



On Aug. 27, members of council and the community gathered to celebrate the expansion of the Artisans Edge at 480 Muskoka Rd. S. The business now has a dedicated salon space in addition to the barbershop.

What's On!



- OCT **01** Hayden
- OCT **04** Tapestry: The Carole King Songbook
- OCT **24** Blue Suede Elvis Tribute
- OCT **26** Salon Concert Series featuring Victoria Yeh
- NOV **06** Lunch at Allen's Farewell Tour
- NOV **08** Lance Anderson's The Last Waltz

Recreation Programs

The Town of Gravenhurst is home to a wide range of recreation programs & workshops for all ages.

- Cake Decorating 101
- Cornhole League
- FitKids Challenge
- ImaginationSketch
- Intro to Hand Embroidery
- Junior Tumblers
- Mala Bracelet Workshop
- Mini Chefs in Training & Kids' Kitchen Adventures
- Paddle Paint Night Workshop
- Parent & Tot Gym Stars
- Sizzle & Stir (Cooking)
- Speed Meet & Mingle

Sound interesting? Visit our website to see current programs and registration details.

Gravenhurst.ca/Recreation



Public Skating

Adult Skating
Mon to Fri 9–9:50 am

Parent & Child Skating
Mon 11:30 am–12:50 pm

Weekend Skating
Sun 1–1:50 pm

Graeme Murray Arena
101 Centennial Dr



Visit Gravenhurst.ca/Events for the complete schedule

The Gravenhurst CONNECTION

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Updates at a Glance

Kilworthy Park marks 30 years

The Sparrow Lake Historical Society celebrated the 30th anniversary of Kilworthy Park in August.

Job opportunity: spare crossing guard

The Town of Gravenhurst has a position for a dedicated spare crossing guard. Learn more at Gravenhurst.ca.

2025 Daisy Award recipients

Congratulations to all our 2025 Daisy Award recipients. Awards were given in July to a number of individuals for their beautiful front yard gardens and/or landscaping. See Gravenhurst.ca for the full list of award winners.

No daytime burning

Just a friendly reminder that from Apr 1 until Oct 31 there is no daytime burning allowed in Gravenhurst between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Learn more at Gravenhurst.ca.



Message from the Mayor

I hope everyone in our community had a fun summer. There was certainly no shortage of events and activities in Gravenhurst.

On behalf of our council, I wish students and educators the very best as you settle into another school year.

I am pleased to report that work on our 2026 municipal budget has started. You can learn more by visiting EngageGravenhurst.ca.

This is the fourth edition of The Gravenhurst Connection, our quarterly newsletter. Keep an eye out for the next issue in December.

Heidi Lorenz, Mayor.



Digital sports hall of fame on the way

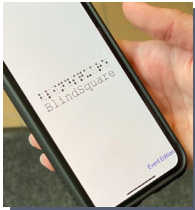


At the July 15 council meeting, council received a report about plans to digitize the Lions Sports Hall of Fame at the Centennial Centre.

They also authorized moving \$8,000 from the hall of fame reserve fund to purchase and install a digital screen, software, and wall wrap for the hall of fame.

The hall of fame is on the second floor; the new digital hall of fame will be in the main lobby and will “significantly increase its visibility and ensure all past and present nominees receive the recognition they deserve,” director of recreation, arts and culture Shawna Patterson said in the report.

Accessible wayfinding pilot project



At the Aug. 12 council meeting, council received the Accessible Wayfinding Pilot Project Report for information and directed the mayor to consider the project as part of the 2026 budget.

Additionally, council directed using the Accessibility Reserve to fund the project, as recommended by the Gravenhurst Accessibility Advisory Committee.

The aim of the project is to help people with vision loss navigate the public areas at town hall.

The project will involve using the BlindSquare app, which provides real-time navigation for users through audio cues.

The service uses beacons, placed around an interior location, which communicate via Bluetooth with a user’s phone to indicate where they are in the building.

The project will also include an assessment of town hall to determine how accessibility can be enhanced.

The estimated cost for BlindSquare is \$6,423 and the estimated cost for the physical assessment of town hall is \$6,500.

Based on the outcome of the pilot, further locations for the use of the BlindSquare app will be explored.



Council Highlights

JULY: Town applying for ice storm financial assistance
Council directed staff to apply to the province’s Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Program once all costs from the spring 2025 ice storm are known.

AUGUST: Appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee
Council appointed two new members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Margaret Martin and Diane Misner will serve for the balance of the 2022-2026 council term.

AUGUST: 2026 Budget Review and Guideline Report
Council received the 2026 Budget Review and Guideline Report for information. See EngageGravenhurst.ca to learn more about the 2026 budget process.

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DYK?

You can watch Council meetings on our YouTube channel at [Gravenhurst.ca/Livestream](https://www.gravenhurst.ca/Livestream)

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Visit our website for more Council highlights and all your Town of Gravenhurst updates.



Gravenhurst Community Awards



Nominations are now open for the Community Spirit Awards and the Lions Sports Hall of Fame

[Gravenhurst.ca/CommunityAwards](https://www.gravenhurst.ca/CommunityAwards)

Deadline to Nominate: October 8, 2025

Submit nominations online or pick up a hard copy at Town Hall or the Centennial Centre



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