



## Grey County Services in the Town of the Blue Mountains

As one of Grey County's nine member municipalities, the Town of The Blue Mountains receives a wide range of services from the County. These range from physical services, such as road construction and maintenance, to services that care for our most vulnerable people.

This document will outline many of the services Grey County provides to residents, businesses and visitors to the Town of The Blue Mountains.

### Transportation Services

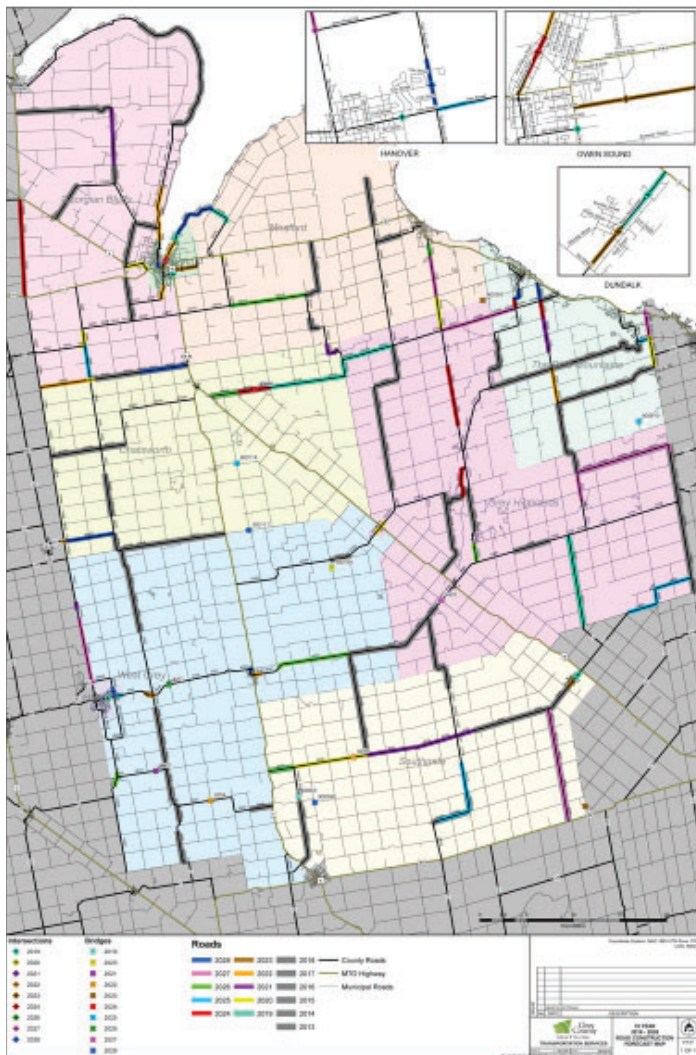
Grey County owns:

- 877km of roads (79km in the Town of The Blue Mountains)
- 192 bridges/culverts greater than 3 metres (20 in the Town of The Blue Mountains)





## Planned Construction, Resurfacing and Minor Capital Projects in the Town of The Blue Mountains 2019-2028



Year	Location	Est. Construction Budget
2020	Grey Road 119 (stormwater diversion)	\$125,000
2020	Grey Road 19 & 19/21 Intersection	\$4.6 million
2021	Grey Road 2	\$1.4 million
2022	Grey Road 2	\$2.4 million
2024	Grey Road 2	\$700,000
2024	Grey Road 13	\$2.6 million
2025	Grey Road 19	\$6.3 million
2025	Structure 900-910	\$600,000
2027	Grey Road 21	\$6.6 million
2027	Grey Road 40	\$1.2 million
2027	Grey Road 21 & Highway 26	\$60,000
2027	Grey Road 21 Culvert	\$54,000
2028	Grey Road 2	\$850,000
2028	Grey Road 13	\$3.3 million
		<b>Total: \$30.8 million</b>

## Transportation Administrative Projects

Other projects in the Town that Grey County is supporting include:

- Hwy 26 improvements from GR 19 to GR 21: \$30,000 Grey County contribution.
- Significant portions of the MTO Provincial Cycling network are proposed in TOBM.
- Paved shoulder policy supporting popular routes within the TOBM.
- Numerous entrance, encroachment and special event permits. (Approximately 25% of total annual permits).
- Modifying the construction schedules to accommodate large cycling races in the Town.
- \$50,000 for the Hwy 26 intersection at Grey Road 2
- \$20,000 for the Hwy 26 intersection at Grey Road 40



## Ongoing Maintenance

- Sand and salt storage structure agreement
- Wild Chervil spraying – the Town included \$150,000 in our tender
- Options for municipalities to rent equipment
- Winter sand is purchased for the Clarksburg dome
- Traffic signal maintenance is tendered by Grey County for the Town
- Long-term fuel tendered by County

## Recent Capital Construction Projects

Year	Project	Cost
2013	Grey Road 19 & Grey Road 2. 11.3km & 2.27km pulverize and pave	\$1,643, 413
2014	Grey Road 19 slope stabilization near Sleepy Hollow Road	\$216,486
2014	Grey Road 13 Microsurface	
2014	Grey Road 2 Paving 10.1km.	\$930,000
2015	Grey Road 119 Roundabout to Banks – 6.4km. (\$2,000,000 million Grant)	\$3,000,000
2016	Grey Road 40 5.4km rehab and culvert replacements	\$715,000
2016	Grey Road 119 slope rehabilitation to repair inherited long term slope stability issues.	\$300,000
2016	Grey Road 21 pavement rehabilitation as part of the TOBM trunk sanitary project.	\$53,000
2017	Grey Road 119 Reconstruction Banks to Grey Road 13 12.32km	\$4,322,866
		<b>Total: \$11.2 Million</b>

# Social Services

## Ontario Works

- Emergency Housing and Homelessness support
- Discretionary Benefits to Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) recipients
- Senior's Denture Benefits for low income seniors
- Funerals for low income residents
- Emergency Evacuation Centre Management – Social Services assists when a lower tier municipality experiences an emergency and convenes their emergency control group:
  - Attend control group meetings to provide advice and resources
  - When requested, establish an evacuation centre in or nearby the affected community
- Caseload Statistics - December 2018 Social Services Integrated Case report details there were 25 cases from TBM:
- Ontario Works staff provide services at the Meaford hub 4 days each week
- Ontario Works clients from the TBM are able access to the Ontario Works van to participate in workshops, Adult Learning services and other employment programs
- A Getting Ahead Program was held in 2017 in Meaford providing local access to the course for residents of Meaford and Town of the Blue Mountains, with future programs planned for this community as well

## Housing

Grey County supports 60 units of rent-geared to income housing at 81 Bruce Street and 85 Lemon Court.

### Programming and Services for Tenants:

- Answers for Seniors – Information session in partnership with Beaver Valley Outreach about programs and services available to seniors.
  - CP@Clinics - Initiated in 2017, these free clinics provide health outreach and education to tenants. Trained paramedics check blood pressure and assess of risk factors for heart disease, stroke and diabetes.
  - COOL AID: partnership with Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) and Grey County Paramedics. Track and regularly update medication lists for emergencies.
  - Community Relations Workers provide referrals to services that keep tenants housed and health. Examples include meals on wheels,
- Home and Community Supports, VON and various funding programs.
  - Good Food Box Orders
  - Grey provided a \$10,000 community development grant for Beaver Valley Outreach for their Community Homelessness Prevention Program





## Children's Services

Children's Services supports subsidized, licensed child care spaces at Acorn Montessori, Thornbury and home child care providers in the Town. The County also provides funding and support for the Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) at Beaver Valley Outreach.

Fee Subsidies in TBM in 2018		
Service Provided	Total FDEs*	Paid by Grey**
Licensed Home Child Care	1,284	\$45,408
Non-Profit Child Care Centres	3,698	\$86,525
For-Profit Child Care Centres	331	\$12,805
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,313</b>	<b>\$144,378</b>

\*FDEs – Full Day Equivalency is the total hours of care provided broken down into full days.

\*\*Grey County Paid – Reflects only the County's portion of the payment and not parent contribution.

In addition to fee subsidies for families, Grey County provided an additional \$220,000 to support child care operators in the Town in 2018.

## Finding Licensed Child Care with OneList

OneList is an online tool funded by Grey County that helps parents find and apply for licensed child care near home, work or anywhere in between. The tool is available online at [www.GreyCountyChildCare.ca](http://www.GreyCountyChildCare.ca).





## Planning and Development

- 911/Civic Addressing Coordination – Grey County provides 911 Civic Addressing Coordination for the County. Grey staff work with Town staff to resolve any addressing issues, etc. that arise. The County also pays for the 911 answering service which is administered by Owen Sound Police Services.
- There are five County Forest tracts in the Town of The Blue Mountains. Grey is updating the Forest Management Plan which includes these properties. It is expected to be completed in early 2020.
  - Kolapore Forest - Trail Improvements and some initial parking area improvements were made in 2016 (approximately \$10,000).
- Recolour Grey – County Official Plan update – Engagement with local municipalities, including the Town, has been critical to ensure that the plan policies address the needs of our residents and businesses now and into the future.
- Tree Clearing – Grey is working with TBM to update our Forest Management By-laws to fix gaps and find opportunities to educate landowners and align the two by-laws. A 'Call Before You Cut' educational campaign was launched in 2019.
- Affordable Housing – the County has again partnered with the University of Guelph to study barriers preventing affordable/attainable housing and to recommend solutions to those barriers. The County has also created videos to raise awareness of the importance of affordable housing. The series highlights initiatives that we are working on collectively to increase affordable housing, such as Community Improvement Plan incentives, policy and zoning changes, etc.
- Community Improvement Plan Program – County Council has endorsed the Community Improvement Plan Program. This program will provide financial and other incentives to help spur growth and development. This includes providing incentives for creating more affordable/attainable housing. We will work with local municipalities to adopt local community improvement plans into the program template so incentives can be provided by both the County and local municipalities.

- Official Plan Amendments – Grey County is responsible for the approval of subdivisions/condos/county official plan amendments. As of March 2019:
  - Thirteen of 33 (39%) of the current active County applications are within the Town of The Blue Mountains.
  - Half (50%) of the draft approved subdivisions/condominiums are within the Town of The Blue Mountains.
- Grey County was actively involved in the Town's Official Plan process. Staff attended meetings with Town staff and consultants, attended public meetings, reviewed and commented on revisions of the Town Official Plan. Grey County has been working closely with Town staff to resolve the outstanding appeals.
- Grey County participates and provides support for environmental assessments with the Town. The County ensures recommendations will address future needs including how the improvements will tie into draft/approved/active development proposals.
- Grey planning staff attend joint pre-submission consultation meetings with TBM staff and developers.

## Information Technology

- The County provides a purchasing discount for the Town's GIS license. Grey Also gives the Town access to Teranet data (property parcel ownership and assessment information).
- TBM participates in the Source Water Protection Tracking system and uses Grey's internal planning GIS website.





## Paramedic Services

Grey and Simcoe County provide paramedic services to the Town of the Blue Mountains. In 2018, the call volumes were:

- Codes 1 and 2 – 1
- Codes 3 and 4 – 1,399
- Code 8 (standby) – 2,816

The ambulance base in Craigleith is staffed 24/7/365. Additional staff are stationed during ski season with 12 hours (full Crew) additional coverage on Saturdays, Sundays and weekdays during Christmas to New Year's Day and March Break (1104 up-staff hours in total).

Up-staffing for special events like Centurion Race and Ski Cross are provided as needed. The paramedic units from Meaford, Owen Sound and Collingwood also respond into the Town on a frequent basis.

## Contact Us

For more information about services provided to the Town of the Blue Mountains please email [communications@grey.ca](mailto:communications@grey.ca) or call 519-372-0219 ext. 1235.

