



The Chamber E-News

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Become a Member



BRONZE MEMBERSHIP

\$300 Annual Investment

ENTRY LEVEL

- ✓ **Credibility and reputation that comes with being a Chamber Member**
Priceless
- ✓ **Basic Directory Listing with link to website - Boosts your SEO!**
- ✓ **Access to our Networking Events such as: our after hours networking events, Golf day and more!**
- ✓ **Connection to relevant community and business information**
- ✓ **Money saving programs to enhance your business from companies such as:**
 - ESSO - Save 3.5 cents per litre of fuel purchased at ESSO and Mobil branded stations.
 - Employee Group Benefits - Canada's #1 employee benefits plan for small business. Exclusive to Chamber Members
 - And more!



[APPLY NOW](#)

Joining the
Bracebridge Chamber
opens doors to a
wealth of advantages!

SILVER MEMBERSHIP

\$600 Annual Investment

BEST VALUE

- ✓ **Two E-blasts per year**
\$270 Value
- ✓ **2 tickets to the Business Achievement Awards Gala**
- ✓ **Enhanced Directory Package - 1,600 character description, multiple images and YouTube video**
\$100 Value
- ✓ **Your logo on our homepage for the year**
\$840 Value
- ✓ **1 ticket to the Mayor's breakfast**
\$40 Value
- ✓ **All Bronze perks**



[APPLY NOW](#)

Benefit from
networking
opportunities, access
valuable discounts and
benefits, receive
marketing support,
and stand stronger
with our advocacy
efforts.

GOLD MEMBERSHIP

\$1,000 Annual Investment

PREMIUM SUPPORTER

- ✓ **Exclusive Leader's Lunch**
- ✓ **Strongest supporter of our advocacy work**
- ✓ **2 tickets to the Business Achievement Awards Gala**
\$110 Value
- ✓ **Single block, full colour, map ad for your business - Distributed to 10,000 visitors**
\$350 Value
- ✓ **All Silver + Bronze perks**



[APPLY NOW](#)

Visit our website to
explore these perks
and choose the
appropriate tier for
your business.

Flexible Payment Processing Solutions at Member-Only Pricing

Elavon is our preferred partner for secure and reliable payment processing.



Sick of rising health and dental premiums?

Chambers Plan has the cure.

[GET A FREE QUOTE](#)


Chambers Plan
Employee Benefits



Real benefits for your business



Chambers Plan's not-for-profit structure, combined with pooling among its 30,000 members, equals one of the industry's lowest average renewals, at 3.9% over the last decade.

A close-up photograph of a blueberry branch. The branch is covered with small, round, blue berries. The leaves are green with some yellow and red tints, suggesting autumn. The background is blurred, showing more of the same scene.

Opportunities



GRAVENHURST AUTUMN ARTS TOUR



**CALL FOR
ARTISTS!**

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Showcase your work in the annual Gravenhurst Autumn Arts Tour!

 **FEE: \$100** (includes print brochure listing, online listing, print and social media event promotion AND signage for your location)

 **DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Friday, August 16**
* Must register by August 16 to be included in the brochure

September 28 & 29 | 10 am to 4 pm

Gravenhurst.ca/ArtsTour

NOW HIRING



MUSKOKA LOCATION



WE OFFER

1. Full-time, year-round employment with seasonal positions available,
2. Ongoing training and career advancement opportunities,
3. Health benefits package,
4. Start at higher than industry average salaries

ARBORIST, TREE CLIMBER and GROUNDWORKERS

SEND RESUME

contact@arborworks.ca

WE CONNECT JOB SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS!

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



Grants, Funds & Information



Diversity and Inclusion Training for Small Employers

Sponsored by the District of Muskoka's IDEA Advisory Group



Complimentary workshops include:

Safer Spaces: 2S-LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency
with The Gilbert Centre

September 10 12:30 - 4:30pm
September 12 12:30 - 4:30pm

Indigenous Awareness
with Kelly Brownbill

October 9 1:00-4:00pm

Bystander Intervention
with Julie S. LaLonde

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

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

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



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Building Improvement
Grant/Loan Program

Energy Efficiency Retrofit
Grant/Loan Program

Facade Improvement
Grant/Loan Program

Housing Grant/Loan
Program

Property Improvement
Grant/Loan Program

Signage Improvement Grant
Program

Tax Increment Equivalent
Grant

2024 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AND LOANS

www.bracebridge.ca/CIP

STARTER COMPANY PLUS

2024-25

APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN

Would business training,
mentorship and **\$5000**
help you **start** or
grow your small
business?

- Business Planning Help
- Local Business Mentorship
- Opportunity for a **\$5000** grant

Questions?

 www.muskokasmallbusiness.ca
 admin@muskokasmallbusiness.ca
 **705-646-9021**

Learn More & Apply

by August 8th at: form.jotform.com/MuskokaSBC/SCP



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MUSKOKA
Small Business Centre



Community News

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

MUSIC at the MEADOWS

AUGUST 24 | OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

DUNNING BUTCHERS | GRANT TINGEY & HIRED GUN | CACHE CREEK
BLUE MOON *and more!*

\$25 EARLY BIRD | \$35 AT THE DOOR
BEER GARDEN PRESENTED BY LAKE OF BAYS BREWING CO.

THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT



SCAN FOR TICKETS

MORRISON MEADOWS, BRACEBRIDGE
@MUSICATTHEMEADOWS | WWW.CLSM.ON.CA



Music at the Meadows

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$5000
DIAMOND SPONSOR

- Ten (10) tickets to the event
- Advertisement included in upcoming CLSM newsletter
- Logo and company name included on CLSM website
- Logo and company name included throughout all advertising material
- Sign on stage with company name identifying as Diamond Sponsor at the event
- Public thank you on our sign at 15 Depot Dr. Bracebridge
- Public thank you on social media
- Public thank you from Emcee at the event
- On-stage promotional opportunity for your business

\$2500
PLATINUM SPONSOR

- Eight (8) tickets to the event
- Logo and company name included on CLSM website
- Logo and company name included throughout all advertising material
- Sign on stage with company name identifying as Platinum Sponsor at the event
- Public thank you on our sign at 15 Depot Dr. Bracebridge
- Public thank you on social media
- Public thank you from Emcee at the event

\$1000
GOLD SPONSOR

- Four (4) tickets to the event
- Logo and company name included throughout all advertising material
- Sign with company name identifying as Gold Sponsor at the event
- Public thank you on social media
- Public thank you from Emcee at the event

\$500
SILVER SPONSOR

- Four (4) tickets to the event
- Sign with company name identifying as Silver Sponsor at the event
- Public thank you on social media
- Public thank you from Emcee at the event

\$250
BRONZE SPONSOR

- Two (2) tickets to the event
- Sign with company name identifying as Bronze Sponsor at the event
- Public thank you on social media
- Public thank you from Emcee at the event

All proceeds to help provide food & housing security for the people we support

A charitable donation receipt will be issued | Community Living South Muskoka | 15 Depot Drive, Bracebridge, ON P1L0H1
Phone: (705) 645-5494 | Fax: (705) 645-4621 | www.clsm.on.ca | www.morrisonmeadows.com



We are hosting TWO

Charity BBQ Events!

When:

Friday August 2nd - 12:00 nn -4:00pm

Friday August 16th - 12:00nn- 4:00pm

Please join us and help support the |
YWCA of Muskoka. 100% of all
donations go to support this wonderful
non profit organization!

Great Prizes to be won!!! Tickets available for a
Bakerstone Gas Cooking Center with Pizza
Oven or a 6 piece steel outdoor dining set with
umbrella tickets available August 1 -16th
winners will be drawn on August 17th!

Don't Miss out!

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RONA

10 ENTRANCE DRIVE BRACEBRIDGE
705.645.2271



walk a mile in their shoes



MUSKOKA

Walk A Mile in Their Shoes
Sunday, September 29, 2024
11 to 2:00pm



REGISTER NOW

Raising funds for YWCA Muskoka

Donate Now





theatre muskoka®

Rene M. Caisse Memorial Theatre
100 Clearbrook Trail, Bracebridge, P1L 0A3

tickets &
information:

www.theatremuskoka.ca



INTO THE WOODS

Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM
Book by JAMES LAPINE

Originally directed on Broadway by James Lapine
Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI)
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.com

CASTING CALL PERFORMERS & CREW



Destination Northern Ontario Fixed Roof Accommodation Survey

Recent data from the CBRE Accommodation Survey reveals encouraging trends in Northern Ontario's hospitality industry for 2024. The region has experienced an overall increase in occupancy rates across various accommodation types, signalling a recovery in the tourism sector.

The survey indicated that Northern Ontario's overall occupancy rate has risen by 3 percentage points, from 47% in 2022 to 50% in 2023. This growth is reflected across different accommodation categories, with each segment improving. Hotels, motels and resorts in Northern Ontario have seen a modest increase, with occupancy rates climbing from 49% in 2022 to 50% in 2023, representing a 1 percentage point gain. This slight uptick suggests a gradual return of travellers to traditional lodging options in the region.

The most significant growth was observed in the housekeeping cabins and cottages segment. This category experienced a substantial 9 percentage point increase, with occupancy rates jumping from 42% in 2022 to 51% in 2023. This surge may indicate a growing preference among tourists for more secluded and self-contained accommodation options.

Lodges and remote outposts also saw a positive movement, with occupancy rates increasing by 2 percentage points, from 48% in 2022 to 50% in 2023. This growth suggests a renewed interest in wilderness experiences and outdoor activities among visitors to northern Ontario.

These improvements across all accommodation types indicate a broader recovery in Northern Ontario's tourism industry. The region's diverse offerings, from urban hotels to remote wilderness lodges, appear to attract a range of visitors, contributing to the overall growth in occupancy rates. As the tourism sector continues to rebound, these positive trends may signal increased economic activity and opportunities for the hospitality industry in Northern Ontario.

To see the survey please visit destinationnorthernontario.ca

Community Grants for not-for-profit organizations are available on an annual basis. To learn more about eligibility and criteria, please review the **Community Grant Application.**

**Deadline to apply:
Monday, September 9 at
4:30 p.m.**

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Receive a one-time funding opportunity to help support community programs and development.



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bracebridge.ca/communitygrants

PLAN YOUR HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS AT TABOO MUSKOKA

and you will enjoy the panoramic views of Lake Muskoka while dining and dancing the night away

Host your custom party on any available date with help from our team of experts!



Choose your date (based on availability)



Provide your own entertainment



Get your personal quote today!

INCLUDES: Festive décor, set with round tables, white linen, serving staff, bar staff, and a fabulous Holiday Dinner.

Minimum 25 Maximum 85

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storybook trail RFP

The Town of Bracebridge invites professional and amateur authors to submit an original children's story to be considered for the Woodchester Storybook Trail. The selected author can receive up to \$1,000 and have their story featured along the 500-metre trail in the urban forest at 15 King Street.

Read more:

<https://ow.ly/qhuZ50SybzH>



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*.

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