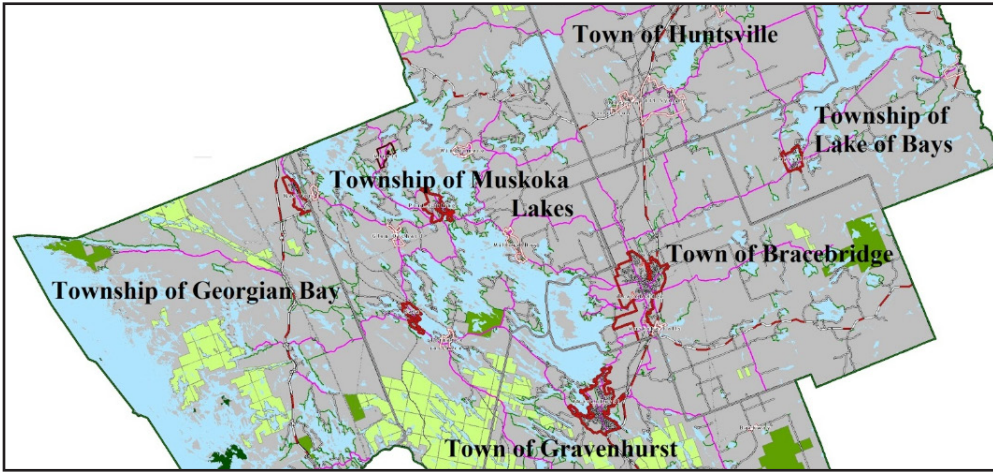


## 2022 Municipal Elections: Your Mayor Candidates, Municipalities, and Responsibilities



Muskoka is made up of six municipalities, and each has candidates running for Mayor. Here is a breakdown of who is running:

- **GRAVENHURST:**
- Terry Pilger
- Marc Mantha
- Heidi Lorenz
- **BRACEBRIDGE:**
- Paul Campbell
- Rick Maloney
- Michael Opara
- **HUNTSVILLE:**
- Nancy Alcock
- Stephen Hernen
- Rueben Pyette-Bouillon
- Tim Withey
- **LAKE OF BAYS:**
- Terry Glover
- Linda Thompson
- **MUSKOKA LAKES:**
- Phil Harding
- Peter Kelley
- **GEORGIAN BAY**
- Peter Koetsier

### What is the responsibility of a Mayor?

According to the government of Ontario, the role of a Mayor or “head of Council” has responsibilities that include to, “act as chief executive officer of the municipality, preside over council meetings so that business can be carried out efficiently and effectively, provide leadership – to provide information and recommendations to council with respect to the role of council, and represent the municipality at official functions.”

A Mayor is also committed to, “uphold and promote the purposes of the municipality, promote public involvement in municipal activities, promote the municipality locally, nationally, and internationally, participate in and foster activities that enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality and it’s residents.”

The role of the Mayor also includes creating a balance between responsibilities and public expectations.

### New Municipal Committees to be Recruited by Councils After Election

October 24th will signify the end of the term for the Municipal Representatives, once the public votes for who best advocates for what’s important to them. Public members will also be given the chance to apply to be a committee member in their town.

In the Gravenhurst Heritage Committee meeting, on September 13, 2022, Town Clerk, Kayla Thibeault, announced the end of the existing committee. She added, “New Council means new committees.”

Thibeault explained, Once the election is done, you will see a call out for applications for various committees...adjustments, heritage...” She said to keep an eye out for announcements in the news, ads, the library, and online for applicant requests.

According to Thibeault, applications have different committees to choose from. “Council appoints applicants for committees, and you can select ones your interested in.”

For instance, The Town of Gravenhurst has variety of boards and committees that “provide advice and make recommendations to Council on a variety of issues, including environment, arts, culture, heritage, accessibility, community and services, [and] endowment and grant programs.”

Each Town has a variety of boards and committees based on their preferences and needs, which you can learn more about on their website or by contacting them.

In the meeting, Chair, Michael Wayling, added, “The time during this term the last few months have resurrected us. I’m infused with more enthusiasm than six months ago. Think about whether you want to be on the committee in the upcoming term.”

## Voting: What’s the Point?

Power comes in numbers. Voting is a collective voice that creates awareness and makes decisions about what people want, and what they don’t want.

It’s also a form of self expression - an opportunity to make your voice heard, act on what you’ve been unhappy about, and a chance to be a part of changing it, to get closer to where you want to go.

The municipal election is October 24th, and from October 17-24 you can vote to be a part of the changes we’ll see in the municipalities in Muskoka over the next 4 years.

Do you want development and condos in your Town, or would you rather the quiet and protection of natural habitat that goes with rural living?

Do you want more affordable rentals and housing?

Would you prefer to have a representative that is willing to get creative regarding ways to generate municipal revenue, other than increase residential taxes?

This is your chance to express yourself about what a quality of life looks like for you, and to support the person that best represents that, as Ward and District Councillors, and Mayors.

You should receive a Voter Information Letter at your permanent address with instructions for voting.

To confirm you’re on the list to vote, visit voterlookup.ca.

To see who the candidates are for your area, search municipal election, on your Town website, and as a Visitor, you’ll see who the candidates are. Here’s to having a say!



### VOTE Sandi Allan, Ward 1

I am a strong advocate, no matter what subject I am championing. I’m passionate, committed, motivated and experienced; I feel that I can make a positive difference in how we succeed as a diverse and celebrated community, mindful of the beautiful environment we are so lucky to be a part of.

### VOTE Terry Pilger for Mayor

#### MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD:

- ▶ Expanded, Local Medical Service
- ▶ Alternative Transportation Options
- ▶ Affordable / Attainable Housing
- ▶ Enhanced Communication Policies
- ▶ Keep Taxes Low and Affordable

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**VOTE**  
**Michael Opara**  
**For Your**  
**Bracebridge Mayor**

#### Your Mayoral Candidate Who Pledges To:

- SAVE DON'T PAVE  
Protect the natural beauty, peace and tranquility of Muskoka
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Review Muskoka Royale  
Freeze water and sewer rates  
Build a sustainable economy  
Enhance our full-service acute care hospital

Learn More Website: [www.protectbracebridge.ca](http://www.protectbracebridge.ca)  
or Call or Text: 705-706-4911

# Provincial Recognition for The District of Muskoka GeoHub

Manager of Geomatics at the District of Muskoka, Graham Good, announced good news regarding Muskoka GeoHub winning the People's Choice Award, in the Community Planning and Services Committee, on September 22, 2022.

The GeoHub is the District's online web mapping portal where the public can go to get geographical information in Muskoka, such as: Flood Plain Mapping, Shoreline Videos, Air Photos of Muskoka, Topography Maps, Trails Explorer, Zoning Maps, Subdivision and Condominium Development Maps, Data sets for the Environment, Community and Public Works, and Muskoka Votes, where you can find candidate and voter information by municipality, and election results.

Graham added that "50,000 contacts receive their newsletter [nationally] and link from the site."

Graham praised the Geographic Information Systems team and the Muskoka Watershed group for their "great work" regarding the flood line and mapping, and added, "Next month [October] will be an opportunity to share more good news about other success stories."



## Muskoka's WISE Mobile Active Living Centre

It's free to become a member of the WISE Mobile Active Living Centre – get connected to a wide range of programs for older adults 55+ across Muskoka.

There is something for everyone. We offer a variety of topics such as health education, fitness, technology, finance, fraud prevention, art, culture, games, activities, general interest, and much more. Community engagement helps us stay connected, social, and active, plus you can meet new people and have a lot of fun!

Join us. Meet new friends - and make your health a priority - join an education session on the importance of sleep, nutrition, brain health, mental well-being, medication management, chronic pain management and so much more. Learn a new hobby or skill at one of our acrylic painting, watercolour, knitting, macrame, or craft programs. Keep fit and have fun with simple seated exercises, chair yoga, and fitness with urban poles and group snowshoeing activities.

We have dedicated volunteers that are trained in these programs - and we offer a variety of in-person and at-home volunteer opportunities for those wanting to make a difference for older adults in Muskoka.

The WISE Mobile Active Living Centre is free! Get connected to a wide variety of social and recreation-

-al programs and learn more about what programs are happening near you; visit our website [www.muskoka.on.ca/seniorsprograms](http://www.muskoka.on.ca/seniorsprograms).

Our knowledgeable team also helps navigate services and resources for older adults, families, and caregivers. Looking for information can be overwhelming, and we are here to help! Seniors Programs and Services, District of Muskoka: 705-645-2100 ext. 4199, [seniorsprograms@muskoka.on.ca](mailto:seniorsprograms@muskoka.on.ca), [www.muskoka.on.ca/seniorsprograms](http://www.muskoka.on.ca/seniorsprograms).

The WISE Mobile Active Living Centre is operated through Seniors Programs and Services, The District Municipality of Muskoka, and funded in part by the Provincial Government.

### Black Purebred Male German Shepherd Puppies for Sale!



**8 weeks September 5th.**  
Documentation for 1st needle, vet check, and deworming.  
**\$1500**  
(\$1000 cheaper than anywhere else)  
Mom and dad are on site.  
**Come to pick one out anytime!**  
**Text: 705-641-2650**

## BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

The Green Bouquet will be having a "swag bag give away" valued over \$250.00, starting September 19th. Enter the draw by leaving them a 5 star Google review, and they will be drawing the winner on October 30th.

October 1, they will be launching their "Garden Tour promotion." Complete the given number of stamps on your card by visiting the store or ordering online, and win a custom wood rolling tray. For more information, call 705-385-9333.

Royal Canadian Candles is creating an in-house handcrafted animal series of scented renditions of many of Canada's animals featured on their glass candles, which will include local animals such as moose, bears, wolves, loons, butterflies, and hummingbirds. The series will be coming out in late September. For more information, call: 519-756-6626.

Muskoka has its own breeder of Shepherd dogs. Breeder, John Welch, specializes in purebred black German Shepherds. Although his current litter is almost sold out, he said, "You can call and get your name on the list for the next litter for Muskoka bred pups." He adds, "Mom and dad are on site and the next litter will be this spring." For more information call 705-641-2650.

## HOW WE'RE HELPING

### Charities/Non-profits

The Huntsville Public Library has some engaging adult programming and events this fall.

Check out the adult program and events here, we look forward to seeing you at the library.

<https://www.huntsvillelibrary.ca/en/sign-up-for-activities/grown-ups.aspx>, (705) 789-5232.

### It's All Good Muskoka

This month we're giving away a \$25 gas gift certificate to the 20th person that emails us at: [itsallgoodmuskoka@gmail.com](mailto:itsallgoodmuskoka@gmail.com) about how you paid it forward in the past month.

Include your name and town.

The winner will be announced in the upcoming November edition of *It's All Good MUSKOKA*. Good luck!

### How are You Paying it Forward?

Are you a charity/non-profit, business, or student that has recently paid it forward in some way in your community - helping an individual or group in some way?

We want to hear about it!

Email us at [itsallgoodmuskoka@gmail.com](mailto:itsallgoodmuskoka@gmail.com) for a chance to be included in an upcoming edition of IAGM.

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## SPORTS MEMOIRS



By Peter Cassidy

Some of you might remember this story. It is still vivid in my mind like it was yesterday.

It was a regular Saturday night hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens. The contest was between the New York Rangers and the Leafs. A fight broke out in the Rangers end behind Gump Worsley. The scrap was between one of the toughest NHLers to play the game - Lou Fontinato and Tim Horton. As the scuffle escalated into involving other players, the TV camera scanned the arena, it stopped suddenly to a sight I have never seen before or since.

There stood Johnny Bower and Gump Worsley having a chat. I have often wondered what their conversation might have been like. I think it might have gone something like this.

"Hey John. How was your Christmas?"

"Dinner was at my sister's place. I ate too much and drank too much juice. How about you?"

"I wish they would hurry and get their argument over. I just want to get home and put my feet up."

"Yes, me too John. If there is time after the game, I will buy you a beer at George's Spaghetti house."

This not something you would see today.

### IAGM LOCAL HISTORY TRIVIA CORNER:

**Question:** Where in Muskoka is the Hill House located?

**Answer:** Place Muskoka Heritage

Trivia question courtesy of  
Huntsville Public Library