sound | Phone number: 519-371-6000



## **County Transportation: Grey Transit Route**

Need to get around parts of Grey, Bruce, or Dufferin counties? The Grey Transit Route has you covered. Connected, comfortable, and affordable. The Grey't Way to Travel!

Reserved your seat in advance, either CALL or BOOK ONLINE.



**GTR Phone Number: 226-910-1001** 

GTR Online Booking: www.grey.ca/gtr

### **Grey Transit Route Phone Line Hours**

**Monday to Sunday** 

**Statutory Holidays** 

GTR Phone Line – OPEN

GTR Phone Line - CLOSED

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **Grey Transit Route Fares / Payment Option**



### Payment can be made ONLINE by:

- Credit Card
- Debit Credit Card
- Ticket/Coupon Code

### Payment can be made over the PHONE by:

- Credit Card
- Debit Credit Card
- Ticket/Coupon Code
- Exact Cash

### **Schools and Childcare**

Schools in Grey and Bruce counties are primarily public or catholic and belong to the Bluewater District School Board, the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board, or the Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence. Some schools provide before and after school childcare. Visit their website for more information (see below).

### Bluewater District School Board



#### **Central Office Address:**

Bluewater District School Board Education Centre P.O. Box 190, 351 1st Avenue North Chesley, Ontario NOG 1L0

**General phone number:** (519) 363-2014

Email: info@bwdsb.on.ca

Website: <a href="https://www.bwdsb.on.ca/">https://www.bwdsb.on.ca/</a>

## **Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board**



### **Catholic Education Centre:**

Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board 799 16th Ave. Hanover, ON N4N 3A1

**General phone number:** (519) 364-5820

Email: bruce grey@bgcdsb.org

Website: <a href="https://www.bgcdsb.org/">https://www.bgcdsb.org/</a>

# Providence Catholic School Board / Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence



### (External) Office Address:

Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence 7515 Forest Glade Drive Windsor, ON N8T 3P5

**General phone number:** (519) 948-9227

Website: <a href="https://www.cscprovidence.ca/">https://www.cscprovidence.ca/</a>

### **Grey / Bruce School Name:**

Saint-Dominique-Savio Catholic School

800 East 23rd Street Owen Sound, ON N4K 6Z5

## **Local School Locations Near the Township of Georgian Bluffs**



### **Elementary School**

Keppel-Sarawak Elementary School | Location: Owen Sound

Peninsula Shores District School | Location: Wiarton

Hillcrest Elementary School | Location: Owen Sound

Saint Basil Catholic Elementary School | Location: Owen

Sound

Arran-Tara Elementary School | Location: Owen Sound

Notre Dam Catholic School | Location: Owen Sound

École Hepworth Central Public School | Location: Owen

Sound

École Catholique Saint-Dominique-Savio | Location: Owen Sound

### **Secondary School / High School**

Owen Sound District Secondary School | Location: Owen Sound

St. Mary's High School | Location: Owen Sound

Peninsula Shores District School | Location: Wiarton







### **Food and Groceries**

Below is a list of stores in or near the Township of Georgian Bluffs that might help you find the ingredients you need for your favourite dishes.



**Grocery Store:** No Frills

**Phone number:** 1-866-987-6453

Address: 1020 10th St W, Owen Sound, ON N4K 5S1



**Grocery Store:** Foodland

**Phone number:** 519-376-8871

Address: 915 10th St W, Owen Sound, ON N4K 5S2



**Grocery Store:** Foodland

**Phone number:** 519-534-0760

Address: 425 Berford St, Wiarton, ON NOH 2TO



**Grocery Store:** Georgian Bay Country Market

Phone number: 226-974-6797

Address: 267 Hwy 6, Wiarton, ON N0H 2T0



**Grocery Store:** Tara Food Town

**Phone number:** 519-934-2370

Address: 37 Yonge St N, Tara, ON NOH 2NO

## **Emergency Food Sources**

Below is a list of emergency food sources in or near the Township of Georgian Bluffs:



**Food Bank:** The Salvation Army – Owen Sound Family

Services and Food Bank

**Phone number:** 519-371-0957

Address: 365 14th St W, Owen Sound, ON N4K 5P7



Food Bank: Tara Area Food Bank

Phone number: 226-568-3092

Address: Christ Anglican Church, 56 Bruce Rd 17, Tara, ON,

NOH 2NO



Food Bank: Shallow Lake United Church

Phone number: 519-935-2040

Address: 75 Cruickshank St, Shallow Lake, ON NOH 2KO



**Food Bank:** The Salvation Army – Wiarton Community

Church

**Phone number:** 519-534-0353

Address: 576 Edward St, Box 1286, Wiarton, ON NOH 2TO



Food Bank: OSHaRE, Owen Sound Hunger and Relief Effort

**Phone number:** 519-376-3899

Address: 946 3rd Ave East, Owen Sound, ON N4K 2K9

# **Your Public Library**

Public libraries are free to use, and offer lots of things to borrow, programs to attend, and services to use. Visit your public library to get a library card, borrow books, movies, and music, and find out all they have to offer. Most libraries have computers and printers, meeting rooms, and free Wi-Fi. Library websites provide access to online information and entertainment, like movies, eBooks, newspapers, magazines, as well as educational resources.

# Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library

Website: <a href="https://www.osngupl.ca/">https://www.osngupl.ca/</a>

Email: info@osngupl.ca

**General phone number:** 519-376-6623



# **Grey County Libraries**

Public libraries in Grey County operate independently throughout the region.

A list of public libraries in Grey County can be found online on the Grey County website.

Website: grey.ca/libraries

## **Bruce County Public Library**

There are 17 Branches of Bruce County Public Library. You are welcome to visit any of the Branches, and your Library card will work at all of them. Find out more about locations, services, and hours of operation:

Website: library.brucecounty.on.ca

Email: <a href="mailto:libraryinfo@brucecounty.on.ca">libraryinfo@brucecounty.on.ca</a>

General phone number: 519-832-6935

### Your New Home!

There is lots to learn about your new home. Here are a few things you should know:



## **Owning a Pet**

Licences / tags are required for dogs. Learn more at:

Website: www.georgianbluffs.ca/dogtags



### **Snow Removal**

The township / county takes care of snow removal on public roads and sidewalks. Driveway clearing - by shoveling or using a snowblower - is the responsibility of all homeowners.

Website: www.georgianbluffs.ca/snowclearing



## **Parks and Playgrounds**

We have many parks and playgrounds for you to enjoy. Addresses / maps can be found at:

Website: www.georgianbluffs.ca/parks



## **Property Taxes**

Property taxes are paid by every property owner to help pay for services like road maintenance, policing, fire services, recreation and more. If you have questions about your property tax bill, contact us at:

Phone number: 519-376-2729

Website: www.georgianbluffs.ca/tax



# **Septic Systems**

Depending on your living accommodations and your location in Grey or Bruce counties, you might have a septic system. Proper care and maintenance of your septic system is very important. Learn more about how to manage your septic system here: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/septic-systems">www.ontario.ca/page/septic-systems</a>

## **Garbage and Recycling**

Garbage and recycling services help keep our community clean and safe. Garbage and recycling pick-up is done by Waste Management. If you live in an apartment or condo, check with your building manager about garbage and recycling services.



You can find **pick-up dates / times** for garbage and recycling in our community on this website.

Website: www.georgianbluffs.ca/waste



If you need to report a missed pick-up of either garbage or recycling, you can visit.

Website: www.georgianbluffs.ca/ContactGB



Bag tags are required for garbage pick-up at your home. For a list of stores where you can buy bag-tags in our community of the Township of Georgian Bluffs visit our website:

**Website:** www.georgianbluffs.ca/waste

# **Meet Your Community: Groups and Events**

If you are looking to connect with the people in your new community of Georgian Bluffs, try volunteering for a committee or attending a local event.

## **List of Local Community Groups**

YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce

**Phone Number:** 519-371-9230

Website: www.ymcaowensound.on.ca

Shallow Lake Skating Club

Phone Number: 519-935-2320 Email: shallowlakeskating@gmail.com

Website: www.shallowlakeskating.com

Shallow Lake Minor Hockey Association

Email: president@lakershockey.ca

Website: <a href="https://lakershockey.ca/">https://lakershockey.ca/</a>

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce

**Phone Number:** 519-376-4449

Website: www.greybruce.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

The Kemble Women's Institute

Email: diannecarlson@hotmail.com

Community Foundation Grey Bruce

**Phone Number:** 519-371-7203

Website: www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com

Welcoming Communities Grey Bruce

**Phone Number:** 519-379-5535

Website: www.welcominggreybruce.ca/

**REACH Centre Grey Bruce** 

**Phone Number:** 519-377-9204

Website: <a href="https://reachcentre.org/">https://reachcentre.org/</a>

**United Way Bruce Grey** 

**Phone Number:** 519-376-1560

Website: <a href="https://unitedwayofbrucegrey.com/">https://unitedwayofbrucegrey.com/</a>

Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce Office and ReStore

**Phone Number:** 519-371-6776

Website: <a href="https://habitatgreybruce.ca/">https://habitatgreybruce.ca/</a>

Community Living Owen Sound

**Phone Number:** 519-371-9251

Website: <a href="https://communitylivingowensound.com/">https://communitylivingowensound.com/</a>

Council on Aging Grey Bruce

**Phone Number:** 519-376-8304

Website: <a href="https://coagb.com/">https://coagb.com/</a>

Rotary Club of Owen Sound

**Phone Number:** 519-376-5999

Website: https://www.owensoundrotary.ca/

Wiarton Rotary Club

**Phone Number:** 519-373-9533

Website: www.wiartonrotaryclub.org

Wiarton Lion's Club

Email: wiartondistrictlions@gmail.com

Website: <a href="https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/wiarton">https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/wiarton</a> district/

Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound

Email: KiwanisOS@gmail.com

Website: <a href="https://kiwanisowensound.com/">https://kiwanisowensound.com/</a>

## **List of Annual / Upcoming Community Events**

Canada Day at Big Bay

**Description:** Every year, on July 1<sup>st</sup>, The Township of Georgian Bluffs hosts Canada Day at Big Bay. Enjoy a flag raising and pancake breakfast on the shores of Georgian Bay.

Date / Time: Annual

**Event Information / Website:** www.georgianbluffs.ca

### Cobble Beach Concours d'Elegance

**Description:** Beautiful and rarely seen automobiles will herald in a new tradition of distinction and elegance on the shores of Georgian Bay at the Cobble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

Date / Time: Annual

**Event Information / Website:** www.cobblebeachconcours.com

### **Keady Market**

**Description:** The Keady Market operates every Tuesday, located southwest of Owen Sound. Visitors can expect a variety of produce ranging from Niagara peaches to deli meats, home baking, crafts, and other goods from approximately 250 yendors.

Date / Time: Every Tuesday from 7a.m. to 2p.m.

**Event Information / Website:** <a href="https://www.keadymarket.com">www.keadymarket.com</a>

### Summer Folk Music and Crafts Festival

**Description:** Situated on the shores of beautiful Georgian Bay at Kelso Beach Park in Owen Sound, Summerfolk offers music, workshops, children's activities, demonstrations, a vendor market and more.

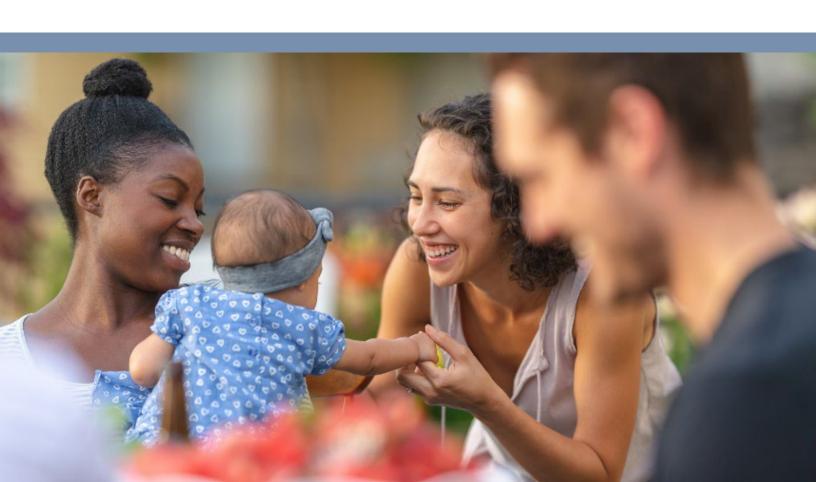
Date / Time: Annual Multi-Day Summer Event

**Event Information / Website:** www.summerfolk.org



For more information about annual, upcoming, and new community events in the Township of Georgian Bluffs please check out our website / community calendar.

Website: www.calendar.georgianbluffs.ca/



## **Things To Do**

Spending time outdoors or participating in recreation opportunities is important for your mind and body. Here's a list of our top five activities we think you should explore!

- 1) **Explore Big Bay** Enjoy four acres of gardens, a nature trail, an arboretum, and Keppel Henge at the award-winning Keppel Croft Gardens in Big Bay. Take in the breathtaking views of Georgian Bay. And of course, practice your stone skipping skills at the Big Bay Boat Launch and Dock, Big Bay is the Stone Skipping Capital of Canada!
- 2) **Grey Roots Museum and Archives** Grey Roots engages and educates residents and visitors in the history of Grey County by preserving and sharing collections, stories and memories. Grey Roots hosts exhibits, programs and events for all ages.
- 3) **Self-Guided Waterfall Tour** Embark on a self-guided waterfall tour in the Township of Georgian Bluffs. The three famous falls, Jones Falls Pottawatomi Conservation Area, Indian Falls Conservation Area, and Inglis Falls Conservation Area are each unique in their waterfall views, hiking opportunities and history.
- 4) **Bruce Caves Conservation Area** Bruce Caves boasts unique cave formations found along the Niagara Escarpment. The caves were formed by the wave action of post-glacial Lake Algonquin, 7, 000 to 8, 000 years ago. Exploring Bruce Caves is an experience, add it to your list and learn more about the significant history this space brings to the Township.

5) **Hike the Bluffs** - Georgian Bluffs residents and visitors are spoiled for choice when it comes to hiking. The Bruce Trail and Georgian Bluffs Trail both wind through the Township. There are many outdoor spaces offering quiet places to hike and appreciate nature. If you're searching for that photo op, visit Skinner's Bluff Conservation Area and hike the Bruce Trail to be treated to a spectacular view. Georgian Bluffs is a four-season playground, be sure to check for notices or closures before visiting.



## **County Tourism Resources**

**Grey County Tourism - Visit Grey:** www.visitgrey.ca

**Bruce County Tourism - Explore The Bruce:** 

www.explorethebruce.com



For more information about available local recreational programs, please check out our website.

Website: www.georgianbluffs.ca/visit

# **Connect with Us** – The Township of Georgian Bluffs

We know you will have lots of questions and we want to help you settle into your new home. Here are all the ways you can contact us:



### Website

Stay up to date by visiting our website:

www.georgianbluffs.ca



### **Electronic Newsletters**

Sign up for our email updates / newsletters:

https://subscribe.georgianbluffs.ca/subscribe



### **Give Us Your Feedback**

Get involved in your community by providing feedback and participating in community engagement projects:

www.engageGB.ca



### **Main Office - Location**

177964 Grey Road 18, R.R. #3, Owen Sound, ON N4K 5N5



### Call

519-376-2729



### **Email**

info@georgianbluffs.ca

## **About Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership**

Our partnership spans across county lines, and community signs. Our coordination runs along sandy shorelines and flows over rolling fields. It reaches deep into Lake Huron and scales the Niagara Escarpment.

Collectively, we strive to build stronger communities through awareness, outreach, inclusion, and equity to ensure immigrants and newcomers become welcome neighbours throughout Grey and Bruce Counties. The Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership works in collaboration with service-based organizations to ensure that new residents thrive and enhance the vibrant, diverse, and colourful landscapes they now call home.



### Coordinating, Collaborating, and Connecting

How do we build a more welcoming and inclusive Grey / Bruce?

How can we work together to make it easier for newcomers to settle here?

These questions are at the heart of the Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership (GBLIP).

The GBLIP recognizes that immigration will continue to play a key role in the economic future of Grey and Bruce Counties. To support better immigration outcomes, the Partnership administers the GBLIP – a collaborative, community initiative designed to improve the integration of newcomers in Grey Bruce. Launched in June 2020, the GBLIP works at the local level to foster a community that is welcoming and inclusive and to support newcomers in becoming fully engaged in the social, economic, political, and cultural life of Grey and Bruce Counties.

### This is achieved through focus on four priority areas:

- 1) Improving the coordination of settlement and integration services
- 2) Raising awareness around the needs of newcomers
- 3) Supporting community-level research and planning
- 4) Fostering welcoming communities.

The GBLIP is one of the many **Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs)** sponsored by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). This federal initiative addresses the growing need for systematic community planning around immigrant attraction and retention.









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## LIPs are underpinned by the understanding that:

- Newcomers play an important role in the Canadian economy and society
- In the near future, some industries and regions will depend on immigration to fulfill their labour needs
- Municipalities and community groups are best positioned to improve settlement and integration outcomes for newcomers
- The provision of basic settlement services is not sufficient to ensure success

   consideration of newcomer needs must be incorporated into all aspects of community planning.

## **Settlement Strategy**

The GBLIP Settlement Strategy 2025 is the culmination of more than a year of research and consultation, including 8 focus groups involving 62 participants across Grey Bruce and extensive surveys of both immigrants and the community at large.

The Settlement Strategy acts as the guiding document for the work of the GBLIP – providing a road map for how to build more welcoming and inclusive communities in Grey Bruce and improve the integration outcomes of newcomers.

### It includes four strategic priorities:

- 1) Build Capacity
- 2) Strengthen Community
- 3) Cultivate Prosperity
- 4) Foster Inclusion

We are pleased to invite you to explore the full version of the GBLIP Settlement Strategy 2025 on our website:

Website: <a href="https://greybrucelip.ca/settlement-strategy">https://greybrucelip.ca/settlement-strategy</a>

## Have any questions for GBLIP? Contact Us!

**Address:** Corporation of the County of Grey

595 9th Ave East

Owen Sound Ontario N4K 3E3

Phone number: +1 519-372-0219 ext. 6108

Email: immigrationpartnership@grey.ca

### Have Feedback for Us?

Please complete this short survey about the Welcoming Package to help us serve the community better:

Survey Website Link: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/GBLIP-welcome">bit.ly/GBLIP-welcome</a>

Scan the QR Code to access the survey:





