



TOWN OF GRAVENHURST

Ninety minutes north of Toronto, among the rugged Canadian shield lies a scenic town with endless potential and growth. Known as the "Gateway to Muskoka", the Town of Gravenhurst is a progressive growing urban and rural municipality located in the District Municipality of Muskoka, home to 11,000 or more permanent year-round residents and a seasonal population of equal size. Gravenhurst offers both permanent and seasonal residents opportunities in recreation, leisure, tourism, culinary, culture, heritage, arts, sights, sounds and attractions, making it a great place to live, work and play.

Gravenhurst is uniquely positioned between picturesque Gull Lake and sought after Lake Muskoka, offering a wealth of scenic beauty and an enhanced quality of life. It offers a variety of vibrant events and activities, enhanced technological capacities, and a wealth of creative thinkers. Educational facilities consist of two elementary and one secondary school. The Gravenhurst Train Station offers Ontario Northland Train and bus service for the convenience of area commuters.

Recently, the YMCA and the Town of Gravenhurst have opened the newly expanded Centennial Centre. This brand new state of the art fitness and aquatic facility houses a hockey arena, banquet hall and a full service YMCA including 25 meter lap pool, large leisure pool, conditioning room, fitness studios, gymnasium and multiple change rooms.

Other notable attractions for Gravenhurst include:

- The iconic Muskoka Wharf, where a confluence of financial commitment, community dedication and collaborative partnerships have created an 89 acre celebration of Gravenhurst's unique and varied heritage <http://discovergravenhurst.ca/muskoka-wharf-c23.php>
- The oldest operating Steamship, the RMS Segwun, located at the Muskoka Wharf <http://segwun.com/index.html>, is the oldest working steamship in North America.
- The Muskoka Boat and Heritage Centre, located at the wharf, chronicling and showcasing the history of development in the area. As well as displaying a marvelous collection of restored artifacts, there are many hands-on displays. Antique boats are also on display, featured in the Grace and Speed boathouse.
- The birthplace of Dr. Norman Bethune <http://www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/bethune/index.aspx>, is a well visited national historic site currently undergoing an exciting renovation in partnership with FEDNOR.
- Bordering the east side of the Torrence Barrens the unique landscape, beautiful parks and extensive trail system allows for an active lifestyle in all seasons.
- Gravenhurst Opera House, home of live theatre and concerts, dance recitals, meetings and weddings. <http://www.gravenhurstoperahouse.com/>

Our assets are valuable resources in building a sustainable, healthy community that serves its residents, businesses, and visitors well. Gravenhurst is a close knit community that values its heritage, natural beauty, citizens, and active volunteers. We welcome the rest of the world to join us!

For a complete community profile, please visit:

<http://www.gravenhurst.ca/images/depts/ecdev/communityprofile.pdf>