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CHAMBER E-NEWS



JANUARY 2025

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YOUR COMMUNITY
YOUR CHAMBER

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Become a Chamber Member Today

K.Brewer Financial-Chamber's Plan Group Insurance

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- Chamber Members Are Hiring!
- Work in Muskoka - muskokajobboard.ca
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Health Coverage

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Disability and Critical Illness Coverage

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Life Insurance

To give employees peace of mind, provide financial support to beneficiaries in the event of a death.



Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Supporting employees through life's challenges so they can live and work productively.



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Give employees the freedom to choose where they use their coverage.



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Opportunities

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



2025

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



RSVP

JAN 29, 2025

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Muskoka Collective

16 Dominion St. BRACEBRIDGE

www.bracebridgechamber.com

 Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025

 Time: 5:30 PM

 Location: Muskoka Collective, 16 Dominion St., Bracebridge

Can't Make it? Send us your proxy vote

by downloading this form and emailing it to
Chamber@bracebridgechamber.com

Attending the AGM is important for members to exercise their voting rights, stay informed about the organization's progress, and contribute to key decisions. It's an opportunity to ensure leadership remains transparent, network with others, and voice ideas or concerns. A strong turnout ensures the organization remains transparent, credible, and aligned with its members' needs.

Refreshments and snacks provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



AFTER HOURS NETWORKING

MUSKOKA LAKES
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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5 PM



BRACEBRIDGE
BARRELHOUSE,
295 WELLINGTON



6TH FEB 2024

Presented by MAWER Investment Management, in partnership with the Bracebridge Chamber and Muskoka Lakes Chamber, this is your invitation to take a break from the hustle and join us at the Bracebridge Barrelhouse for a night of relaxed networking, delicious bites, and refreshing drinks.


 When: Tuesday, February 6, 2025 at 5PM

 Where: Bracebridge Barrelhouse

What Makes This Night Super:

 Drinks and good vibes in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere

 Taste a selection of tapas-style foods, oysters and beer pairings

 Making connections with other business professionals in Muskoka

Plus: Bring your business cards for a chance to score in our business card draw featuring two incredible gift baskets.

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our website and at
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JOB BOARD

**WORK IN
MUSKOKA**

Are You Hiring?

Members can post listings at:
bracebridgechamber.com



BRACEBRIDGE



Vendor
Call

As part of the Bracebridge 150 Community Celebration, on June 7 and 8, 2025 at the JD Lang Activity Park (Bracebridge Fairgrounds). There is the “Meet Your Community Showcase” which will feature local businesses and organizations, artisans and historical displays. More details can be found in the links below;

- [Exhibitor/Vendor/Artisan Information](#)
- [Community Picnic - Food Vendors/Food Trucks/Refreshment Carts](#)
- [Historical displays](#)

We have had some registration, but we are hoping to have more Bracebridge focused businesses, food trucks and vendors sign up.



4th Annual MILES PHILIP HAMMOND Memorial Fundraiser

SAT. FEB 22, 2025



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YOUR IMPACT

- Our event has raised over \$75,000 for OSMH in our first three years, with over 100 guests in attendance last year
- OSMH has been running at 100% capacity for the last two years
- OSMH has the oldest hospital infrastructure in the region, with some areas over 100 years old
- In 2023-2024, 1,062 babies were born at the hospital, many of whom are residents of Muskoka
- The paediatric oncology clinic (cancer treatment) had 630 children visit in the 2023-2024 fiscal year
- The paediatric inpatient unit admits 600-750 children annually for various illnesses

"Being a part of this annual fundraiser has been a highlight for us. We couldn't ask to take part in an event for a more worthy cause." -

Matt Conklin, Conklin's Construction, Annual Donor

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ITEM	INVESTMENT	INCLUDES
CATERING SPONSOR	2 LEFT! \$4,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• opportunity to have a company representative speak at the event• large logo behind food tables for duration of event• emcee acknowledgment during event• social media acknowledgements• 4 Tickets to the Event (\$500 Value)
VENUE SPONSOR	SOLD OUT \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• opportunity to have a company representative speak at the event• large logo behind band for duration of event• emcee acknowledgment during event• social media acknowledgements
PRESENTING SPONSOR	SOLD \$1,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• opportunity to have a company representative speak at the event• large logo behind band for duration of event• emcee acknowledgment during event• social media acknowledgement
COCKTAIL HOUR SPONSOR	SOLD OUT \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• sponsors a FREE welcome cocktail for each guest• large logo behind bar for duration of event• emcee acknowledgment during event• social media acknowledgement
RAFFLE SPONSOR	SOLD 2 LEFT! \$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• covers the cost of one raffle basket to be live raffled during the event• logo behind raffle table for duration of event• emcee acknowledgment during event• social media acknowledgement
EMCEE SPONSOR	SOLD OUT \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• covers emcee services & hotel stay• logo behind band/stage for duration of event• emcee acknowledgment during event• social media acknowledgement
COMMUNITY SPONSOR	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• small logo on social media thank you• logo on entrance display

A group of people, including children and adults, are ice skating outdoors on a snowy day. They are wearing winter clothing like jackets, hats, and gloves. In the background, there are bare trees and a building. A large white text box is overlaid in the center of the image.

Grants, Funds & Information



INTAKE TWO DEADLINE: JANUARY 30, 2025

- *Tradeshow attendance/exhibiting
- *Branding & promotional materials
 - *Sales/marketing plans
- *Prototype/software development
 - *Product testing/trials
- *IP research & protection
 - *Market research
 - *Business strategies
 - *Feasibility studies
 - *Training & certifications
- *Equipment/software to prototype or improve productivity

GRANTS OF UP TO \$10,000

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🚗 Tradeshow attendance/exhibiting (not previously attended) and associated travel costs

🎨 Design/development of branding and select promotional materials (video, print, audio)

🕵️ Market Research

🗣️ Sales/marketing plans

👤 Label design

SFEP can also support product development and productivity enhancement projects.

To learn more check it out on their new website! www.iion.ca/sfep



WE ARE SEEKING **BOARD DIRECTORS**

Are you committed to the growth and success of Bracebridge businesses? The Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce is on the lookout for dynamic individuals to join our Board of Directors.



**BRACEBRIDGE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
30th
Anniversary
Business Awards

✨ **Bracebridge Business Awards Gala – 30th (Pearl) Anniversary** ✨



Date: April 3, 2024



Location: Muskoka Lumber Community Centre, Leon's Auditorium, Bracebridge

This year, we're celebrating two incredible milestones—30th Annual Bracebridge Business Awards Gala, our Pearl Anniversary — and Bracebridge's 150th anniversary!

The Pearls symbolize wisdom, resilience, and the beauty that emerges through growth over time. These qualities perfectly reflect our community and its businesses as we honor their contributions to Bracebridge's legacy and future.

A person in traditional Indigenous regalia, including a feathered headdress and a garment with many colorful ribbons, is captured in profile during a dance performance in a snowy outdoor setting. The background shows a crowd of people in winter clothing and a brick building. A white rounded rectangle with the text "Community News" is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

Community News

CONGRATULATIONS MEMBERS ON YOUR GRAND OPENINGS!



Kubota North Wellness Centre
110 Clearbrook Trail
Bracebridge Sportsplex



Kubota North



Muskoka River Bagel Co.
440 Ecclestone Drive, Unit 11



Friday February 14th, 2025

Celebrate Valentines Day With Love & Laughs



at the
Yule Lodge



HEADLINER

FEATURING



Laurie Elliott



Jeff McEnery

MC



Patrick Haye

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

DINNER STARTS AT 6:30 PM

SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

Cost: \$185.95 per couple or \$95 per individual, plus applicable taxes and gratuity. Ticket includes dinner and show, cash bar available.

For reservations, please call 705-645-2512 Ext 108 or email events@santasvillage.ca



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BUSINESS!



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9:00 am - 6:00 pm

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We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Ticket Sales
- Tube Run Attendants
- Parking Attendants
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- Carnival Game Attendants
- Set Up/Tear Down Crew

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