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Welcome NEW MEMBERS



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Muskoka Residence



Member
benefits worth
SHOUTING
about.



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With the Chamber's Esso and Mobil Business Fleet Card Program, your business can enjoy a 3.5¢ per litre discount on every fuel purchase at Canada's largest retail fuel network of over 2,000 Esso and Mobil stations. This exceptional fuel discount is usually available within, well, shouting distance.

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Open a new payment processing account by November 30, 2024, and receive a \$150 statement credit.*

EASY PLAN ADMINISTRATION WITH MY-BENEFITS

Sending in a health or dental claim to the Chambers Plan?


Claims are typically processed in under 48 hours, meaning you get your money quickly!

And, if you submit your claim using the my-benefits app, you'll save even more time!



[GET A FREE QUOTE](#)





Opportunities

Muskoka Small Business Day: November 27th



AFTER HOURS NETWORKING

THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF MUSKOKA



Join the Muskoka Chambers at The District of Muskoka and meet your Chamber community!

RSVP required

RSVP



27TH NOV 2024

5 PM

70 PINE STREET,
BRACEBRIDGE

Experience the Council Chambers, network with other professionals, and hear the latest on what's happening in Muskoka. From housing to infrastructure to innovation, the District of Muskoka is making major investments in our communities, including new projects and services that can help grow your businesses and our economy.

BUSINESS OVER BREAKFAST: Funding & Innovation Forum



8:30am - 12:30pm

Port Carling
Community Centre

INNOVATIVE SPEAKER SESSIONS
TECH AND "FUNDING FOR GROWTH" PANELS
MUSKOKA BUSINESS OWNERS NETWORKING
MORE DETAILS TO COME AT:
WWW.MUSKOKASMALLBUSINESS.CA

Presented in partnership with the *Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario)*.

8:30 AM | Registration & Networking Breakfast catered by Nicole Richard of The Hook and Ladder

9:15 AM | Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Opening Remarks

9:30 AM | Greetings from Muskoka Lakes Mayor Peter Kelley, and Updates from Township Economic Development Officer James Cox

9:40 AM | How to Cover Your Tech Assets, presented by IION
Panelists: Rachel Clark (SKADI Cyber Defense), Michael McKeegney (AssetPool). **Moderator:** Norah Fountain, former tech marketing specialist

10:45 AM | Delivering Great Service to the Customers of Today.
Speaker: Client Experience Strategist Katrina Scarlett (Scarlett and Co.)

11:20 AM | Show us the Money
Panelists: Scott Mullen (Scotiabank), Kennedy Johnston (Futurepreneur), Jodi Chapman-Good (Muskoka Futures), Kathy Tate (PARO). **Moderator:** (Elizabeth Cornish)

12:15 PM | Closing Remarks and Thanks from Elizabeth Cornish

Get your ticket



OPEN HOUSE

Experience



Georgian

Join us **IN PERSON!**

SAT. NOV. 16

RSVP TODAY!

RSVP today to our **FREE** on-campus event and find your Georgian College experience.

Get a chance to [win up to \\$5,000 toward tuition*](#) just by RSVPing.
Learn how you can [apply to Georgian for FREE**](#).

Movember with Mulligans

In Support of

Enliven Cancer Care

Mulligans Golf Lounge, Huntsville



Great Prizes!

Winning Team, Best Team Stashes,
Best Name, Best Try

\$125 per team of 2. Includes 2 hours of sim time & 2 free drinks
Axe Throwing \$40 per hour, per person

Select playing time
upon registration

27 & 28

November

Register at:

www.mulligansmuskoka.ca



www.enlivenmuskoka.ca



NOW HIRING

GENERAL MANAGER

OVERVIEW

PROVIDE QUALITY LEADERSHIP, INSPIRING A SHARED VISION FOR THE CLUB, AND LEADING A STRONG TEAM TO UNDERSTAND THIS VISION. THE IDEAL CANDIDATE WILL POSSESS STRONG BUSINESS ACUMEN, WITH EXPERTISE IN FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES, FOOD AND BEVERAGE, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GOLF & CURLING.

Send your application to:
president@southmuskoka.com

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

OVERVIEW

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOOKKEEPING AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES OF THE CLUB, INCLUDING MAINTAINING ACCURATE FINANCIAL RECORDS, PAYROLL PROCESSING, MONTHLY REPORTING, MANAGING MEMBER ACCOUNTS & RECORDS, AND MORE.

Send your application to:
adam@southmuskoka.com



Help Transform Our Community with Public Art!

The Town of Bracebridge is looking for partners in Downtown Bracebridge to help expand and enhance their catalogue of public art. Building owners in the Downtown Bracebridge business improvement area are invited to complete an online survey to offer their building to host an outdoor mural and express their interest in being a project partner.

Public art not only beautifies our community but also attracts visitors, fosters a sense of pride, and supports local artists. By participating in this survey, you will help us identify opportunities for murals in Downtown Bracebridge.

Your feedback is invaluable, and we appreciate your time in completing this survey. Complete the survey below by November 19 at 4:30 p.m.

[Submit your interest](#)



SHOP THE BRIDGE

In just under a year since the program launched, over \$18,000 in gift cards have been purchased and can be redeemed at 48 different businesses in Bracebridge.

With the number of registered businesses continuing to climb and hundreds of gift cards sold, it's clear that Bracebridge is embracing local shopping like never before. If you haven't grabbed your Shop The Bridge gift card yet, or if you would like to register your business for the program, now's the perfect time to join in on this community-driven initiative and keep supporting local!

[Learn more](#)

Grants, Funds & Information



APPLY AFTER NOV. 19

CANADA SUMMER JOBS

DEADLINE TO APPLY: Dec 19, 2024



The annual Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program Call for Applications will be launched during the week of November 18, 2024, and will close on December 19, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time).

Don't wait to apply! This year the CSJ Call for Applications will end before the new year. Don't risk missing the deadline and apply early for Canada Summer Jobs funding! Are You Ready?

The CSJ program will once again aim to support 70,000 quality jobs for youth during the 2025 summer season. Not-for-profit employers can receive a wage subsidy up to 100% of the current provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage. Public and private sector employers are eligible to receive a wage subsidy of up to 50% of the current provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage.

Are you ready to:

- Provide quality work experiences for youth?
- Provide opportunities for youth to develop and improve their skills?
- Respond to national and local priorities to improve access to the labour market for youth who face unique barriers?

If so, stay tuned for the launch of Canada Summer Jobs 2025 by visiting the [CSJ website!](#)



**M MUSKOKA
JOB BOARD**

Community Improvement Plan (CIP) 2024 Funding Still Available



Are you planning to renovate, revamp, or breathe new life into your business or property in Bracebridge? Good news! Funding is still available through the **Town of Bracebridge's Community Improvement Plan (CIP)**. Whether you're sprucing up your storefront, enhancing energy efficiency or boosting curb appeal, there's financial support to help make it happen.

Eligible properties can receive funding to help support the following:

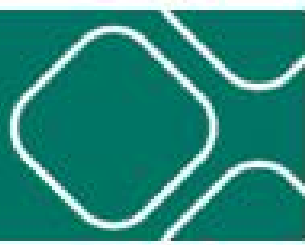
- Building, Property, Façade and Signage Improvements
- Energy Efficiency Retrofit Improvements
- Commercial to Residential Housing Conversions
- Property Tax Increases as a Result of Substantial Development

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to make your vision a reality while contributing to the town's vibrant growth. Check out the CIP details today, and let's make Bracebridge shine brighter than ever!

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

Canada Revenue Agency

canada.ca/taxes



Trust reporting for the 2024 tax year - Bare trusts not required to file the T3 Return and Schedule 15

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will not require bare trusts to file a T3 Income Tax and Information Return (T3 return), including Schedule 15 (Beneficial Ownership Information of a Trust) for the 2024 tax year, unless the CRA makes a direct request for these filings. This is a continuation of the exemption from the trust reporting requirements that was issued for bare trusts for the 2023 tax year.

Other affected trusts still required to report

The new trust reporting requirements still apply to other affected trusts with taxation years ending after December 30, 2023. These affected trusts are required to file a T3 return, including Schedule 15, unless specific conditions are met. Find out more with our [answers to frequently asked questions on reporting requirements for trusts](#).

The deadline for the T3 return is no later than 90 days after the trust's tax year-end. The tax year-end for most trusts is the end of the calendar year. Trusts with a December 31, 2024, tax year-end will need to file their T3 Return by March 31, 2025. [T3 Return by March 31, 2025](#).

Diversity and Inclusion Training for Small Employers

Sponsored by the District of Muskoka's IDEA Advisory Group

Complimentary workshops include:

**All workshops are conducted virtually over Zoom, spaces are limited.*

Bystander Intervention
with Julie S. LaLonde

October 29 1:00 - 3:00PM
November 6 1:00 - 3:00PM
November 14 1:00 - 3:00PM

Visit www.engagemuskoka.ca/idea to register your team.



WE CONNECT JOB SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS!

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



MUSKOKA HOUSING TASK FORCE 2.0



AFFORDABLE / ATTAINABLE HOUSING SERVICE SWAP & TALK



PORT CARLING
COMMUNITY
CENTRE

3 Bailey St, Unit 1, Port Carling

FRI. NOVEMBER 22

8am - 12pm

KEYNOTE, PITCHES & NETWORKING

Breakfast provided

Join us on National Housing Day for a morning of connection and discovery with like-minded organizations, businesses and nonprofits wanting to move the dial on affordable, attainable housing in Muskoka.

To learn more and to RSVP visit www.engagemuskoka.ca/muskoka-housing-task-force



Community News





bracebridge
library

Christmas list

- New or gently used artificial Christmas trees
- More new or gently used artificial Christmas trees
- For you to join us from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 29 for The Polar Express Holiday Event!

THE BRACEBRIDGE
SCHOOL OF DANCE ARTS
PRESENTS

BSDA'S HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

Rene M. Caisse
Theatre

adult \$30+hst
child \$20+hst

SATURDAY 30TH
NOVEMBER 2024

11:00
AM

3:00
PM

Tickets & More Info At
www.bracebridgeschoolofdancearts.ca



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Pregnancy
Thoracic Outlet Syndrome
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And Much More!



Monday 10am-4pm
Tuesday 12-7pm
Wednesday 12-7pm
Thursday 10am-4pm
Friday 9am-3pm



Bracebridge Farmers' Market First Annual Christmas Market

Rotary Club Bracebridge
131 Wellington Street
Bracebridge, Ontario

Saturday November 23rd, 2024



10am-3pm



theatre muskoka presents

THE MUSKOKA MEN OF SONG 2024 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 @ 7:00PM

RENE M. CAISSE MEMORIAL THEATRE – BRACEBRIDGE

ALSO FEATURING: Muskoka's MenFolk · Making Waves
Sean Kelly Bursary Recipients · Alexandra Teske
Monsignor Michael O'Leary Catholic School Choir

ADULTS – \$30 · CHILDREN (12 AND UNDER) – \$20

Tickets available on-line from www.theatremuskoka.ca (+ fees)

Proceeds support young musicians in Muskoka through the Sean Kelly Bursary Program. For more information: www.muskokamenofsong.ca



Rotary Club of
Bracebridge-Muskoka Lakes



78th Annual

Bracebridge Santa Claus Parade

December 6th, 2024 | 6:00 P.M.

Route - Manitoba Street starting at Shopper's Drug Mart



It's almost time...



Meet Santa after the parade for some hot chocolate and new memories at Memorial Park!



www.bracebridgesantaparade.ca

**TEST DRIVE
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DEC 20TH

**55" SMART TV
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Here's how you can enter:

- 1 Ballot for test-driving any of our gas-powered models
- 2 Ballots for taking one of our Electric, Hybrid, or Plug-In Hybrid models for a drive

Want more chances? Drive one gas-powered and one EV/HEV/PHEV to score the maximum 3 ballots!

We'll be drawing the winner on December 20th at noon – so don't miss out on your chance to win this holiday season!

[CLICK FOR MORE INFO](#)

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CALLING ALL VENDORS!

NOVEMBER 29TH | 1PM - 4PM

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CONTACT DAWN.GM@CASTLEPEAKMUSKOKA.COM TO RESERVE YOUR BOOTH

Bracebridge's FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



NOVEMBER 22ND MOONLIGHT SHOPPING PARTY & STREET FESTIVAL 6:00 - 9:00 PM
MANITOBA STREET

- * LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
- * VISIT WITH SANTA
- * HOLIDAY TRAIN
- * LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
With Jam Sandwich & Liam Kearney
- * FIREWORKS AT 8:00 PM
- * ILLUMINATED FIRETRUCK
- * FILL A CRUISER TOY DRIVE
- * HOT CHOCOLATE
- * LOCAL VENDORS
- * FOOD VENDORS
- * KIDS CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
- * LIVING WINDOWS
With Bracebridge School of Ballet



NOVEMBER 22ND - DECEMBER 6TH SELF-GUIDED FESTIVITIES **ALL DAY**

- * **ELF ON THE SHELF HIDE & SEEK**
Find them in select Downtown BIA businesses to be entered to win 1 of 3 \$50 Shop The Bridge Gift Cards
- * **TONS OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT!**
Celebrate the season with our colouring contest, Holiday lights, and much more!
- * **HOT COCOA TRAIL**
Eat & drink at participating Downtown BIA businesses to be entered to win 1 of 3 \$50 Shop The Bridge Gift Cards
- * **LET IT GLOW**
Holiday window display contest. Vote for your favourite store's display for a chance to win 1 of 3 \$50 Shop The Bridge Gift Cards



DECEMBER 6TH SANTA CLAUS PARADE 6:00 - 8:00 PM
MANITOBA STREET

* PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRACEBRIDGE / MUSKOKA LAKES



For all inquiries please reach out to cryan@bracebridge.ca OR visit www.bracebridge.ca/FestivalsandEvents



BRACEBRIDGE



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:

Find us on social media

