



On May 8, the community gathered to celebrate the grand opening of Gravenhurst's newest hotel - the Fairfield Inn and Suites Gravenhurst Muskoka. Located at 112 Fountain St., the hotel is a welcome addition to the south end of town.

What's On!



JUN 28 Amanda Keeles *Can't Stop Me Now Tour*

JUL 03 Steve Rae & The Pony Man Band

JUL 10 Girls Nite Out!

JUL 22 A Woman's Love List by Norm Foster (until Aug 2)

AUG 09 The BOMB: A Retro 80s Live Experience

Aug 12 Hurry Hard by Kristen Da Silva (until Aug 22)



Gull Lake Rotary Park
Gravenhurst.ca/Cinema

Moana 2 July 10

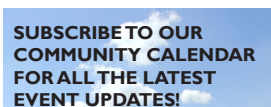
Honey I Shrunk the Kids July 24

Toy Story 3 August 7

Snow White (2025) August 21



JULY 1 CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS
Gull Lake Rotary Park
11 am-3 pm



2025 SEASON
Sunday Nights • Gull Lake Rotary Park
Jun/Jul at 7:30 pm | Aug/Sep at 7 pm

Gravenhurst Bifocals Concert
Band **June 29**

Trilogy Classics LIVE **July 6**

Jamie Williams **July 13**

Pulse X **July 20**

Joplin Meets Hendrix & Morrison **July 27**

Carl Dixon's Wild North Rock Show **August 3**

Dylan Lock **August 10**

"Fresh Horses" Garth Brooks Tribute **August 17**

Exodus **August 24**

Scarecrow **August 31**

The Yachty Boys **September 7**

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Updates at a Glance

New art display at Gravenhurst municipal office

The Town of Gravenhurst and the Muskoka Discovery Centre are pleased to announce there is a new display of local artwork at the municipal office.

This is the second display since launching the local art showcase in March. The new display features work by Janice Feist, an area painter. Janice's beautiful work is hanging in the lobby and in the council chambers.

People can check out the lobby display during regular business hours—Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm—and the display in the council chambers is viewable during committee meetings and council meetings.

The art showcase project is spearheaded by the town's Public Art Advisory Committee.

The Muskoka Discovery Centre sources the work on display.

Message from the Mayor

Welcome to our third edition of The Gravenhurst Connection. I hope you are enjoying these print newsletters—published quarterly. The newsletter contains a variety of useful information.

You can always find out what's happening by visiting Gravenhurst.ca.

On behalf of council and staff, I want to wish everyone in our community a terrific summer. We have lots of great activities happening—so get out and have some fun.

Watch for our next newsletter in the fall.

Heidi Lorenz,
Mayor.



Town awards 2025 Terence Haight grants



The Town of Gravenhurst is pleased to announce this year's Terence Haight grant recipients.

Through the Terence Haight Financial Assistance Program, the town awarded \$30,000 to nine organizations this year.

Funding is possible thanks to a generous \$1 million-plus gift to the community by the late Terence Haight.

Each year, the town invites groups to apply for funding. Funding is going to the following groups:

- Gravenhurst High School Robotics - \$2,100 – towards costs associated with a robotics competition.
- Gravenhurst Curling Club - \$7,000 – towards costs for installation of heat pump/air conditioning system.
- Gravenhurst Women's Group - \$500 – towards costs to provide workshops & supplies for members.
- Muskoka Ringette Association - \$2,000 – towards costs to secure ice rental.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Harry Wray Branch 302 - \$1,700 – towards costs to upgrade doors.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Ladies Auxiliary - \$4,000 - towards a commercial fridge purchase.
- Severn Bridge Agricultural Society - \$4,700 – towards restoration of the fairgrounds archway.
- Trinity United Church - \$6,500 – towards the purchase of sound system equipment.
- YWCA Muskoka Girlz Unplugged - \$1,500 – towards delivery of the Girlz Unplugged Program in Gravenhurst.

Gravenhurst Housing Action Plan gets the green light



Gravenhurst council members approved the town's Housing Action Plan on May 13. Melissa Halford, director of Development Services, said the plan focuses on actions the town can take over the next decade to increase the supply of affordable housing.

"More specifically, the intent of the plan is to support residents who cannot afford current market prices but do not qualify for subsidized or other affordable housing that is offered through the District of Muskoka Housing Program," Halford said.

Halford said staff will develop yearly implementation plans to ensure the success of the Housing Action Plan. See Gravenhurst.ca to learn more about the plan.



Council Highlights

APRIL: Tender awarded for Abbey Lane project

Council approved hiring Premier North Ltd. at the tendered price of \$1,043,420, excluding HST, to complete the Abbey Lane drainage improvements project.

APRIL: Muskoka Discovery Centre roof replacement

Council awarded a tender for this project to AM Group of Companies at a cost of \$137,760, excluding HST.

MAY: \$3.6 million approved for road rehabilitation work

Council approved awarding road rehabilitation work for 2025 to Fowler Construction Company Ltd. at a negotiated tender price of \$3.6 million, excluding HST.



You can watch Council meetings on our YouTube channel. Visit our website: Gravenhurst.ca/Livestream

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BAY & BEYOND

Bay & Beyond is a District of Muskoka-led 3 year infrastructure improvement project covering a nearly 2-kilometre stretch from Steamship Bay Road to Gull Lake Rotary Park. It involves new underground pipes, roadway improvements, enhancing pedestrian safety and creating more opportunities for active transportation. In June 2025, this project will enter into Stage 2 and will be focused on Bay Street from Hughson Street to John Street. To stay updated and informed during all phases of the project please visit the project website.

EngageMuskoka.ca/BayAndBeyond

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Gravenhurst is **OPEN FOR BUSINESS** during the Bay & Beyond Project

Think. Shop. Buy. Local!

Learn more at Gravenhurst.ca/WeDigGravenhurst

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