

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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*in Howick*



## HAYLOFT MUSIC FESTIVAL announces 2026 LINEUP

The Hayloft Music Festival is set to make a major return, in 2026 with the release of its highly anticipated lineup.

Taking place in Listowel over the August long weekend, the festival has expanded to a two-day format, featuring country on Saturday and rock on Sunday. This exciting evolution continues to position Hayloft as one of Southwestern Ontario's most highly anticipated events.

Saturday night will be headlined by international country music star Kip Moore, who will be joined by a strong lineup that includes Kameron Marlowe, Jenna Leduc, Max Smith, Jessie T, Chris Clark, Taylor Moore and Makinna Givens.

Sunday shifts to rock, led by Canadian favourites Big Wreck. They'll be joined by iconic acts Kim Mitchell and David Wilcox, along with Small Town Strip Club, Conor Gains Band, Turning Corners and Hitched.



The Hayloft Music Festival was recently named one of the Top 100 Festivals and Events in the Province of Ontario, an honour that reflects both the quality of the event and the incredible support from the community. With the newly expanded programming, top-tier talent, and an unbeatable atmosphere, the 2026 festival is shaping up to be a standout event. Tickets are priced at just \$74.99 per night, offering exceptional value for a full weekend of live music.

For full lineup details, tickets, and updates, visit [www.hayloftmusicfestival.com](http://www.hayloftmusicfestival.com)

## Community Calendar



**HOWICK FIREFIGHTERS BREAKFAST** - Sun. May 3, 8am-12pm. See page 14.

**LISTOWEL LIFESTYLE SHOW** - May 8 & 9 at the Steve Kerr Arena. See ad below.

**WROXETER HALL PUB NIGHT** - Fri. May 22. Dinner is \$7, served at 6pm; hall will be open at 4pm.

**OPTIMIST TAKE-OUT ROAST BEEF DINNER** - Fri. May 29 at 6pm. Pickup at Howick Community Centre. \$25/plate. Supporting Minor Ball. See page 14.

**TOWN WIDE YARD SALE** -Sat. June 6 in Gorrie, and Sat. June 13 in Fordwich.

**HOWICK IDOL PRELIMINARY NIGHT** - June 20, 8pm at the Howick Community Centre. Also a Optimist Wing Night. See page 11.

**HOWICK HOMECOMING 2026** will be from July 3-5. See page 11 for parade info.

**HAYLOFT MUSIC FESTIVAL** - Aug. 1 & 2 in Listowel. See back page for details.

**HOWICK TURNBERRY FALL FAIR** - Sept. 25 & 26. "Rural Roots & Country Boots"

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## CONTAGIOUS excitement

Kids are crazy. As soon as there's a glimpse of warmer weather, the shorts are on and they're dashing through puddles and soaking their clothes when the water is still fresh from thawing. Their excitement is fun to watch, and a little inspiring. I started doing some gardening prep and spent some time taking pictures of the kids' antics as well as the nature emerging around us. The fresh air does wonders for all of us.

One of my gardening projects is expanding a flowerbed where some grass was dug up last fall to extend a waterline to a new shed. I didn't have plans to do this quite yet, but it makes more sense to do it now rather than level and reseed a lawn. Creating this new space is a process. I started with some sketches, digging an outline, getting rid of more sod, removing the sod piles, and getting advice about what I could grow near our well. Next steps will include bringing in some topsoil, laying a pathway, actually deciding which plants to buy, planting everything, adding mulch, and then water, water, water. Hopefully my outdoor tap will be functional by then...

It's a lot of work, but a project I'm excited about. Transforming spaces, growing things, getting my hands dirty, making beautiful things. I could do with a little less back pain though...

*Angie Koersen*



Deadline for the next issue is May 20.

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# MAY

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**MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

**Nomination Period Begins**  
Friday, May 1, 2026 - 2:00 pm on Friday, August 21, 2026

**Internet/Telephone Voting**  
October 13 -26, 2026

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**COUNCIL MEETINGS & HOLIDAYS**

May Council meetings are scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers at the Township Office. The 2026 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings can be found on our website.

The Township Office will be **CLOSED Monday, May 18, 2026**, The Office will re-open Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

**NOMINATION PERIOD BEGINS! - 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Our community needs a fresh voice like yours! Your passion and perspective can make a real difference!

Whether you're a first-time candidate or a seasoned leader, your involvement strengthens our community. **Nomination period begins May 1, 2026, and closes August 21, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** Nomination packages are available at the Municipal Office by appointment only. Please call Deputy Clerk Alana Dick at 519-335-3208 x9 to schedule your appointment to pick up your Nomination Paperwork.

**Watch the Township of Howick website and social media channels for updates.**

**WASTE CARTS ARE COMING!** *the highlights*

**OPEN HOUSE AND INFORMATION NIGHT**

Everyone Welcome!  
Monday June 22, 2026  
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Howick Community Centre

**CART DELIVERY**

Monday July 6, 2026  
-  
Saturday July 25, 2026

**FIRST CURBSIDE COLLECTION WITH CARTS**

Monday August 3, 2026  
West Side Collection



**WASTE CART DELIVERY UPDATES!**

Howick will be transitioning to an automated curbside collection system using waste carts this summer.

Residents are invited to attend an Information Night on **Monday, June 22, 2026 (5:30 – 8:30 p.m.)** at the Howick Community Centre to view the carts and ask questions. Waste Management and Township Staff will both be present.

Waste and Recycling Carts will be delivered to all residents between July 6 and July 25, 2026. Industrial, commercial and institutional properties will receive Waste Carts only. Each cart will be assigned to a specific property and must remain

with that address, even if the property changes ownership. Waste Management has a contracted company who will be using un-marked white delivery vans to complete the delivery of the Waste and Recycling Carts.

**The new cart-based collection system will begin on Monday, August 3, 2026 (West Side collection day).**

More information will be shared through mailouts, social media, and local publications in the coming weeks.



**BAG TAG UPDATE**

The first day of Waste and Recycling collection WITH CARTS is **AUGUST 3, 2026 (West Side Collection)**  
At this time Council will not be re-imbursing residents for their un-used bag tags.  
Please only purchase as many as you are prepared to use.

**CURBSIDE GARBAGE AND RECYCLING - MISSED COLLECTION**

Township staff are actively working with Waste Management to improve consistency and reliability in curbside collection for all residents. Waste Management collection vehicles are equipped with GPS technology and will soon include onboard cameras to further monitor and verify curbside pickups. If you experience a missed collection, we ask that you **first contact Waste Management at 1-800-561-1655** and then notify the Howick Township Office 519-335-3208. Township staff are closely tracking all missed collections and using this information to work with the contractor to address service gaps.

**STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Council and Township staff are pleased to welcome Kristin Steenbergen as the Township of Howick's new Finance Administrative Assistant. Formerly of Mildmay, Kristin began her role with Howick on March 2, 2026. We are excited to have her join our team and look forward to her growth within the Township, as well as her opportunity to connect with and serve our residents. Stop by and say hi and welcome to Kristin!

**SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

**Summer Fun Starts Here! Ages 4-11.** Registration for Howick Township's Summer Day Camp is now OPEN! Get ready for sunny days packed with games, crafts, outdoor

adventures, and tons of laughs. Spaces fill fast, so don't wait—secure your child's spot and make this summer one to remember! See below for more information or visit our website to register at [www.howick.ca](http://www.howick.ca).

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## 2026 SUMMER DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

July 6th -10th ~ Arena (\$160)  
 July 13th-17th ~ Gorrie Hall (\$240) Splash n' Play  
 July 20th-24th ~ Arena (\$160)  
 Aug 4th-7th ~ Arena (\$128)  
 Aug 10th-14th ~ Gorrie Hall (\$240) Splash n' Play  
 Aug 17th-21st ~ Arena (\$160)  
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## HOWICK OPTIMIST POOL - REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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Private, Semiprivate and Group lessons are available. Private Lessons offer a 1:1 swimmer-to-instructor ratio, semi-private lessons are 3:1, and group lessons include 1 instructor and 1 assistant for every 6 swimmers.

Once again, the Howick Optimist Club has offered to subsidize the cost of swimming lessons for residents of Howick Township. Each session of lessons will be reduced by \$25.00 per child (group lessons only). Thank you to the Howick Optimist Club for the continued generosity and support.

## GORRIE GATORS SWIM TEAM

Make a splash this summer with the Gorrie Gators Swim Team! Dive into fun, build confidence in the water, and be part of an energetic team atmosphere at the pool. Whether you're looking to improve your swimming skills, make new friends, or experience a little friendly competition, the Gorrie Gators is the place to be. Join the team, show your Gator pride, and get ready for an unforgettable summer in the pool!

## SPRING/SUMMER BY-LAW REMINDER

### Spring & Summer Yard Clean-Up Reminder, Let's Keep Howick Looking Its Best!

As the weather warms up, it's the perfect time to get outside and tidy up your property! The Township of Howick's Clean Yards By-law is in place to help keep our community safe, clean, and enjoyable for everyone. Properties not maintained may be subject to orders, fines, or cleanup at the owner's expense.

- ✓ **Keep grass & weeds under control**  
Grass and weeds must be kept trimmed and not exceed 8 inches in height (with some rural/agricultural exceptions).
- ✓ **Remove debris & refuse**  
Yards should be free of garbage, scrap materials, and clutter to prevent safety hazards and maintain a clean appearance.
- ✓ **Prevent standing water**  
Eliminate areas where water can collect to reduce mosquitoes and other pests.
- ✓ **Maintain safe, hazard-free properties**  
Fill holes, remove dangerous materials, and keep walkways clear and safe.
- ✓ **No derelict vehicles**  
Unlicensed, inoperable, or dismantled vehicles are not permitted unless properly stored.
- ✓ **Manage compost & yard waste properly**  
Compost must be maintained neatly and not attract pests.
- ✓ **Keep boulevards clean**  
Adjacent areas should be free of long grass, waste, and pet debris.

Have questions? Reach out to the Bylaw Enforcement Department or review the full by-law for details. Email: [bylaw@howick.ca](mailto:bylaw@howick.ca) Phone: 519-335-3202

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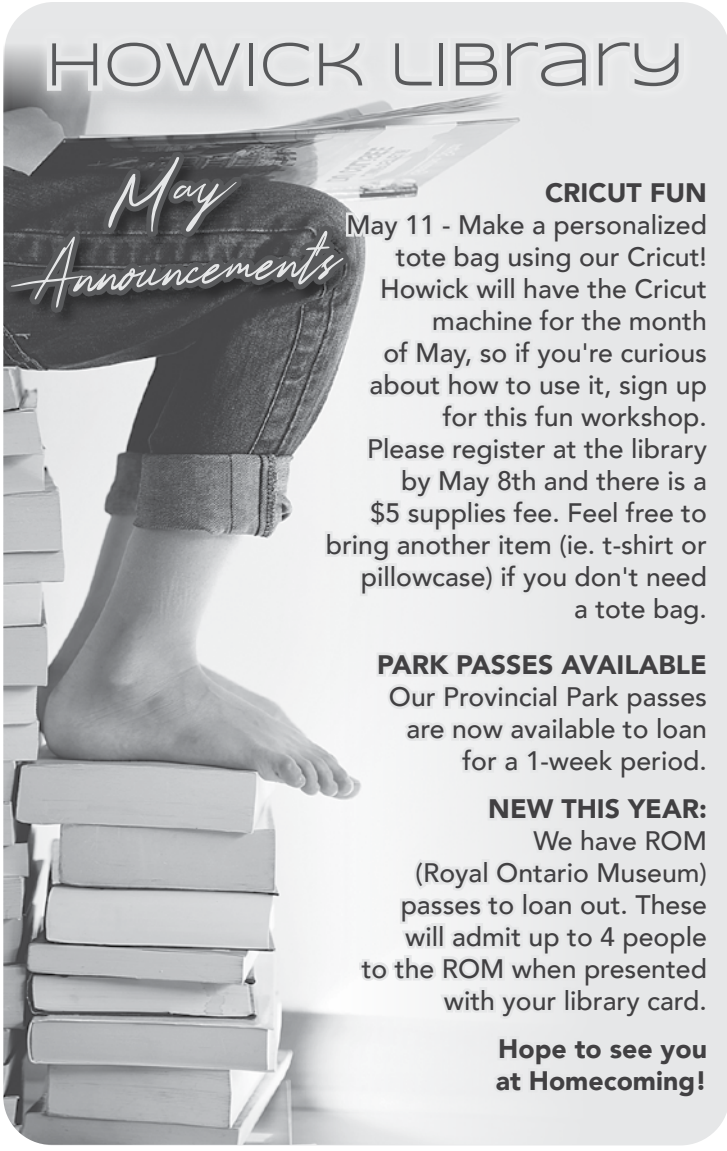
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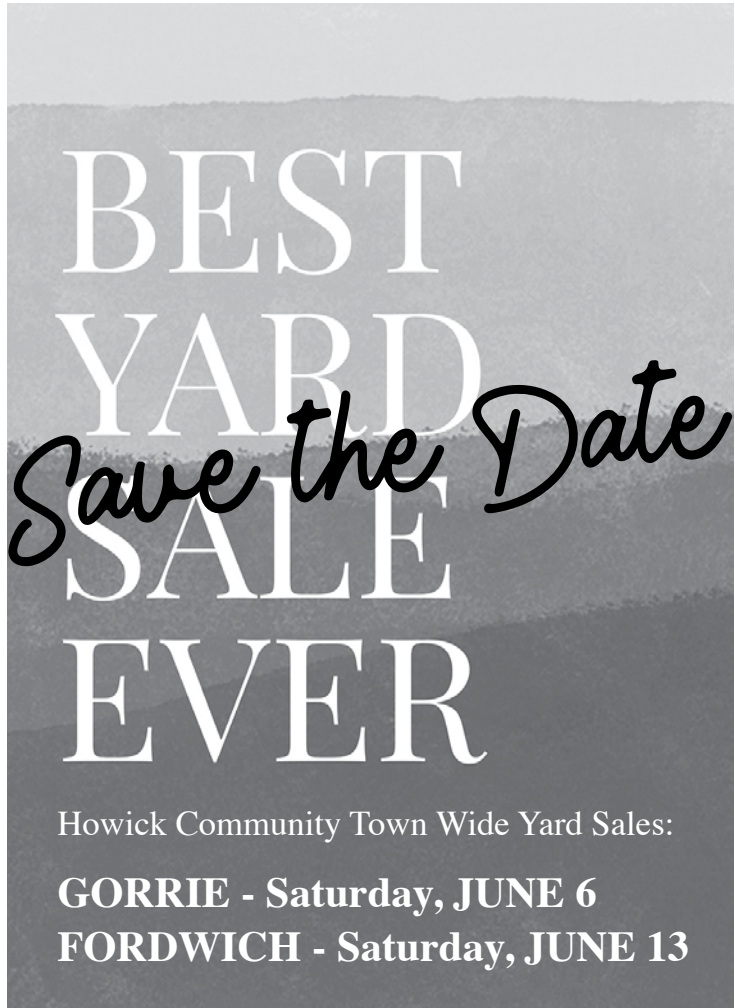
*May Announcements*

**CRICUT FUN**  
May 11 - Make a personalized tote bag using our Cricut! Howick will have the Cricut machine for the month of May, so if you're curious about how to use it, sign up for this fun workshop. Please register at the library by May 8th and there is a \$5 supplies fee. Feel free to bring another item (ie. t-shirt or pillowcase) if you don't need a tote bag.

**PARK PASSES AVAILABLE**  
Our Provincial Park passes are now available to loan for a 1-week period.

**NEW THIS YEAR:**  
We have ROM (Royal Ontario Museum) passes to loan out. These will admit up to 4 people to the ROM when presented with your library card.

**Hope to see you at Homecoming!**



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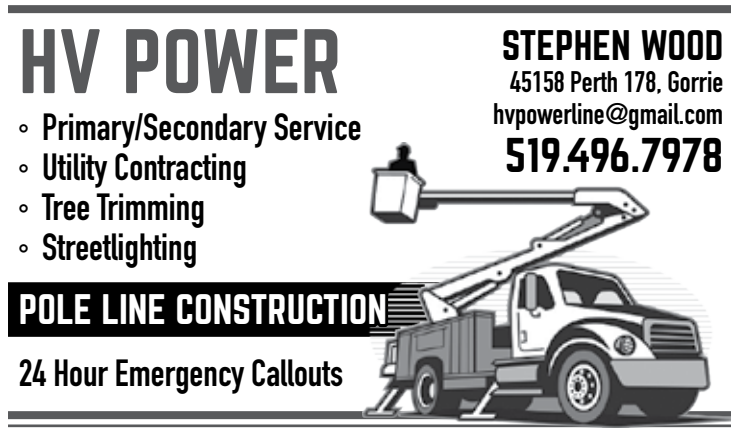
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## MATERIALS NEEDED:

For the **TWO STICKS**, (kite spars), there are a few options. They are listed in order of preference:

- bamboo BBQ skewers—light and strong
  - plastic or paper drinking straws—strong enough if not crushed
  - wooden or plastic rods—OK if thin enough to be reasonably light
- Having both sticks exactly the same length will work fine.

For the sail and tail, any **LIGHTWEIGHT PLASTIC SHEET** will do (freezer bags or shopping bags). The lighter and thinner the better.

You will want some **ADHESIVE TAPE**. Almost any sort of clear office-use tape will do. It should be roughly the width of your finger. Forget masking tape and other heavier types.

For making the bridle and binding the two sticks together, you need some **POLYESTER SEWING THREAD**. The lightest grades are suitable for a 30 centimeter (12 inch) span kite like the one described below.

**STEP 1:** Form the classic diamond shape by crossing one stick over the other. Bind the sticks together with cotton line or anything else that doesn't seem too thick or heavy. The exact shape of the diamond doesn't matter. Try to make it reasonably symmetrical.

**STEP 2:** Lay down a sheet of your chosen sail plastic flat on a tabletop or the floor. Lay the two-stick cross on top of the plastic. There should be plenty of room for your sticks on the plastic. Use tape to stick down the spars to the plastic. Don't overdo it; four strips on each stick is enough.

**STEP 3:** With a ruler or even by hand, use a marking pen to draw a diamond outline around the sticks. Four straight lines should connect all four stick-ends in a diamond shape. Now take out a pair of sharp scissors, and cut around the diamond.

**STEP 4:** Carefully put an adhesive tape cap on all four spar ends. For each spar end: pull off a length of tape about as long as an adult's finger. Lay the tape along the spar, letting half the tape hang off past the spar's tip. Fold the hanging tape around to the other side, and stick down to the sail plastic.

**STEP 5.** Now for the bridle, which connects the flying line to the kite. Cut a small hole in the plastic sail near each end of the vertical spar. Take a length of cotton line, or whatever you have decided to use for the bridle, about three times the length of a kite spar. Feed each end through the holes in the plastic, and loop it around the spar a few times. Then feed the line back through the hole, and tie it off firmly. If you're worried about whether the knots might slip, use a drop of fast-drying glue to fix each knot to the spar. Now tie a loop into the bridle. The loop should be either directly over where the sticks cross, or a little further toward the nose or top of the kite.

**STEP 6.** Cut a tail out of a plastic bag, cutting it round and round like peeling an apple. Keep going until you have a length that is at least six times as long as the kite itself. Use another bag and stick the two ribbons together, if one bag is not long enough. The width of the tail should be around an eighth to a quarter of the width of the kite itself. When you have a nice long tail, simply stick one end onto the bottom of the kite. You can use a bit more tape here, since you don't want the tail to fall off on the first flight!

**STEP 7:** Flying the kite! Attach a polyester sewing thread line to the bridle loop, and you're ready to fly. A convenient way to do this is to tie the flying line to one end of a small paper clip. Then just slip on the bridle loop so it's looped around the other end of the paper clip.

*Kites are like people;  
we rise highest  
when standing together  
against the wind.*

NELL REGAN KARTYCHOK



## KITES IN CLIFFORD!

If you enjoy kites, check out this new event in Clifford.  
Hosted by Clifford Connects  
and The Minto and District Lions Club.

**MAY 30, 2026**

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**& a Dusk Show (weather permitting)**

**FREE EVENT - Donations appreciated**

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Makers Market by Craft-Vendor CountryGirl Shows
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**SPRING HAS ARRIVED!**

*Photo by Liz Allan*

# UPDATE

## HOWICK CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

SUBMITTED BY PAUL MENARY, PRINCIPAL

We would like to extend a big thank you to our junior mixed basketball team coaches, Ms. Dunnell and Ms. Vincent, for their dedication and support. Our teams played extremely well and represented our school with pride, demonstrating excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

We are looking forward to the Intermediate basketball tournament which will be held on April 30th at LDSS. Thank you to the coaches Ms. Hallman and Ms. Drake for their hard work in preparing our teams.

Our Grade 3/4 through grade 6/7 students all had a wonderful opportunity to attend the Drayton Theatre to watch Mary Poppins Jr., a fantastic production performed by student actors. It was a memorable experience for all!

On April 30th we are excited to host our Family Fun Night at Howick CPS. This is always a wonderful community event, organized by our parent council and supported by our staff. We hope to see many of you there!

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## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On April 23, Fordwich Village Nursing Home (ATK CareGroup) held their annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to thank their volunteers for all their countless hours of dedication and support of our Fordwich Family's recreational programs. What a great day filled with a delicious lunch, beautiful weather, music, door prizes, and of course, residents and Family Council chairmen having an opportunity to relax and enjoy time visiting with our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to everyone who help make this event so amazing!



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Howick Idol**

Hosted by "Stubby D Entertainment"

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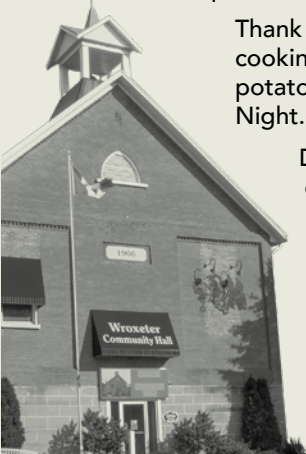
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Thanks to all of the people who took part in the Pool and Euchre Tournaments this season. April 12th was our last one until the Fall. Hope to see you back for the games!

Thank you to the volunteers for preparing, cooking and serving the ham and scalloped potatoes dinner on Friday, April 17th Pub Night. It was a fantastic meal!

Do not want to cook dinner, come to our next Pub Night on Friday, May 22nd. Dinner is \$7.00 each, the hall will be open at 4:00 p.m.. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.. Hope you can make it!

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# Maitland Valley camera CLUB

At the April 2nd meeting in the Brussels Library Meeting Room, we viewed our "Story Photo Challenge" photos. Each member was given the same story. They read the story and took one photo for each paragraph. It was very interesting to see how the views were different or the same. Thanks to Gail Haycock for writing the story for this challenge.

We viewed our Depth of Field photos at our April 16th meeting. When then took part in an indoor photo exercise. Members practiced using flash and adjusting their settings for indoor photography with their cameras or phones.

The meeting on May 7th will be with Gary Moon and Mark Robinson, it will be an outdoor photo shoot starting at 6:30pm.

New members are always welcome to our club. If you want to learn more about photography, come join us the first and third Thursday of the months April to November. December to March is the first Thursday. Meetings are held in the meeting room of the Brussels Library and begin at 7:00pm. We take part in outdoor photo shoots and travel to many places of interest to take photos. There are also photo presentations, guest speakers and workshops. Come and have some fun.



CLARA BLAKE



LIZ ALLAN

# Maitland conservation raises concerns over Amalgamation of conservation authorities

April 23, 2026

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) is expressing significant concerns following the Province's move to consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into nine regional entities.

Maitland Conservation will become part of the new Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority along with the Ausable Bayfield, Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Nottawasaga and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authorities.

This new regional Conservation Authority will encompass watersheds that vary greatly in land use, watershed characteristics, population and environmental pressures. Amalgamation is not likely to reduce costs, increase housing builds, improve the level of customer service in permitting, increase the safety of Ontarians from flood and erosion hazards, or improve local, watershed-based representation for the people who live, work, farm, or visit this beautiful province.

"For the sake of the people of Ontario, please do not amalgamate the Conservation Authorities," commented Ed McGugan, Chair of Maitland Conservation.

"We're calling on the Province to halt this amalgamation plan and commit to improving the unique watershed-based conservation system we all benefit from in this province."

The MVCA membership (comprised of Councillors from lower tier member municipalities), has outlined several specific related to costs, governance and conservation outcomes.

## KEY CONCERNS IDENTIFIED BY MVCA:

### 1. Lack of Business Case

MVCA members noted that the Province has not developed a business case demonstrating that the proposed amalgamation will improve watershed health, resilience, or public safety in Ontario.

### 2. No Evidence of Improved Efficiency or Effectiveness

The Province has provided no evidence to show that consolidating Conservation Authorities into large regional corporations will result in more effective or more efficient service delivery across diverse watersheds.

### 3. Risks to Natural Hazard Management

Conservation Authorities have been delegated by the Province to regulate development in areas subject to flooding and erosion. These regulations are critical to reducing risks associated with flood damage, social disruption and loss of life.

The MVCA is concerned that larger, regionally governed authorities may weaken the ability to apply local watershed knowledge when managing flood and erosion hazards. Future development must not be directed into areas that are subject to flooding and erosion.

### 4. Threats to Watershed-Based Conservation

Conservation Authorities were established by the Province at the request of municipalities to restore and protect the health and resilience of natural resources in Ontario's watersheds. Healthy soils, rivers, lakes, wetlands and forests are essential to Ontario's economy and quality of life. It is our responsibility to maintain and enhance local natural resources to build a foundation for future generations.

### 5. Loss of Local Representation

Under the proposed governance structure, members of regional Conservation Authority boards will be appointed by upper-tier municipalities such as counties or regional governments. A representation-by-population model risks underrepresenting rural Conservation Authorities on regional boards. Rural municipalities will lose an effective voice in local watershed management and decision making.

### 6. Call for Reinvestment

The MVCA is calling on the Province to reinvest in the existing Conservation Authority model. Conservation Authorities were intended to be a partnership between the Province and local municipalities, guided by the founding principle that conservation efforts are most effective when led by the people who live and work within the watershed.

## MOVING FORWARD

The MVCA remains committed to working collaboratively with the Province, member municipalities and partners to protect and enhance the Maitland watershed and the communities it serves. However, the MVCA strongly believes that watershed-based governance, supported by adequate provincial investment, remains the most effective approach to conserving local natural resources and managing natural hazards.

## Howick Women's Institute

On Thursday, April 16th, Howick Women's Institute held their Annual meeting at the Howick Library. There were seven members in attendance.

At the present time our members are very busy making bows for the upcoming Howick 170th Homecoming. You can purchase them from any Howick WI member or on the Howick Homecoming 170th website: [howickhomecoming2026.com](http://howickhomecoming2026.com) - The cost is \$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00. We are also in the process of putting together an "Explore Howick Township Car Tour" for the Howick Homecoming. All of the details will be in the June newsletter of "What is Happening in Howick".

On Wednesday, May 27th, Howick WI along with Carry On WI are hosting the Huron Perth District Women's Institute Annual meeting at the Howick Community Centre, bringing together WI members from across Huron and Perth Counties. The theme for the day is "Behind the Scenes" and our afternoon guest speaker is Rachael King, General Manager of the Blyth Festival.

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 21st, at the home of Pauline Atton and we will be making Bows Bows & Bows.

*Pictured below are Howick WI members: Gwen Catherwood, Tweedsmuir Coordinator, Heather Stinson, Good Cheer Officer, Ronna Lee Johnson, Nomination Committee, Darlene Harding, President, Marilyn King, Secretary, Brenda Bunker, ROSE Officer, and Margaret McMahon, Treasurer*



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**HUSNIK, Mary Elizabeth (McInnes)** of Zurich, and formerly of Listowel, passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, in her 68th year. Wife of the late Tom Husnik. Mother of Whitney Husnik & Adam Jennings of Mount Forest, and Natalie Husnik of Zurich. Grandmother of Addyson, Carson, Ariya, and Ryder.

Daughter-in-law of Blanche Husnik of Wingham. Sister of Don McInnes of

Kitchener, and sister-in-law of Charles Husnik of Wingham, Della & Dave Bridge of Manitoulin Island, and Bob Husnik of Wroxeter. Remembered also by her nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Joseph and Clara (Harper) McInnes, sister Darlene Gaus, daughter Amanda Husnik, father-in-law John Husnik, and brother-in-law Johnny Husnik. Private family services with interment in Gorrie Cemetery will be held. Mary's family is grateful for the dedicated staff at Blue Water Rest Home and their exceptional effort and care. Mary thrived with the support and kindness of the staff and residents as well as the family atmosphere, and her family are so thankful for her many years there. Memorial donations to MS Society or the Blue Water Rest Home Residents' Council would be appreciated, and may be made through the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel.



**POWELL, Murray Russell** of Wroxeter passed away peacefully, after a long and courageous journey, on Saturday, April 18, 2026, in his 74th year. He will be deeply missed by his devoted wife of 25 years, Kay (Wilken) Powell, whom he loved dearly, and by his children Michael & Melissa Ross of Wroxeter, and Sherri & Brad Weatherall of Cargill. Lovingly remembered by his

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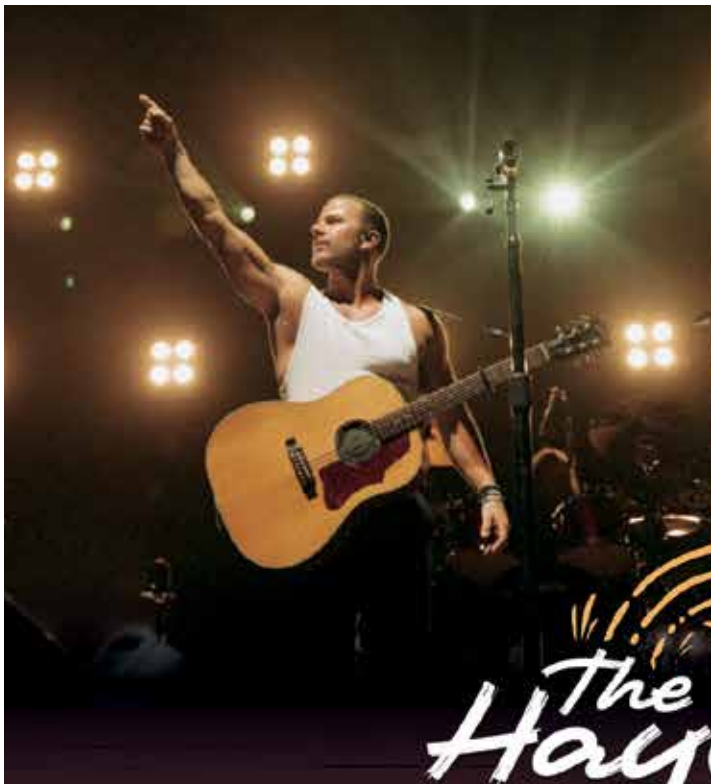
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