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**GEORGIAN
BLUFFS**

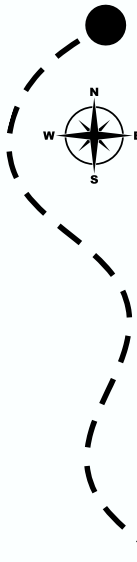
Being A Good Neighbour



Live Like a Local



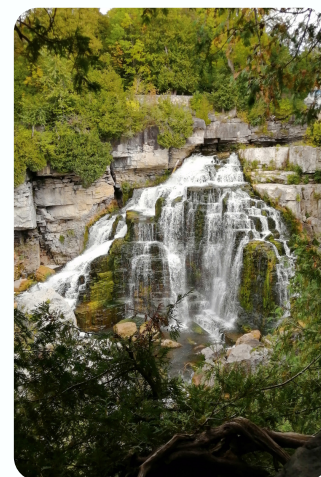
About Georgian Bluffs



Georgian Bluffs is a four-season playground located in Grey County. Visitors and residents can enjoy numerous trails, famous waterfalls, parks and breathtaking views of Georgian Bay. The Niagara Escarpment winds through the Township, offering scenic vistas along the way that will have you reaching for your camera. Embark on a self-guided waterfall tour, visit Big Bay and practice your stone skipping skills at the Stone Skipping Capital of Canada, or take a trip back in time and learn about the significant history places like Bruce Caves bring to the Township. We hope you'll enjoy exploring the beautiful Bluffs!

POPULATION
11,100

The Township was incorporated on January 1, 2001.



Communicating With Your Neighbours



Welcoming Visitors

By extending warm gestures to visitors, such as offering a friendly smile or a welcoming wave, we foster a sense of hospitality that can leave a lasting impression. Additionally, a welcoming environment promotes a sense of community and unity among residents and visitors alike. Simple acts of kindness have a ripple effect, inspiring others to reciprocate the same gestures. This cultivates a friendly and inclusive atmosphere where both residents and visitors feel a sense of belonging and connection. Remember, a smile is the same in every language!

Good Neighbour Reminders

1. Be mindful of those around you regarding noise, whether at a public park or in a private yard.
2. Clean up any waste or garbage in your area, and before leaving any public spaces.
3. Park responsibly, respecting designated parking areas and not blocking driveways or emergency routes.
4. Clean up after your pets, keep them on leashes where required, and try to prevent excessive noise and disturbances.
5. Notify neighbours of any upcoming projects or events that may affect them.
6. Just say hi! Whether they're a long-time neighbour or just there for the weekend, a friendly wave can go a long way.

CONTACT TEMPLATE

Example: Hi! It's your neighbour (name), at (address). It's great to meet you. If you ever need to get in touch with me about my property or any situations, please feel free to call/text me at (number) or email me at (email).
Thank you!

Communicating With Your Neighbours



When to Contact By-Law

Calling By-Law on a neighbour should be considered as a last resort, when all other attempts to resolve an issue have failed. Before making that decision, it is important to take certain steps beforehand.

First, as long as you feel safe, try to have an open and respectful conversation with your neighbour about the issue, expressing your concerns and seeking a resolution. Many minor issues are simply due to people not knowing the rules or that they are causing a problem, and can be quickly resolved following a friendly conversation.

If the problem persists or worsens, document the incidents by noting down dates, times, and details of each occurrence. Gathering evidence can strengthen your case if you do need to involve authorities. It may also be helpful to review any relevant local By-Laws or regulations to ensure you have a clear understanding of your rights and the guidelines that apply.

Finally, if the issue is causing disruption, harm, poses a danger, or clearly violates specific regulations (such as noise ordinances, property maintenance codes, or zoning restrictions), you may need to contact the appropriate Law enforcement. Calling By-Law on a neighbour should always be done with careful consideration, as it can have a lasting impact on the neighbourly relationship.

Full list of By-Laws:
www.georgianbluffs.ca/bylaws

REPORTING A BY-LAW CONCERN

As a final resort, to contact By-Law, call our By-Law officer at

519-376-2729 ext 307



How Can By-Law Enforcement Help



The Township's By-Law Enforcement is here to help! Remember, the main goal of the By-Law Enforcement team is to ensure that everyone can enjoy a safe, clean and enjoyable Georgian Bluffs.

Our Approach to By-Law Enforcement

The best way to ensure that all residents can enjoy a safe and clean Georgian Bluffs is through education. This is why the Township generally follows the following enforcement process:

1. For a first infraction, you'll receive an informative notice. Don't worry, this isn't a formal warning! We just want to tell you a little more about the Township's By-Laws so you can correct the issue.
2. Subsequent violations after a formal verbal warning will go straight to charges.

Please note that serious violations that can affect the immediate safety and welfare of residents may go straight to charges, for example: for an aggressive dog being at large, or for illegal dumping or spills.



**REMINDER THAT BY-LAW
INFRACTIONS ARE
SUBJECT TO FINES.**



**IN THE CASE OF AN
EMERGENCY CONTACT
THE OPP AT 9-11**



**TO REPORT A BY-LAW
ENFORCEMENT CONCERN**

www.georgianbluffs.ca/contactGB
or call 519-376-2729 ext 307

By-Laws: Your Property

As a property owner in Georgian Bluffs, you have a responsibility to your neighbours to keep your property safe and tidy. Here are some of the By-Laws that outline your role in maintaining a clean and safe community.



By-Law 2020-020 - Township Zoning

The purpose of this Zoning By-Law is to implement the policies of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Official Plan and the County of Grey Official Plan. The Official Plans contain general policies that affect the use of land throughout the Township. They specify what land uses are permitted where and, in some instances, specify what regulations should apply to the development of certain lands for industrial, commercial, or residential purposes.

By-Law 2022-026 Property Standards

This By-Law pertains to general standards of all property and uses. All properties in the Township must be maintained to the standards required in this By-Law.

By-Law 2017-036 Clean Yards

This By-Law pertains to standards for general property maintenance. Every property must be maintained and kept clean and free from refuse and/or debris, with appropriate yard maintenance.



See website for full Zoning
Maps and Schedule.



By-Laws: Your Property

By-Law 2012-081 Sign By-Law

This By-Law regulates the placement/ installation of signs. It states that no person shall erect, display alter or allow the erection, display or alteration of any sign within the Township on publicly or privately owned property without obtaining a permit under this By-Law.

By-Law 2021-031 Erect and Maintain Fences Around Private Swimming Pools

This By-Law regulates fencing around swimming pools (both in-ground and above ground). Swimming pools must be properly enclosed to prevent unauthorized access, and to help prevent drowning or provide protection from accidents and injuries.



BUILDING?

BY-LAW 2021-067 **BUILDING BY-LAW**

Being a By-Law respecting construction, demolition, change of use permits and building inspections, pursuant to the Ontario Building Code Act, S.O. 1992, C.23.

By-Law 2007-059 Fence

This By-Law regulates fencing around property. All persons erecting a new fence shall erect a fence using chain link fencing, wrought iron, cedar rails, page wire, PVC, or wooden boards, and no person shall erect a new fence higher than 1.98 metres.

By-Laws: Pets and Animals



DOG TAGS



Every owner of a dog in the Township of Georgian Bluffs, within one week after the dog comes into their possession, is required to get the dog registered/licensed with the Township of Georgian Bluffs for the balance of the calendar year.

BY-LAW 2013-079 ANIMAL CONTROL

- No person shall allow a dog to run at large or trespass in the Township of Georgian Bluffs.
- Fees for dog licensing, kennel registration and breeding or boarding establishments are established as per the current Township of Georgian Bluffs Fees and Services By-Law.

- Every person who owns or has custody or care of an animal shall comply with the standards of care with respect to every animal that the person owns, or has custody or care of, in accordance with the standards prescribed in By-Law 2013-079 Animal Control
- No owner, possessor or harbourer of a vicious dog shall permit, suffer or allow the dog to be on any streets or in any public place that is not owned or controlled by that person unless the dog is muzzled to prevent it from biting another animal or person.



On or after **May 16th** of each year an additional \$10.00 fee is added to each applicable license fee.



By-Laws: Noise, Nuisances and Parking



By-Law 2011-095 Noise By-Law

This By-Law prohibits or regulates certain noises. No person shall emit, cause or permit the emission of noise likely to disturb the inhabitants of the Township of Georgian Bluffs, and which noise is clearly audible at the point of reception. See the full By-Law for specific noise activities, prohibited times and areas.

By-Law 2003-035 Parking By-Law

This By-Law regulates parking. Wherever a vehicle is parked in contravention of this By-Law, the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or Ontario Provincial Police Officer may cause the said vehicle to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place, and all costs and charges for the removing, care and storage shall be paid by the owner.



By-Law 2023-025 Nuisance By-Law

This By-Law regulates public nuisances within the Township of Georgian Bluffs. Whereas, Section 128 of the Municipal Act, 2001, provides that, without limiting sections 9 and 11, a local municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of Council, are or could become or cause public nuisances.

DID YOU KNOW?



Fireworks are not permitted on any occasion except the following holidays: Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic holiday, Labour Day and New Years Eve, between dusk and 11:00 p.m.



Waste and Recycling

Do your part to help **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**. As a community, we are responsible for helping reduce our impact on our planet, by limiting and reducing the waste we generate. The Township is here to help.



CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Collection occurs on Mondays or Wednesdays for residents depending on your location. Please check website for full schedule.



GARBAGE COLLECTION

Households may place up to 4 garbage bags out for collection each week. Garbage bags must each have a garbage tag. Garbage tags are available from select suppliers, and cost \$2.25 each.



BLUE BOX RECYCLING

Every two weeks, you can place one or more 'Blue Boxes' of recycling at the curbside alongside garbage bags for collection.

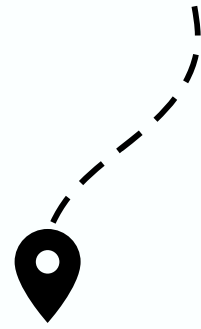


YARD WASTE

The City of Owen Sound Leaf & Yard Waste Composting Site is open to Georgian Bluffs residents to drop off leaves, grass clippings, plants, and small branches.

For more information, details on eligible items, schedules, and more, please visit:
www.georgianbluffs.ca/waste

We're Here to Help!



Website: www.georgianbluffs.ca

Phone Number: 519-376-2729

Location: 177964 Grey Road 18, R.R. #3,
Owen Sound, ON N4K 5N5

By-Law Concern: www.georgianbluffs.ca/contactGB/

By-Law Phone Number: 519-376-2729 ext. 307.

Building Department: 519-376-2729 ext. 106

Animal Shelter/Animal Control: 519-372-1123

Emergency: Call 9-1-1

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