

# WELCOME

## TO THE CITY OF OWEN SOUND

**owen  
sound**  
where you *want* to live

*Photo by: Pauline Dantas*

# Welcome

As a third-generation local business owner and Mayor of this beautiful City, I welcome you to our community.

Owen Sound is where you want to live!  
 We are a thriving business centre.  
 We are an arts and culture centre.  
 We are a sports and recreation centre.  
 We are closely entwined with our pristine natural environment.  
 Surrounded by the cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment and the blue waters of Georgian Bay, we offer a lifestyle with something for everyone of all ages!

On behalf of Council and staff, thank you for choosing Owen Sound.



## MAYOR IAN BODDY

### OWEN SOUND CITY HALL



City Hall is located downtown at 808 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East in Owen Sound. It is open year round, Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. City Hall is home to Council Chambers, the Mayor's office, service counters, staff offices and public washrooms.

Phone: 519-376-1440  
 Website: [OwenSound.ca](http://OwenSound.ca)

### VISITOR CENTRE



The Visitor Centre is located on the waterfront at 1155 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West in Owen Sound. It is open seven days a week from May to October. Stop by for a warm welcome and help planning your time in the Scenic City as well as nearby locations.

Phone: 519-371-9833  
 Website: [OwenSoundTourism.ca](http://OwenSoundTourism.ca)



## BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

The Business Enterprise Centre supports entrepreneurs starting and growing a business in Grey County. They provide free business consultation, guidance on government rules and regulations, resources and incentive programs. They also offer workshops, seminars and networking events to help grow your business.

*Website:* [MadeInGrey.ca/Business-Enterprise-Centre](http://MadeInGrey.ca/Business-Enterprise-Centre)

## BRUCE COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Bruce Community Futures provides small business training and advice as well as small business financing to businesses throughout Grey and Bruce Counties.

*Website:* [Bruce.on.ca](http://Bruce.on.ca)

## GREY BRUCE TECHNOLOGY NETWORK

The Grey Bruce Technology Network is a group of technology professionals who encourage growth within the technology sectors in the Owen Sound area. They meet on a regular basis to network and discuss opportunities and developments.

*Website:* [OwenSoundTechnologyNetwork.com](http://OwenSoundTechnologyNetwork.com)

## GREY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Made in Grey website, as well as County staff, are an excellent resource for information surrounding business operation in the region, information on key industries, regional initiatives and partnerships, insight into investment opportunities as well available land and buildings.

*Website:* [MadeInGrey.ca](http://MadeInGrey.ca)

## CITY OF OWEN SOUND DEVELOPMENT TEAM

For questions about zoning or building requirements for your business, Community Improvement Program, or questions regarding marketing or labour force, the City's Development Team provides a one-stop approach to development inquiries and approvals. The City also provides an available list of lands and buildings.

*Website:* [OwenSound.ca/MovingForward](http://OwenSound.ca/MovingForward)

## GEORGIAN COLLEGE

The Owen Sound Campus prides itself on being just the right size. It offers a wide variety of programs in great facilities, including Canada's most advanced marine simulation and research centre.

*Website:* [GeorgianCollege.ca](http://GeorgianCollege.ca)

## OWEN SOUND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Owen Sound Chamber of Commerce offers a collective voice for local businesses, and provides opportunities for networking and education. With a membership of 500 businesses, the Chamber offers regular networking events and promotes business exchange.

*Website:* [OSChamber.com](http://OSChamber.com)

## OWEN SOUND DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT AREA

The Owen Sound DIA supports downtown businesses through downtown beautification, promotion, communications, special programs and advocacy.

*Website:* [DowntownOwenSound.ca](http://DowntownOwenSound.ca)

## GREY COUNTY TOURISM

The tourism department at the County of Grey promotes the County's tourism businesses to visitors to the region and promotes the area as a great place to visit.

*Website:* [VisitGrey.ca](http://VisitGrey.ca)

## FAÇADE AND STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This program encourages the repair and aesthetical improvement of buildings in the designated Community Improvement Plan area or any building with a heritage designation, offering grants to property owners to improve the façade of the building to fit the original design. The program also offers grants to complete structural improvements for the safety or integrity of the structure.

*Website:* [OwenSound.ca/FacadeProgram](http://OwenSound.ca/FacadeProgram)

If you love the outdoors, you'll love our abundance of parks, trails and open spaces, not to mention our spectacular waterfront. If you're more of an indoor recreation enthusiast, we have some of the finest recreation facilities in Grey Bruce to meet your needs.

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# Parks, Recreation & the Outdoors

## JULIE MCARTHUR REGIONAL RECREATION CENTRE & YMCA OF OWEN SOUND GREY BRUCE

700 10<sup>th</sup> Street East, Owen Sound

- Twin NHL-size ice pads (85x200)
- Health, fitness and recreation centre operated by the YMCA
- Sparkling 25 metre, eight-lane swimming pool with ramp for easy access
- Warm water leisure/therapy pool with water features and a ramp for easy access
- Spacious Fitness Centre with state of the art fitness equipment, free-weight room, walking/running track
- Spacious multi-sport gymnasium for fitness classes, sports activities and preschool programs
- Stay n' Play Babysitting
- For ice rental information, contact [aoleary@owensound.ca](mailto:aoleary@owensound.ca) or 519-376-4440 ext. 1255

Website: [ymcaowensound.on.ca](http://ymcaowensound.on.ca)



## HARRY LUMLEY BAYSHORE COMMUNITY CENTRE

1900 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East, Owen Sound

- Houses the J.D. McArthur Arena with an NHL-size ice pad, arena seating for over 3,000 spectators, and the ability to convert into a multi-functional surface for concerts & special events
- 8,000 square feet of adjacent banquet hall space to compliment your special event
- Home of the OHL's Owen Sound Attack as well as OLA Senior B Lacrosse's Owen Sound NorthStars
- For ice & hall rental information, contact [aoleary@owensound.ca](mailto:aoleary@owensound.ca) or 519-376-4440 ext. 1255

Website: [owensound.ca](http://owensound.ca)



## HARRISON PARK

Harrison Park is an urban dream, full of trails, gardens, playgrounds, forest and green space in the heart of Owen Sound. Often called the City's "jewel in the crown," the park features dining and recreation facilities, a full-service campground, boat rentals, a bird sanctuary, mini-putt, accessible playgrounds, basketball courts, a pool, and an open-air rink. During the winter months, the Scenic City Order of Good Cheer Rink is open to skating enthusiasts.

Remember, HOSE rules: Hockey on Odd days, Skating on Even.



## KELSO BEACH PARK

Located on the shores of Georgian Bay, Kelso Beach Park is home to Summerfolk Music and Crafts Festival, Canada Day festivities and the Salmon Spectacular Fishing Derby. At Kelso, you'll also find a sandy beach, playground, picnic shelters, soccer fields and baseball diamonds, plus a children's splash pad and accessible washroom/changeroom, proudly supported by the Scenic City Order of Good Cheer.



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## TRAILS

Explore Owen Sound's natural attractions on foot or by bicycle, including waterfalls and rivers, cliff-tops, crevices and the beautiful shoreline. Trails form ribbons throughout Owen Sound while a paved harbourfront walkway with historic interpretive plaques stretches along each side of the Owen Sound harbour. Whether you're seeking an easy stroll or a vigorous hike, Owen Sound has trails that fit the bill, year round.



## SPORTS PROGRAMS

The City holds Minor Sports and Programs registration nights in the spring and fall of each calendar year. For a detailed list of youth programs available, please visit the City's website. If you are interested in adult programs offered within the city, please contact City staff at 519-376-4440 ext 1255.



More at [OwenSound.ca](http://OwenSound.ca)

The City offers many free events for residents and tourists, as well as an online calendar and weekly email blast promoting all events in the Owen Sound area. Sign up to have event details sent to your email inbox at [OwenSoundTourism.ca](http://OwenSoundTourism.ca)

# Around The Sound



## HARBOURFEST

An event is all about an experience - Harbourfest gives an experience and 'taste' of the Owen Sound area, all in one spectacular spot on one spectacular day! Harbourfest is a one-day, rain-or-shine event that draws crowds to Owen Sound's inner harbour for food, drinks, live entertainment and fun family activities.

*Website:* [OwenSound.ca/Harbourfest](http://OwenSound.ca/Harbourfest)



## CANADA DAY

Owen Sound celebrates Canada Day with tons of family entertainment, games and attractions beginning at 4 PM at Kelso Beach, followed by an outstanding evening music program and a spectacular fireworks display over the bay.

*Website:* [OwenSound.ca/CanadaDay](http://OwenSound.ca/CanadaDay)



## HARBOUR NIGHTS

Enjoy celebrating the finest in musical talent and achievement from the Owen Sound area and beyond each Sunday from mid-June to mid-August. Free concerts take place on the west side of the inner harbour, behind the Owen Sound Visitor Centre.

*Website:* [HarbourNights.ca](http://HarbourNights.ca)



## OWEN SOUND ATTACK

OHL Hockey is a staple through the winter months in Owen Sound. Owen Sound is the Ontario Hockey League's smallest market in size, but perhaps the largest at heart. Whether you're new to Owen Sound or a life-long resident, you'll always feel at home at an Attack game.

*Website:* [AttackHockey.com](http://AttackHockey.com)



## FESTIVAL OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

The Festival of Northern Lights is an award-winning display of Christmas lights that runs from mid-November into January, attracting almost 20,000 people to see them each year. Approximately 25 kilometers of light strings and 400 lighted designs are displayed over city streets and parks. It has been named one of the Top 100 festivals in Ontario by Festivals and Events Ontario.

*Website:* [Fonl.ca](http://Fonl.ca)



## THE ROXY THEATRE

Owned and operated by the Owen Sound Little Theatre, the Roxy is the premier regional destination for live theatre and music performances. Built in 1913, this historic soft-seat opera house accommodates 400 people, and is located in Owen Sound's historic downtown core.

*Website:* [RoxyTheatre.ca](http://RoxyTheatre.ca)



## TOM THOMSON ART GALLERY

The TOM is a regional public gallery and national cultural attraction with a top-notch and revolving program of contemporary and historical exhibitions, lectures, forums, films, concerts and workshops. Fuel your passion for visual art at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery, just one of many intriguing and unique art galleries, all located in Owen Sound's downtown.

*Website:* [TomThomson.org](http://TomThomson.org) *More galleries:* [OwenSoundTourism.ca](http://OwenSoundTourism.ca)



## OWEN SOUND & NORTH GREY UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Owen Sound Library offers far more than just your standard inventory of books. Complete with a children's area, computer and mobile services, audio visual equipment and an array of events and programs, the Library is a place the whole family can enjoy and learn.

*Website:* [OwenSound.ca/Library](http://OwenSound.ca/Library)

# Garbage, Recycling & Operations

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING

- Garbage and blue box recycling are typically collected once every two weeks.
- Collection will occur as laid out in the calendars posted on the City of Owen Sound's website.
- A bag tag is required on each garbage container to help encourage recycling.

## WASTE TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLE DROP-OFF DEPOT

- Extra garbage and recycle can be taken directly to the Miller Waste Transfer Station.
- Do not put a bag tag on garbage at the Transfer Station as you will be charged a disposal fee instead.
- The Miller Waste Transfer Station is located at 2085 20th Avenue East in the City's Industrial Park.
- Please visit the Miller Waste website ([MillerWaste.ca](http://MillerWaste.ca)) for more information.

## GOODS EXCHANGE DAY

Goods Exchange Days are designated to provide an opportunity for City residents to leave items that are no longer useful to them but they feel may be useful to others. Place items at the end of your driveway or lawn. Leftover items must be removed by owners by the end of day. Goods Exchange dates are listed on the City of Owen Sound's website under 'Garbage & Recycling'.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Drop off household hazardous waste materials at the City of Owen Sound Public Works Building between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM on select Saturdays from April to October. Household Hazardous Waste Day dates are available online at [OwenSound.ca](http://OwenSound.ca) under 'Garbage & Recycling', and in the Waste Calendar.

## PUBLIC TRANSIT

- Conventional Transit service is a four route system operating every 30 minutes during the day, Monday through Saturday.
- For more information, including where to purchase monthly passes, visit the Transportation page at [OwenSound.ca](http://OwenSound.ca) (under Living), or call the Transit Terminal at 519-376-9139

# Corporate Services

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Owen Sound is always looking to hire professional and passionate people who want to help shape their community. Our employees are our most valuable asset and we are committed to providing our employees with training and educational opportunities to help them reach their career goals. Come and work for the organization that makes Owen Sound where you want to live, work and play!

## ELECTRONIC FUNDS

The City of Owen Sound promotes environmentally friendly solutions such as direct deposit and electronic invoicing/statements, which provide more efficient payment and communication with our suppliers. Please contact [accountspayable@owensound.ca](mailto:accountspayable@owensound.ca) for more information with respect to direct deposits and electronic invoicing.

## E-BILLING AND PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

Utility e-billing offers a convenient, timely, effective, and environmentally friendly way to receive your bills. These e-bills will look the same as your paper copy and your billing cycle will remain the same. You can also set up a pre-authorized debit plan to pay your Property Taxes conveniently and efficiently.  
*Website:* [OwenSound.ca](http://OwenSound.ca)

## MAPS AND APPLICATIONS

The City of Owen Sound has a number of Maps and Applications utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) available at [OwenSound.ca](http://OwenSound.ca). Use these resources to find a school, boat launch, your waste collection schedule, or inquire about property information. Explore Owen Sound with the power of GIS!

## BIDS AND TENDERS

The City frequently purchases goods and services from vendors through our online bid opportunities system. Our online system allows businesses to easily search for open, closed and awarded bids.  
*Website:* [OwenSound.BidsAndTenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en](http://OwenSound.BidsAndTenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en)

# Sponsorship Opportunities

The City of Owen Sound offers many well-attended events and programs every year, each offering different opportunities to align your business' support with a memorable experience!



## ONE-TIME EVENTS

The City of Owen Sound works hard to offer residents and visitors alike plenty to do and see all year round. Each event is highlighted in different ways, with marketing strategies that appeal to the event's target market. Gain exposure for your brand through traditional and digital media outlets alongside a trusted and recognized event partner.

*Website:* [OwenSoundTourism.ca](http://OwenSoundTourism.ca), under 'Festivals and Events'



## ON-GOING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Sponsoring a local program or event is a great way to show the area that you're a reliable partner that's able and willing to support community events. It's also a way to ensure that programs and events remain in the area to offer Owen Sound's citizens different experiences to do, see and learn from.

*Website:* [OwenSoundTourism.ca](http://OwenSoundTourism.ca), under 'Festivals and Events'