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A STRONGER VOICE

OCTOBER 30, 2024

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Canadian Chamber of Commerce
Chambre de Commerce du Canada

We make payments easy. And we're offering a **\$150 statement credit*** to get you started.

The right payment solution can help grow your business, increase customer loyalty, and set you apart from competitors. With flexible point-of-sale solutions customized for your business needs, Elavon makes accepting payments easier for you and your customers.

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](#)



Member benefits worth SHOUTING about.



Save 3.5¢ per litre* on Esso™ and Mobil™ fuel.

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.

Card program advantages and benefits:

- **Fuel securely** with prompts at the pump and 24/7 customer support.
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- **Pay bills, manage cards, and mitigate unauthorized spending** with online and mobile tools.
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Opportunities



SAVE THE DATE: **Wed. Nov. 27th**
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).



AFTER HOURS NETWORKING



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

RSVP at bracebridgechamber.com



27TH NOV 2024



**70 PINE STREET,
BRACEBRIDGE**

Muskoka Small Business Day: November 27th



Coulson Family Bracebridge Library

(705) 645-4171
info@bracebridgelibrary.com
 34 Salmon Ave.
 Bracebridge, ON, P1L 1C1

PRESS RELEASE
 For Immediate Release

Christmas trees needed to transform Bracebridge Library into winter spectacle

If you have an artificial tree you no longer need, consider donating it to the Coulson Family Bracebridge Library to help us prepare for the holiday season.

The Coulson Family Bracebridge Library is preparing to kick off the holidays with The Polar Express Holiday Event.

The event is themed after the iconic Christmas film and will happen on Friday, Nov. 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with crafts and activities for all ages, hot chocolate, and music to get you in the festive spirit.

The event will be highlighted by the illumination of 12 artificial trees on display throughout the library. Decorations for the trees are also being accepted.

If you have an artificial tree or decorations that you're willing to donate, please email info@bracebridgelibrary.ca or call Ashleigh Whipp, Manager of Community Engagement and Programming, at 705-645-4171 ext. 3808 to arrange a drop-off time.

"We want to help the environment by keeping useable trees out of the landfill," explains Whipp. "And, in the spirit of the holiday season, we want to use the donated trees and decorations to turn the library into a winter spectacle for the entire community to enjoy."

The library is hosting plenty of events between Tuesday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Dec. 20. You can register for them on the library's website.

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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





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](#)

HAVE YOUR SAY

MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX

Provide your feedback on a proposed Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) by October 20 to help us better understand current needs, challenges and opportunities.

ENGAGEBRACEBRIDGE.CA/MAT



Bracebridge's

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

NOVEMBER 22ND - DECEMBER 6TH

- * LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
- * VISIT WITH SANTA
- * LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- * FIREWORKS
- * HOLIDAY TRAIN
- * VENDORS
- * HOT COCOA TRAIL
- * FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
- * SANTA CLAUS PARADE
- * AND SO MUCH MORE!

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?

[CONTACT: CRYAN@BRACEBRIDGE.CA](mailto:CRYAN@BRACEBRIDGE.CA)



Sponsorship Packages

\$500

Community Sponsor

- ✓ Logo placements on website
- ✓ Recognition on social media
- ✓ 4 complimentary tickets

\$1000

Silver Sponsor

- ✓ Logo placement on website
- ✓ Shared booth space at the festival
- ✓ Recognition on social media
- ✓ 6 complimentary tickets

\$1500

Gold Sponsor

- ✓ Logo placements on website
 - ✓ Logo placements on selected promotional material
 - ✓ Recognition on social media
 - ✓ dedicated booth space
 - ✓ 8 complimentary tickets
 - ✓ Shared booth space at the festival
- *Use of VIP room with free drinks and food*





Explorers' Edge
**REGIONAL
TOURISM
2024 SUMMIT**



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 • WINDERMERE HOUSE

There are only a few tickets left for the 2024 Regional Tourism Summit, Taking place on Wednesday, November 6 at Windermere House on Lake Rosseau, Muskoka.

With a dual focus on product innovation and rural strategy, the day will feature discussions with multiple industry experts.

[**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 8th, 2025
International Women's Day

Women of Distinction



*Bridges
Out of Poverty*

**FULL-DAY WORKSHOP
FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, SERVICE
PROVIDERS, AND VOLUNTEERS**

Let's broaden understanding and learn about local, practical strategies to make a difference in our community.



Facilitated by Kelly Jones

Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, 9am-4pm
The Salvation Army Bracebridge Community Church
456 Manitoba St.
Cost: \$45 (subsidies available)
Program workbook, lunch & refreshments provided



For inquiries: 705-645-9827
jsiff@ywcamuskota.com

womenofdistinction@ywcamuskota.com



Register today at:
www.circlesmuskoka.com



The image features two glowing jack-o'-lanterns at night. One is positioned in the upper right, and the other is in the lower left. Both are carved with traditional faces and are illuminated from within, casting a warm orange glow. In the background, a potted plant is visible on the left, and a window with a white frame is on the right. A white, rounded rectangular text box is centered over the image, containing the text "Grants, Funds & Information" in a black, sans-serif font.

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**



Free webinar on payroll responsibilities for employers

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is hosting a free webinar to help employers with the key aspects of payroll management. Whether you're just starting out or need a refresher, we can help you navigate payroll correctly.

This webinar will discuss:

- Payroll obligations to CRA
- Deductions and contributions
- Tools for calculating types of pay and withholdings
- Books and Records
- Remitting
- Reporting

Register for the webinar

You should register for this webinar if you:

- Have a business with employees
- Regularly complete payroll
- Are unsure if you are paying your employees correctly while staying compliant

This webinar is on Thursday October 31st, 2024 from 1-1:45pm

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Grow Grant

Take a successful project to a new level. Grow grants provide a higher level of funding over 2 or 3 years to help proven community projects increase their impact.



NEXT DEADLINE

November 6, 2024, 5 PM ET.

TERM LENGTH

2 or 3 years

AMOUNT AWARDED (PER YEAR)

Minimum \$50,000 Maximum \$200,000

Grant applications are now being accepted until November 6, 2024, at 5 PM ET.

[Apply now](#)

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](#)

WE CONNECT JOB SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS!

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



Inform the 2025 Ontario Economic Report

SHARE YOUR VIEWS WITH QUEEN'S PARK

Take the 5 minute Survey >

Deadline: Thursday, November 14, 2024



Lead Partner



Presenting Partner



Research Partners



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.



Online Community Profile

Providing dynamic statistics and information on the Bracebridge community.



BRACEBRIDGE
The Heart of Muskoka

Community News

TRICK
OR
TREAT

A Halloween-themed scene featuring a brick wall. In the foreground, two lit black candles sit on a brick ledge. To the right, a black perforated sign with the words 'TRICK OR TREAT' in white capital letters is placed on the wall. The background is a brick wall with a window, decorated with white spider webs and black spiderweb cutouts. A small white and yellow striped pumpkin is visible on the right side of the brick ledge.

BRACEBRIDGE PUMPKIN PARADE

Pumpkin Contest Friday November 1st '24 5pm - 7pm
THE FOUNDRY, Bracebridge



Come enjoy some Halloween fun at the foundry. Bring your retired Halloween pumpkins to The Foundry Friday November 1st, 2025.

What to expect:

- Pumpkin Parade
- Pumpkin Judging contest with prizes
- Bar, Snacks & live music
- Halloween film screening by Three Fires Film Festival

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BRACEBRIDGE HALL PRESENTS

ALL HALLOWS MASSIVE DANCE PARTY

LIVE MUSIC BY **MUSKOKA POLKA** & **DJ KELS**
9-11PM 11PM

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME & BEST COUPLE!

\$10/ADV \$15/DOOR DOORS OPEN AT 8PM
BBHALL.CA

FRI NOV 1

DEADLINE MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 30TH!



GET IN TO WIN YOUR SHARE OF OVER

\$95,000

IN EARLY REWARDS

GET TICKETS TODAY



CHRISTMAS AT BASILICO

We are taking reservations for group Christmas Parties for the month of November & December!

Let us help you celebrate your team, workplace or family in our private lounge. Set with a three course meal & bar service!

Email kennedy@basilico.ca to book your group!

Delectable, Delightful Holiday Hampers

Once again, the talented home chefs of Hospice Muskoka have come together to prepare a selection of delectable delights, using cherished family recipes.

Give the gift of fine artisanal foods and festive treats to yourself or to others.



Hampers are \$165.00 each.
Limited supply available.

All profits go to support Hospice Muskoka's community services and Andy's House.

Order today for December 2024

For further information or questions, please contact hospicehampers@gmail.com



Santa's Village Mistletoe Mixer

Santa's Village warmly welcomes you to our Mistletoe Mixers!

Begin your evening with a cocktail hour, featuring access to select park attractions. Savor a delectable three-course plated dinner in our stunning Yule Lodge. Finally, dance the night away with our DJ and enjoy our cash bar.

December 5th 2024

at the Yule Lodge
6:00pm - 12:00am

Available for only \$2.95 + HST

Book Your Tickets Today!

705-645-2512 - events@santasvillage.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

COMMUNITY COAT DRIVE 2024



Until NOV. 30th
bring in a clean
winter jacket
and receive
\$25 OFF
any purchase
over \$100

Items received are donated
to our community partners.



ALGONQUIN OUTFITTERS
EST. 1961



Bracebridge Farmers' Market First Annual Christmas Market

Rotary Club Bracebridge
131 Wellington Street
Bracebridge, Ontario

Saturday November 23rd, 2024
10am-3pm



PARKWOOD
CHIROPRACTIC CENTRE

**NOW ACCEPTING
NEW CLIENTS!**

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REGISTERED MASSAGE THERAPIST

- Neck and Back Pain
- TMJ Dysfunction
- Headaches
- Youth/Paediatric Athletes
- Post Concussion Symptoms
- Work Related Repetitive
- Stress Injuries
- Sport Injuries & Rehabilitation
- Pregnancy
- Thoracic Outlet Syndrome
- Extremity Pain & Injury
- And Much More!



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

Investor Ready Program



Ian Lane
NOA | Matt Doherty
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Pitch Ready

Thurs, Oct 31 2024
10am - 11am

- Free Registration on Eventbrite
- Virtual Entrepreneur Training
- Learn How to Craft and Deliver a Compelling Business Pitch to Investors



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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

