

Around the Town of Gravenhurst - Winter 2020

To Joanne Morphy <joanne.m@rogers.com>

Merry Christmas to all the Lake Associations,

I have attached my most recent update that was sent out today to the residents of Gravenhurst who like to receive updates on whats going on in our fabulous little Town! Please feel free to post some or all of it on your website, or the old fashioned way as I do, send another email to your organization. All up to you!

All the best,
Jo

Happy New Year Gravenhurst,

T' is the season of Joy which is why I thought I would start with the upcoming 2020 Town Budget. In case you are unaware, the Annual Town Budget and the Budget Survey is available for viewing via the Town's website and is advertised in the Banner. I would like each of you to give yourselves a pat on the back. Our CFO, Val Sequeira, let us know that in most years, 80 – 90% of Budget Surveys are received from 'permanent residents'. This year, a whopping 40% of the surveys were filled out by our Seasonal Residents! Well done.

I know the Town Budget is long and arduous task to fully read and absorb its contents. Trust me, I am spending a healthy portion of the holidays reading it. The good news is that you have until Feb 3rd to look it over and make comments or suggestions. The Budget is comprehensive and is very informative. For example, if you peek at the Capital Budget, you can find out which year your road is scheduled to get resurfaced? Or, perhaps you will learn if a bridge in your neighbourhood needs to be repaired. Now is your chance.

Here is the link:

The presentation and materials distributed today have now been uploaded to the public agenda. Link: [Special Council Meeting - December 18 2019](#)

The next public meeting for the Town Budget is on Saturday January 18th in Council Chambers beginning at 9:30am. Hope to see you there

This is just in from John Miller, President of the Muskoka Steamships and Discovers Centre:

Wow, it's hard to think that another season is now in the books and we are looking to 2020. This year was full of unexpected challenges and transformational change. We began the sailing season with historic flooding but worked through it and eventually the beautiful weather did arrive and provided some exceptional cruising days. *Segwun* and *Wenonah* finis their sailing seasons successfully with a very strong fall. Some of the work on the ships this year included:

- New mast and restored Phoenix – thanks to the Workshop gang!
- New furnace front on *Segwun's* boiler
- Stern wood restoration on *Segwun* completed

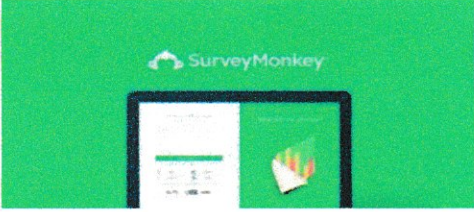
The training and recruitment of qualified Captains, Mates and Engineers is ongoing for our organization. If you know of anyone with experience in these areas that might be interes in a crew position in an exceptional organization, please give them my contact information. The Stanley Meek Gallery became a reality with construction starting and exhibit plann underway. Soon *Wanda III* will have her first permanent home in 88 years and Muskoka will have a new world-class exhibit!



w Wanda III boathouse currently under construction at Muskoka Discovery Centre

Muskoka Steamships would also like to hear your views regarding the Wanda III. Please click on the Survey button below.

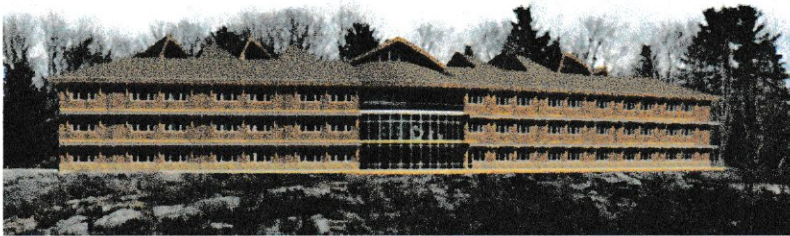
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Muskoka Steamships & Discovery Centre
Visitor Survey

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Here we grow again! The next big project near the Wharf and overlooking Muskoka Bay is called The Grove Retirement and Nursing Home. It is located on Isaac Street.



For those of you who would like a convenient and quick way to get to Muskoka either for themselves or guests or to shoot down to Toronto for a couple of days, you should try flying with FlyGTA. Here is some more information:

Year-Round Flights to Muskoka

Skip the winter driving and hop on the 30-minute flight to Muskoka, where the winter adventures await! FlyGTA has expanded their schedule and is now offering year-round flights between Toronto's Billy Bishop Airport to the Muskoka Airport. Convenient, quick, and stress-free, the Billy Bishop to Muskoka Route will be departing and arriving on both