



# CHAMBER EN

TOGETHER WE HAVE

**OCTOBER 30, 2024** 

A STRONGER VOICE

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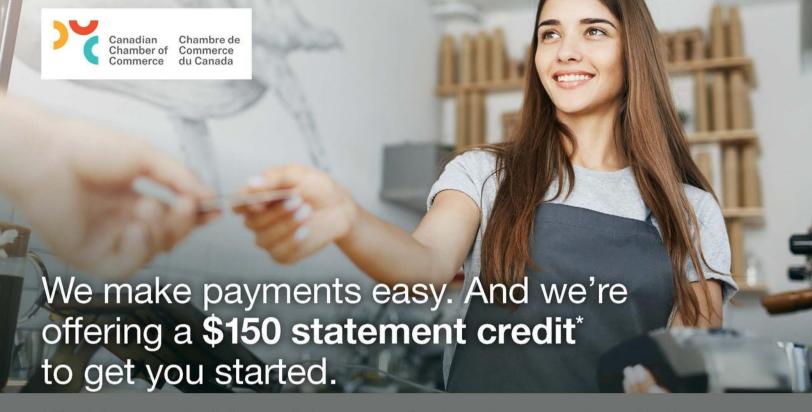
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The right payment solution can help grow your business, increase customer loyalty, and set you apart from competitors. With flexible point-of-sale solutions customized for your business needs, Elavon makes accepting payments easier for you and your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







Chambre de Commerce du Canada

# 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.
- Track spending easily with paperless receipts and insights into every transaction.
- · Pay bills, manage cards, and mitigate unauthorized spending with online and mobile tools.
- Fill up with Synergy Fuel™, engineered for better gas mileage,\*\* at over 2,000 Esso and Mobil stations across Canada.
- Get on the road to rewards with the PC Optimum™ program.\*\*\*
- Save 10% on all oil changes at Mr. Lube when you show your Esso and Mobil Business Card or Premier Plus Business Card.

#### Start saving today

For more information or to apply, please contact your sales representative.

Mario Ojeda-Iniguez Regional Sales Manager | Ontario c. 819.962.4465 mario.ojeda-iniguez@wexinc.com





<sup>\*</sup>New accounts only. Valid at participating Esso and Mobil locations. Discounts earned will be credited directly to your account(s). Eligible only for Canadian Chamber of Commerce members.

\*\*Improvements, such as fuel economy, are based on Synergy-branded gasoline, where and when available, compared to gasoline meeting minimum Canadian government detergency standards. Actual benefits will vary depending on factors such as vehicle type, driving style, and gasoline previously used.

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# Opportunities









SAVE THE DATE: Wed. Nov. 27th

#### BUSINESS OVER BREAKFAST:

Funding & Innovation Forum

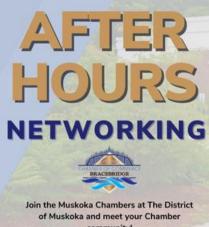


TECH AND "FUNDING FOR GROWTH" PANELS MUSKOKA BUSINESS OWNERS NETWORKING

MORE DETAILS TO COME AT: WWW.MUSKOKASMALLBUSINESS.CA

Presented in partnership with the <u>Federal Economic Development Agency for</u> Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario).

Canada



community!

RSVP at bracebridgechamber.com







#### **Muskoka Small Business Day: November 27th**



- (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

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.



AFFORDABLE / ATTAINABLE

## HOUSING

SERVICE SWAP & TALK



3 Bailey St, Unit 1, Port Carling

FRI. NOVEMBER 22

8am - 12pm

**KEYNOTE, PITCHES & NETWORKING** 

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

#### Mathew Reisler

Marketing & Communications Coordinate

- (705) 645-4171 ext. 3818
- mathew.reisler@bracebridgelibrary.ca





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 BRIDGE Brackridge. Ch. www.Streptrakridge.ca

**Learn more** 

## 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!



# Bracebridge's FFSTWAL OF LIGHTS

#### NOVEMBER 22ND - DECEMBER 6TH

- 兼 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



# 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
- drinks and food 8 complimentary tickets

\*Use of VIP room with free





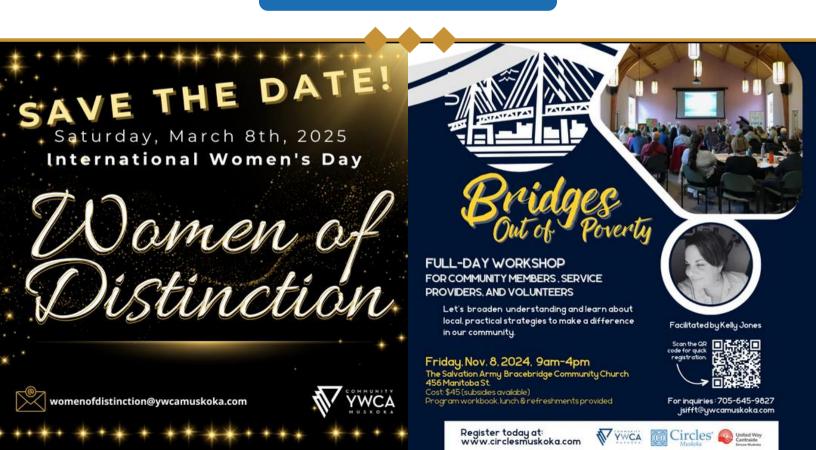


#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 · WINDERMERE HOUSE

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** 





**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!



#### Canada Revenue Agency

canada.ca/taxes



#### 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** 



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** 

TERM LENGTH

AMOUNT AWARDED (PER YEAR)

November 6, 2024, 5 PM ET.

2 or 3 years

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:

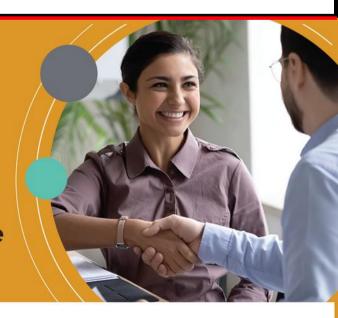
- Building, Property, Façade and Signage Improvements
- Energy Efficiency Retrofit Improvements
- Commercial to Residential Housing Conversions
- Property Tax Increases as a Result of Substantial Development

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





Load 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 Noember 6 1:00 - 3:00PM November 14 1:00 - 3:00PM

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







#### 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





#### **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!



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 82.95 + HST Book Your Tickets Today!

705-645-2512 - events@santasvillage.ca

# 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





Rotary Club of Bracebridge-Muskoka Lakes



78th Annual

#### Bracebridge Santa Claus Parade

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



new memories at Memorial Park!

www.bracebridgesantaparade.ca

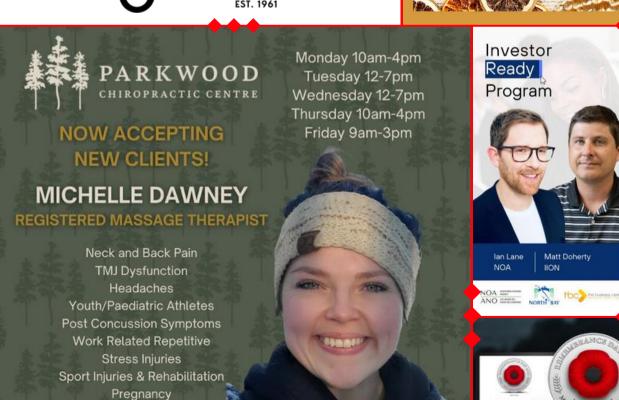
# COMMUNITY COAT DRIVE 2024



Thoracic Outlet Syndrome Extremity Pain & Injury

And Much More!





#### 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





The Legion National Foundation - La Fondation nationale de la Légion



#### 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

