



# The Chamber E-News

June 26, 2024



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Welcome



# NEW MEMBERS



**FREEMONT**

style in muskoka

FREEMONT

[freemontmuskoka.ca](http://freemontmuskoka.ca)

Muskoka  
**UROLOGY**

Muskoka Urology

[muskokaurology.com](http://muskokaurology.com)

 **ArborWorks  
Tree Service**

ArborWorks Tree Service

[arborworks.ca](http://arborworks.ca)

Has your employee  
benefits plan evolved?  
Is it time for a second  
opinion?

Chambers Plan  
Employee Benefits



# Become a Member



## BRONZE MEMBERSHIP

\$300 Annual Investment

ENTRY LEVEL

- ✓ **Credibility and reputation that comes with being a Chamber Member**  
*Priceless*
- ✓ **Basic Directory Listing with link to website - Boosts your SEO!**
- ✓ **Access to our Networking Events such as: our after hours networking events, Golf day and more!**
- ✓ **Connection to relevant community and business information**
- ✓ **Money saving programs to enhance your business from companies such as:**
  - ESSO - Save 3.5 cents per litre of fuel purchased at ESSO and Mobil branded stations.
  - Employee Group Benefits - Canada's #1 employee benefits plan for small business. Exclusive to Chamber Members
  - And more!



[APPLY NOW](#)

Joining the  
Bracebridge Chamber  
opens doors to a  
wealth of advantages!

## SILVER MEMBERSHIP

\$600 Annual Investment

BEST VALUE

- ✓ **Two E-blasts per year**  
*\$270 Value*
- ✓ **2 tickets to the Business Achievement Awards Gala**
- ✓ **Enhanced Directory Package - 1,600 character description, multiple images and YouTube video**  
*\$100 Value*
- ✓ **Your logo on our homepage for the year**  
*\$840 Value*
- ✓ **1 ticket to the Mayor's breakfast**  
*\$40 Value*
- ✓ **All Bronze perks**



[APPLY NOW](#)

Benefit from  
networking  
opportunities, access  
valuable discounts and  
benefits, receive  
marketing support,  
and stand stronger  
with our advocacy  
efforts.

## GOLD MEMBERSHIP

\$1,000 Annual Investment


PREMIUM SUPPORTER

- ✓ **Exclusive Leader's Lunch**
- ✓ **Strongest supporter of our advocacy work**
- ✓ **2 tickets to the Business Achievement Awards Gala**  
*\$110 Value*
- ✓ **Single block, full colour, map ad for your business - Distributed to 10,000 visitors**  
*\$350 Value*
- ✓ **All Silver + Bronze perks**



[APPLY NOW](#)

Visit our website to  
explore these perks  
and choose the  
appropriate tier for  
your business.

A Canadian flag is shown flying from a boat, with the water and a distant shoreline visible in the background. The flag is the central focus, with its red and white colors and the maple leaf clearly visible. The word "Opportunities" is overlaid on the flag in a white rounded rectangle.

**Opportunities**



# CANADA DAY INTO NIGHT PARTY!



## MONDAY JULY 1ST

MANITOBA ST. DOWNTOWN BRACEBRIDGE



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Sign up through our new volunteer portal.  
[www.downtownbracebridge.com/volunteer](http://www.downtownbracebridge.com/volunteer)

- Pre-Event Set up - Friday June 28th 10am - 2pm
- Day of Event - Set Up - Monday July 1st 2:30pm - 5:00pm
- Day of Event - Clean Up - Monday July 1st - 8:00pm - 10:00pm
- Cottage Game Attendant - July 1st - 4pm - 8pm
- Kids Craft Zone - July 1st 4pm - 8pm
- Post-Event - Clean Up - Tuesday July 2nd 10am - 2pm



Canadian Heritage  
Patrimoine canadien





# WE'RE HIRING

SUMMER STUDENT

## VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE STAFF

- Assisting visitors with finding things to do in the area.
- Answering visitors questions.
- Handing out brochures.
- Recommending great places to eat, shop and explore.
- Weekend availability required.

**APPLY NOW >**



[chamber@bracebridgechamber.com](mailto:chamber@bracebridgechamber.com)



**• PATRIQUIN VIRTUAL OFFICE •**

*✿ Making Bookkeeping A Breeze ✿*

PVO is hiring a Permanent Full-time Data Entry Bookkeeping Clerk, for July 2nd.

PVO is a growing boutique Bookkeeping firm, now celebrating 30 years in business.

Applicants can visit our website to learn more about our firm at [www.patriquinvirtualoffice.com](http://www.patriquinvirtualoffice.com)

Resumes with cover letters should be submitted to:

[info@patriquinvirtualoffice.com](mailto:info@patriquinvirtualoffice.com)



# TRUCK Show & Shine

**JULY 12th - 14th, 2024**

J.D. LANG ACTIVITY PARK, BRACEBRIDGE



ANTIQUE, HIGHWAY, DUMP FLEET

Free Admission (Exhibitors Only) • Registration Site - Dash Plaques for All Rough Camping & Food Vendors on Site

**JOIN IN THE FUN - No Obligation, No Judging, Bragging & Tall Stories Only**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US

Facebook - Muskoka Pioneer Power Association

Email - [mppacommunication@outlook.com](mailto:mppacommunication@outlook.com)

Norm Medley - [norm@pmmedley.ca](mailto:norm@pmmedley.ca) • Murray Jibb 705-645-1954

Presented in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary of the Muskoka Pioneer Power Association  
Featuring Antique Farm & Forest Displays

[www.muskokapioneerpower.ca](http://www.muskokapioneerpower.ca)

# We are looking for an Executive Director to join the Enliven team!



The individual will be passionate about the cause and have great communication skills. At this time, we seek an experienced leader who can commit up to 15 hours per week.

[CLICK TO LEARN MORE](#)

Requirements:

- Proven leadership experience.
- Strategy development experience.
- Effective fundraising and networking skills.
- Strong analytical and systemic thinking abilities.

If interested in this challenging and exciting role, please contact Enliven Cancer Care at the following email address: [info@enlivenmuskoka.ca](mailto:info@enlivenmuskoka.ca)

Please include your resume, appropriate professional references, salary expectations, and a covering letter that articulates how you feel your unique qualifications make you ideally suited to this role.

## WE CONNECT JOB SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS!

195 Wellington St, Unit 11, Bracebridge  
(705) 646-0475 • [agilec.ca/ES](http://agilec.ca/ES)



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Muskoka-Kawartha  
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# Grants, Funds & Information

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Building Improvement  
Grant/Loan Program**

**Energy Efficiency Retrofit  
Grant/Loan Program**

**Facade Improvement  
Grant/Loan Program**

**Housing Grant/Loan  
Program**

**Property Improvement  
Grant/Loan Program**

**Signage Improvement Grant  
Program**

**Tax Increment Equivalent  
Grant**

## 2024 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AND LOANS

# NOW OPEN

[www.bracebridge.ca/CIP](http://www.bracebridge.ca/CIP)

## Taylor Road Improvements

Keep shopping local! All downtown shops and restaurants will remain open during construction.

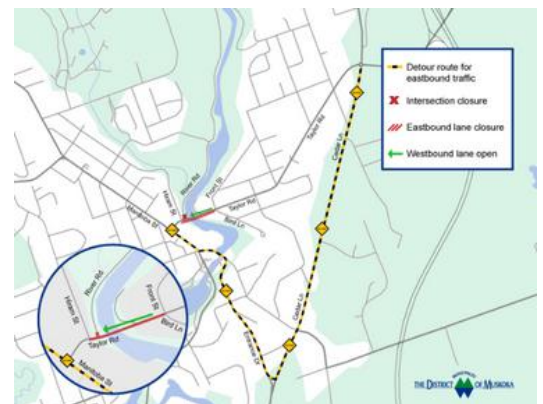
Construction, starting mid-April by UrbanLink Civil Ltd., will enhance the bridge, sewer, and water lines on Taylor Road (Muskoka Road 42) in the Town of Bracebridge.

Expect phased work, traffic adjustments and a detour. This efficient, one-time approach promises a smoother Taylor Road and reliable infrastructure.

### Upcoming full closure:

- Once we receive approval from CN Rail, crews will need to close both lanes of on Taylor Rd from Hiram St to Woodchester Ave. for 3 days.
- Sidewalks will remain open.
- More details will be shared soon.

**Keep up to date on this project**



# EVENT TOURISM GRANT



Receive up to \$5,000 to support festivals and events that positively impact Bracebridge's community and tourism sector.

Apply by September 9.

[bracebridge.ca/eventgrants](http://bracebridge.ca/eventgrants)



the Town of Bracebridge is accepting applications for community grant opportunities to support community development and local festivals and events. New this year, the Town is introducing **the Bracebridge 150 Grant** to help support festivals and events who incorporate elements of the sesquicentennial in their event or festival.

**This grant opportunity is exclusive for the anniversary year and will provide up to a maximum of \$1,000 to eligible events.**

**The application deadline for all three grant opportunities is Monday, September 9 at 4:30 p.m**

*click  
Here* →  
to fill out  
the form

**Share your ideas on  
red tape reduction**





# Community News



# Annual Traditional Powwow

## SEE MUSKOKA THROUGH OUR EYES

### ANNIE WILLIAMS PARK

JUNE 29-30, 2024



#### **2024 marks Muskoka's first Powwow.**

In Honour of "The One Dish with One Spoon Treaty" and Truth and Reconciliation, we invite you to attend the first annual Traditional Powwow in Muskoka!

#### **On-site activities/programming:**

#### **Traditional Powwow: traditional dancing, singing, and...**

- Host Drum: White Tail Cree

- Co-Host Drum: Chippewa Travellers

- Spirit Wolf Singers

- Shawna Family Drum

- Indian Road Drum

- **Authentic Indigenous craft vendors**

- **Traditional Indigenous food vendors**

- **Cultural Teachings will include traditional ways of knowing and being**

- **Other booths will highlight area supports and other cultural groups in our community**

- **Traditional Fire Keepers** keeping the fire for the full event

- **Grand Entry Saturday, June 29th and Sunday, June 30th, at 12:30, followed by intertribal dances**

- **Audience participation** - lots of opportunities for participation throughout the weekend



#### **Chamber Members and Local Businesses:**

There is a tradition of giving a small gift to the dancers and drummers who contribute their skill to the powwow.

We are reaching out to ask if you would kindly consider donating a small gift from your business to support this tradition. Your generous contribution will not only honor the participants but also showcase the spirit of community and collaboration that defines Muskoka.

The Powwow Committee will be happy to arrange the pickup of donated items.

If you are able to contribute, please reply to this email or contact us directly at

[chamber@bracebridgechamber.com](mailto:chamber@bracebridgechamber.com)

# CANADA DAY

## INTO NIGHT PARTY!



**MONDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**JOIN US IN DOWNTOWN BRACEBRIDGE  
FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!**

Memorial Park - Noon - 4pm 🍁 Downtown - 4pm - 8pm 🍁 Bracebridge Bay - 6

### Live Music

#### Memorial Park Bandshell

12:00-1:00 - Gravenhurst Bifocals Concert Band  
1:15 - 2:00- Mitch Beube Jazz Duo  
2:15 - 3:00 - "Bee Charmers"  
3:15 - 4:00 - Leah Leslie

#### Manitoba Street - Downtown

4:00 - 5:00 - The Liam Kearney Show  
5:15 - 6:00 - Charlie McKittrick  
6:15 - 6:45 - Johnson Family  
7:00 - 7:45 - Alison Boyer

#### Bracebridge Bay

6- 6:45 : Todd and Robyn  
7 - 7:45 :Matt Allen  
8 - 9:45 - Griffin Pub Band with guests

#### Kelvin Grove Park

**4:00 pm - 8pm**

Indigenous Interactive Cultural Experience

Note - Pedestrian foot traffic will be able to walk across the Silver Bridge to Kelvin Grove Park until 8:30pm at which time the area will be closed off to prepare for fireworks.

### Cottage Games

4:00pm - 8:00pm

Pickle Ball, Badminton, Connect 4, Tetherball, Corn Hole and more!

### Tour a Fire Truck

Tour one of the Fire Departments Tanker Trucks

### Canada Day Craft

Make and Take a Craft

### Open Air Jam Session

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring your instrument and join other musicians on the street for a fun unplugged acoustic jam session. All levels welcome.

### Canada Day Cupcakes

12pm and is while supplies last

Grab a cupcake and flag at the Bracebridge Visitors Center - 3 Ecclestone Drive. Courtesy of the Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce

### Fireworks

10:00pm

**Suggested Donation - \$20 per Family**

Brought to you by Bracebridge Rotary Club



[www.downtownbracebridge.com](http://www.downtownbracebridge.com)



Downtown Bracebridge BIA



# Congratulations

## ALL WINNERS AND NOMINEES

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Thursday June 13th for the 29th Annual Business Awards Gala!

We had a great evening and it was a pleasure celebrating the extraordinary achievements in our community.

[CLICK TO VIEW THE LIST OF 2024 AWARD WINNERS](#)

As we reflect on the event, we are eager to hear your thoughts and feedback. We invite you to take a few moments to complete our post-attendee survey [Click here for the Survey.](#)

For photos from the event photographer, Szumski Media, follow this link to see photos: [Awards Gala Photos Link](#)

Please continue to help us in congratulating the 2024 award winners!



## New Business of the Year

this award is proudly given to

*Big River Baking Company*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



SPONSORED BY MUSKOKA RIVER BAGEL CO.

## CREATIVE EMPLOYEE RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT AWARD

this award is proudly given to

*Fowler Construction*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



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## ACCESSIBILITY AWARD

this award is proudly given to

*Stoyan Lutich*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF BRACEBRIDGE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

## INDEPENDENT EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

this award is proudly given to

*The Bracebridge Library*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



SPONSORED BY SCOTIABANK

## NOT-FOR-PROFIT IMPACT AWARD

this award is proudly given to

*Food4Kids Muskoka*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



SPONSORED BY BARRISTON LAW

## GREEN INITIATIVE AWARD

this award is proudly given to

*Little Market Muskoka*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



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## OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO BRACEBRIDGE

this award is proudly given to

*Brenda Marchant*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



SPONSORED BY FABRICARE

## INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

this award is proudly given to

*Warren Dix*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



SPONSORED BY GEORGIAN COLLEGE MUSKOKA

## INNOVATION AWARD

this award is proudly given to

*Hospice Muskoka*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



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## TOURISM AWARD

this award is proudly given to

*Santa's Village*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



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## SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

this award is proudly given to

*The Bracebridge Library*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



SPONSORED BY SANTA'S VILLAGE

## BEST RETAIL CUSTOMER SERVICE

this award is proudly given to

*Muskoka River Bagel Co.*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



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## BEST HOME BASED BUSINESS

this award is proudly given to

*The Saucy Muskokan*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



SPONSORED BY FOWLER CONSTRUCTION

## Established Business of the Year

this award is proudly given to

*Bracebridge Hall*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



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## YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

this award is proudly given to

*Morgan Vassallo*

for Outstanding Business Achievement, as voted by the people of Bracebridge.



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**CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF PRESERVING HISTORY**

**MUSKOKA PIONEER  
POWER SHOW**

*presents their*

*38th Annual  
Show*



**JULY 12, 13 & 14, 2024**

**JD LANG PARK/BRACEBRIDGE FAIRGROUNDS  
331 Fraserburg Road, Bracebridge, Ontario**



-  **Truck Show and Shine**
-  **Horse Pulls**
-  **Antique Tractor Pulls**
-  **Lawn Tractor Pulls**
-  **Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls**
-  **Bouncy Castle**

-  **Vendors**
-  **Chip Truck**
-  **Food Booth**
-  **Live Music**
-  **Chainsaw Carving**
-  **Scavenger Hunt**

**FACEBOOK: Muskoka Pioneer Power Association  
EMAIL: mppacommunications@outlook.com**

**[www.muskokapioneerpower.ca](http://www.muskokapioneerpower.ca)**



## *About the Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce*

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The Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based, politically independent, not-for-profit organization that supports businesses of all sectors to convene, collaborate, advocate and create solutions for the regional economic prosperity of Muskoka. We enable this by providing our members with exclusive business opportunities, networking events, a united voice for improving business competitiveness across all sectors, and access to innovative insight and relevant solutions. The Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce knows that vibrant competitive & economically sustainable business communities are the foundation for a *prosperous Muskoka*.

Please visit our website for more information at:

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