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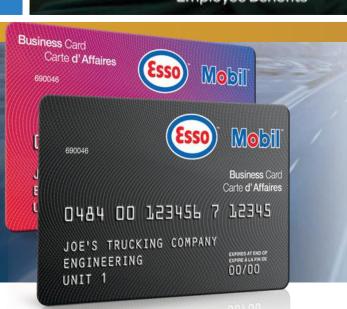
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#### You're Invited to

## **Chamber Family Day at Santa's Village**

**SUNDAY**June 22, 2025
10 AM - 5 PM



\$24.00 1624 Golden Beach Rd. Bracebridge, ON

Enjoy 50% off your Santa's Village pass for the day as a give back to Chamber members. Passes are \$24 per person. **Passes are limited. Registration ends June 18, 2025.** 



Join the Alzheimer Society of Muskoka

# **Board of Directors**



Seeking committed, community-minded applicants with experience in

\* healthcare

nonprofit governance

🖈 human resources

🖈 finance

or any other relevant industries

and who are passionate about improving the lives of those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Alzheimer Society

Make a meaningful difference in Muskoka



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#### Join the Alzheimer Society of Muskoka Board of Directors

The Alzheimer Society of Muskoka is currently seeking dedicated professionals to join our Board of Directors. As a Board Member, you will play an important role in shaping the strategic direction of local programs and services that support individuals living with dementia and their care partners across Muskoka and Parry Sound.

We welcome applicants with experience in human resources, healthcare, business, or community leadership who are passionate about making a local impact. This is a unique opportunity to contribute your expertise to a cause of growing importance, while connecting with like-minded professionals committed to improving dementia care in our region.

If you are interested in joining ASM's Board of Directors, email <a href="mailto:hpitkin@alzheimermuskoka.ca">hpitkin@alzheimermuskoka.ca</a>.



Thursday, June 19th, 2025

Location: South Muskoka Curling and Golf Club,

Bracebridge, ON

Time: Shotgun start at 1:00 PM, free BBQ lunch

from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM



To register, email us at RYNARD@ROYALLEPAGE.CA

**\$175.00**/player, **\$700.00**/foursome\* \*(\$650.00 if paid before June)





A Fundraiser for Food4Kids Muskoka

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025 6:00 pm

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# Leadership Potential!

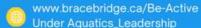
Week long courses starting July 7:

- Junior Lifeguard
- Aquatic Leadership Preperation
- Red Cross Stay Safe/At Home Alone w/Basic 1st Aid
- Bronze Medallion and Emergency First Aid ...and MORE

**Register Now** 



In Person







Enhance skills, responsibility, be job ready



# **CELEBRATE INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH** WITH A FREE ONLINE COURSE

**June is National Indigenous History** Month in Canada — a time to learn about the rich histories, cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

Ask your local Contact North online learning team about Introduction to Indigenous Matters, a free, self-paced, online course.

We can register you today!

- · Ideal for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of Indigenous matters
- Do it on your own time, at no cost
- Cover a range of topics:
  - Discover Turtle Island (North America) before colonization
  - Reflect on your personal and cultural place in colonial history
  - Understand how early colonizers' assumptions supported harmful systems
  - Explore the impact of the Indian Act and foundational agreements
  - Learn about the unique challenges Indigenous women and children face
  - Dispel common myths and stereotypes
  - Celebrate Indigenous strength and resilience



For more information or help to register, contact us today!















Our annual Canada Day celebrations are just around the corner, and we're excited to welcome everyone downtown for a fun-filled evening of music, activities, and fireworks!

#### **Important Info for Businesses**

- Road Closure: Manitoba Street will close at 3:00 PM. This is a quick turnaround, so please help us out by ensuring all visitor vehicles are out of the area before 3:00 PM.
- Extended Hours Encouraged: We're asking downtown businesses to stay open during the event. It's a great chance to connect with locals and visitors ahead of the 9:45 PM fireworks at Bracebridge Bay.

#### Want to Set Up a Booth?

- Let us know ASAP if you'd like to set up a table or tent on the street. You'll need to supply your own setup (tent, table, chairs, etc.).
- E-mail: <u>visit@downtownbracebridge.com</u> for more information.
- If you're not setting up outside, please be aware we'll be programming the entire street with vendors, activities, and community groups.

#### Volunteer Call-Out

We need a few extra hands! If you or someone you know can help with pickup, setup, running activities, or cleanup, please sign up using the link below. Every bit of help makes a big difference.





#### SIDEWALK DISPLAYS & CURB APPEAL RULES

Curb appeal can account for up to 70% of the first time sales and includes everything from signage, beautification, cleanliness and outdoor retail displays. Outdoor retail displays can be beautiful and be a successful sales tool however as sidewalks are public space the BIA has worked closely with the Town of Bracebridge to outline the rules and guidlines businesses should follow. Please reveiw the below rules prior to setting up your sidewalk displays.

#### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

- 1. Your display can included either one table that MUST be skirted that is no more than 6ft long or one rolling rack which is no more than 6ft long for merchandise.
- 2. Displays must appear neat and tidy at all times and the use of cardboard boxes to hold merchandise is not acceptable.
- 3. A minimum of 5 feet of unobstructed pedestrian clearance is required on the sidewalk from your display to the curb.
- 4. Display cannot be more than a maximum depth of 0.6 m (2'), it must be against your building and for safety cannot exceed 1.83m (6') in height.
- 5. Items must not in interfere with curb ramps, access to the building, fire hydrants, driveways or access to any fire escapes.
- 6. They must be portable and be removed each night when you are closed.
- 7. Items shall not be anchored to the sidewalk or affixed to any tree, post, sign or other structure, other than the face of the business buildin
- 8. They are not permitted in the winter months due to snow removal.
- 9. If using planters they must have a diameter of not less 12 inches and not more than 24 inches. They should either be substantially weighted to ensure the planter will not easily tip over in inclement weather or conversely by light enough to be moved into the business at the close of business each day.
- 10. Window Boxes and Hanging Planters should be constructed of wood or other durable materials and be no less than 12 inches deep and no wider than 90% of the width of the window which it is under and cannot sit on the sidwalk.
- 11. Furniture, including benches bistro tables and chairs, should be constructed of safe, sturdy and durable materials such as wood, steel, plastic or wrought iron.
- 12. All furniture should be commercial grade and manufactured for outdoor commercial use. Bistro tables should have no more than 2 chairs. Benches, tables and chairs must be no deeper than 24 inches. If you wish to incorporate Muskoka Chairs you must ensure there is a minimum of 5 feet of unobstructed pedestrian clearance to the curb.





As part of this year's Bracebridge 150 celebrations, the BIA is creating a "Walk Down Memory Lane" along Chancery Lane—featuring storyboards that showcase the rich history of our downtown.

We're also looking beyond the Lane and reaching out to you, our members. Do you have old photos, stories, or historical tidbits about your building, past shopkeepers, or the evolution of your storefront? If so, we'd love to include them.

Your memories can help bring the past to life and honour the people and places that helped shape our community.

Please email - visit@downtownbracebridge.com if you wish to share.











Thanks to the support of our generous sponsors, attendees, auction donors, and volunteers, we enjoyed a wonderful day of golf, networking, and delicious food at the beautiful Taboo Resort in Bracebridge.











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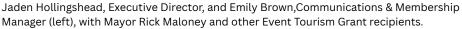






# BRACEBRIDGE CHAMBER AWARDED TWO GRANTS TO SUPPORT LOCAL GROWTH







L-R: Emily Brown, Mayor Rick Maloney, and Jaden Hollingshead.

The Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce has been awarded two grants from the Town of Bracebridge to support tourism and celebrate the community through local events. The funding will help enhance the Chamber's involvement in Muskoka Oktoberfest's 5th anniversary.

The Chamber received a \$2,000 Event Tourism Grant and a \$1,000 Bracebridge 150 Event Tourism Grant. Both grants are part of the Town's ongoing commitment to enriching the local visitor experience and supporting economic development through tourism and culture. The Bracebridge 150 Event Tourism Grant will specifically be used to spotlight and provide meaningful support to local musicians who will perform during Oktoberfest events hosted in Muskoka.

"This support from the Town of Bracebridge allows us to create an even more vibrant and memorable experience for both locals and visitors," said Jaden Hollingshead, Executive Director of the Chamber. "Oktoberfest is a great opportunity to extend the shoulder season and showcase the businesses and hospitality that make our town so special."

The Chamber's role includes working with local businesses to develop themed offerings, coordinating live performances, and promoting the event across tourism platforms. In previous years, Muskoka Oktoberfest has featured everything from brewery tours and pretzel tastings to beer gardens and outdoor concerts.

By investing in tourism and culture, the Chamber and the Town of Bracebridge are working together to build a stronger local economy and foster community spirit.

#### Want to get involved?

Ask us How!





Photo Caption: Sponsor Kate Monk and 5th generation artist Macie holding charcoal etching by Bill Monk.

MUSKOKA ARTS & CRAFTS

# LAUNCHES NEW SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

"CREATE YOUR CANVAS OF SUPPORT."

Bracebridge, ON (May 29, 2025)...Muskoka Arts and Crafts (MA&C) is pleased to announce with gratitude a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) sponsorship from Queen's Hill Consulting to expand the non-profit organization's innovative arts programs and to ensure more access for locals and visitors to the visual arts. The donation is the first in MA&C's new "Creative Sponsorship Program", said Executive Director Nichole Kitchen today.

Muskoka Arts & Crafts is growing and looking for corporate and individual sponsors to help the long-standing organization evolve, said Executive Director Nichole Kitchen today. Now is the time for businesses to partner with Muskoka Arts and Crafts for a tailed sponsorship package that can be "co-created" for optimal impact.

MA&C's most recent achievement was highlighted at its Spring Members' Show, where 80+ artists displayed their work for the annual juried exhibit. The event took place in the organization's Manitoba Street location in Bracebridge, called "MA&C on Main", where 12K visitors walked through the doors in the first year of operation (est. 2024).

The event also saw the launch of MA&C's new "Creative Sponsorship Program", which offers interested businesses and individuals the opportunity to develop innovative and mutually beneficial sponsorships to support MA&C's two annual shows, ongoing exhibits, and the sustainability of its 'MA&C on Main' space.

"With our new space attracting thousands of visitors all year round and our annual Summer Show attracting thousands of seasonal and permanent residents as well as tourists, we have plenty of return on investment (ROI) for businesses wanting high visibility for their own brand and offering," said Kitchen.

### MA&CPRESS RELEASE

Trish Conley-Knight, Chair of MA&C's fundraising and membership committee, says the organization that supports 400+ Muskoka makers want to give donor partners access to that creativity by building sponsorships organically, rather than adhering to a fixed or tiered program.

"We have so many incredible opportunities for anyone interested in supporting arts and crafts in our communities," she noted. "To develop something truly innovative, the first step is for our team to sit down with the sponsor to discover together how what we offer can produce a creative impact for them. Maybe it's innovative advertising in one of our galleries or an intimate event in one of our spaces; maybe it's a unique pop-op at the Summer show in Annie Williams Park. The possibilities are endless and exciting."

At the Spring Members' Show, MA&C's fundraising and membership committee announced the not-for-profit's first creative sponsorship, the introduction of an award in memory of a prominent local arts enthusiast.

The Bill Monk Community Hobbyist Award, sponsored by Queen's Hill Consulting owner Kate Monk, will be presented annually to a member of the public who pursues arts or crafts as a hobby, rather than as a profession. The sponsorship for this program in the amount of \$10K will see the winner's amateur works showcased at a MA&C event, and will award each winner \$200 to spend at the organization's annual I Holiday Market in December.

"We are incredibly grateful for this seed donation for our Creative Sponsorship Program to launch our development plans," said Nichole Kitchen. "This came about after much thoughtful consideration and discussions about what the donor wanted to achieve in her father's memory, as well as how the sponsorship would best support our organization."

Trish Conley-Knight says MA&C is looking forward to speaking to community businesses and individuals to tailor more unique sponsorships.

"MA&C and its members contribute greatly to both the cultural and economic landscapes in Muskoka," she said. "We hope to garner more support for this work and for its impact in our communities, while also giving businesses a truly special platform for their own objectives."

To inquire about the Creative Sponsorship Program at Muskoka Arts & Crafts, please email Executive Director Nichole Kitchen: info@muskokaartsandcrafts.com

#### **About Muskoka Arts & Crafts:**

Muskoka Arts & Crafts is one of the oldest and most well-established arts organizations in Ontario, having grown since its inception in 1963 to include a diverse membership of professional full-time artists, part-time artists, hobbyists, amateurs, patrons and art enthusiasts that creates a dynamic environment where everyone can learn from each other. MA&C is a not-forprofit artist community growing and promoting visual arts & craft awareness across Muskoka community through its annual events, partnerships, social media and exhibitions.

#### **Press Contact:**

Nichole Kitchen (Executive Director) info@muskokaartsandcrafts.com 705.645.5501
@muskokaartsandcrafts



# SUNDAY

**June 15th, 2025** 

(no rain date)

131 Wellington Street, Bracebridge 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**PRIZES** 

#### Registration is \$15.00 per vehicle



PRE-REGISTRATION is REQUIRED as SPACE IS LIMITED. To register use QR code or link below. https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticket-

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**Bracebridge 150 Celebrations** & Downtown Shop Hop

June 7-8

Bracebridge 150 Celebration 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Bracebridge JD Lang Activity Park

June 7

Downtown Shop Hop 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Manitoba Street

**Bracebridge Farmers' Market** 

June 7 - October 11

8:00 am - 1:30 pm Every Saturday Memorial Park

July

Canada Day Celebrations &

July 1

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm Manitoba Street & Bracebridge Falls

**Bandshell Concerts** 

July 2 - August 27

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Every Wednesday Memorial Park

Muskoka Pride Parade

July 27

11:00 am Manitoba Street & Memorial Park

August September

Moonlight Madness

August 1

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Manitoba Street & Memorial Park

**Downtown Art Market** 

September 27

10:00 am - 5:00 pm Manitoba Street

October

Witches Walk

October 18

6 pm - 8pm Manitoba Street Fundraiser - Manna Food Bank

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Muskoka Oktoberfest

October 24-25

(Various Locations)

Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 11

10:30 am Memorial Park

Festival of Lights **Shopping Party & Fireworks**  November 21

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Manitoba Street

**Holiday Shop Hop** 

November 29 10:00 am – 5:00pm Manitoba Street

December Santa Claus Parade

December 5

6:00 pm Manitoba Street

Fanuary

Fire & Ice Festival

January 31, 2026

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Manitoba Street



Memorial Park - Noon - 4pm 🌕 Downtown - 4pm - 9pm





Bracebridge Bay - 6:30pm

# Live Music Memorial Park Bandshell

12:00 - Muskoka Concert Band

1:00 - Mitch Beube and Jason Crawford - "Hip Hop Jazz"

2:00 - Tamica Herod and Friends

3:00 - Curt Dunlop and Grady Kelnick

#### **Manitoba Street - Downtown**

4:00 - Briar Summers

5:00 - "Me and Maggie G."

6:00 - Menfolk

7:00 - Todd and Robyn

8:00 - Liam Kearney Kids Show

#### **Bracebridge Bay - Wharf Road**

6:30 - The Mighty Lopez

7:30 - Metis Fiddle and Dance with Alicia Blore

8:30 - Classic Canadiana with "Wheelhouse"

9:45 - Drone and Fireworks Show

#### **Food Trucks**

Manitoba Street - Downtown

- Fry-R-Truck
- Wild Kernel Co.
- Sugar Nuts
- Screamy's Ice Cream

Bracebridge Falls - Wharf Road

Lions Club BBQ

#### Cottage Games

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

## Tour a Fire Truck

## Canada Day Craft

# Bracebridge 150 Check out the Mekoka Pioneer Power Display

Discover fun facts about Bracebridge history! Check out the 'Walk Down Memory Lane' panels along Chancery Lane."

#### Canada Day Cupcakes

12pm while supplies last

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

#### **Fireworks**

9:45 pm

Suggested Donation | \$20 per Family













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Silver Bridge is closed for repairs no vehicle or pedestrian traffic will be permited.



# LYT CONNECTION

Friday June 20th 2025

# funk returns to bracebridge hall

DOORS AT 8PM

LIMITED TICKETS AT BBHALL.CA



## About the Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce

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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