



Welcome to the supportive community of:

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership works to fill critical gaps in the local labour force by welcoming newcomers to the region.



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Your First Call

Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services for Newcomers

Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services is here to support you in settling, integrating, and calling Grey / Bruce counties your new home.

This program offers free services to eligible newcomers in a central place to help you feel more connected to your new community. This is made possible through the many resources and partnerships with other local service agencies.



Connect with us today!

Settlement Services phone number: 519-371-9222

Email: settlement@osgb.ymca.ca



Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services

We can help, support, and assist clients with:

- Free eligible Language classes (LINC)
- Interpretation and translation services
- Citizenship Test Preparation classes and Application Review
- Banking
- Employment
- Applying for government documents
- Housing support
- Childcare support
- Transportation support
- Workplace Integration Assistance

*Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services is a collaboration between YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce and Welcoming Communities Grey Bruce.



2-1-1: Help and Information

211 is a helpline that can direct you to many helpful services including translation services, English as a second language courses, employment programs, and more.



Phone (multiple languages) or Text (English): 211

Email: 211info@communityconnection.ca

Website: www.newcomersbrucegrey.ca

Municipal Contact Information

If you have questions about your new community of Arran-Elderslie, use the contact information below to get answers to your questions.



Municipal Office Phone Number: 519-363-3039

Municipal Email: info@arran-elderslie.ca

Municipal Website: www.arran-elderslie.ca

Townhall Address and Office Hours

Municipal Office

P.O. Box 70, 1925 – Bruce Road #10

Chesley, ON

N0G 1L0

Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:30am – 4:30pm

Health

If you need medical help, you can visit the closest hospital, make an appointment with a nurse practitioner, or visit your family doctor. The Canadian Mental Health Association Grey Bruce (CMHA Grey Bruce) provides a variety of mental health and addiction services

If you need help finding a family doctor, please contact **Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services (p. 3)**.

Hospital



Hospital Name: South Bruce Grey Health Centre - Chesley

Hospital Phone Number: (519) 363-2340

Hospital Address: 39 2nd St SE, Chesley, ON N0G 1L0

Doctor's Office



Doctor's Office Phone Number: 519-363-3119

Doctor's Office Address: Chesley Medical Clinic, 33 Second Street, Chesley, Ontario N0G 1L0

Doctor's Office



Doctor's Office Phone Number: 226-909-3662

Doctor's Office Address: Paisley & Area Health Clinic, 127 Victoria Street South, Paisley, Ontario N0G 2N0

Mental Health and Addiction Services



Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Grey Bruce

Phone Number: (519) 371-3642 or 1-888-451-2642

Website: greybruce.cmha.ca



Transportation

Transportation options for your municipality are listed below. To find out what transportation services are available and if you are eligible for transportation supports, please contact **Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services (p. 3)**.

Taxi / Cab / Transportation Companies



Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit | **Phone number:** 519-881-2504

Website: www.saugeenmobility.ca

West Grey Taxi & Transit Service (Chesley/Hanover) | **Phone number:** 519-369-4441



County Transportation: Grey Transit Route

Need to get around parts of Grey, Bruce, or Dufferin counties? The Grey Transit Route has you covered. Connected, comfortable, and affordable. The Grey't Way to Travel!

Reserved your seat in advance, either CALL or BOOK ONLINE.



GTR Phone Number: 226-910-1001

GTR Online Booking: www.grey.ca/gtr

Grey Transit Route Phone Line Hours

Monday to Sunday

GTR Phone Line – OPEN

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Statutory Holidays

GTR Phone Line - CLOSED

Grey Transit Route Fares / Payment Option



Payment can be made ONLINE by:

- Credit Card
- Debit Credit Card
- Ticket/Coupon Code

Payment can be made over the PHONE by:

- Credit Card
- Debit Credit Card
- Ticket/Coupon Code
- Exact Cash

Schools and Childcare

Schools in Grey and Bruce counties are primarily public or catholic and belong to the Bluewater District School Board, the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board, or the Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence. Some schools provide before and after school childcare. Visit their website for more information (see below).

Bluewater District School Board



Central Office Address:

Bluewater District School Board Education Centre
P.O. Box 190, 351 1st Avenue North
Chesley, Ontario N0G 1L0

General phone number: (519) 363-2014

Email: info@bwdsb.on.ca

Website: <https://www.bwdsb.on.ca/>

Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board



Catholic Education Centre:

Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board
799 16th Ave.
Hanover, ON N4N 3A1

General phone number: (519) 364-5820

Email: bruce_grey@bgcdsb.org

Website: <https://www.bgcdsb.org/>

Providence Catholic School Board / Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence



(External) Office Address:

Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence
7515 Forest Glade Drive
Windsor, ON
N8T 3P5

General phone number: (519) 948-9227

Website: <https://www.cscprovidence.ca/>

Grey / Bruce School Name:

Saint-Dominique-Savio Catholic School
800 East 23rd Street
Owen Sound, ON
N4K 6Z5



Local School Locations Near Arran-Elderslie



Elementary School

Arran Tara Elementary School | **Location:** Tara

Chesley District Community School | **Location:** Chesley

Paisley Central School | **Location:** Paisley



French Immersion Elementary School

French Immersion School

Dawnview Public School | **Location:** Hanover

École Port Elgin Saugeen Central School | **Location:** Port Elgin

École St. Joseph's Catholic School | **Location:** Port Elgin

Hepworth Central Public School | **Location:** Hepworth

Holy Family School **Location:** Hanover

Immaculate Conception School | **Location:** Mildmay

Saint Basil Catholic Elementary School | **Location:** Owen Sound



Secondary School / High School

Secondary School

John Diefenbaker Senior School | **Location:** Hanover

Owen Sound District Secondary School | **Location:** Owen Sound

Saugeen District Senior School | **Location:** Port Egin

St. Mary's Highschool | **Location:** Owen Sound

Sacred Heart Highschool | **Location:** Walkerton

Walkerton District Community School | **Location:** Walkerton

Food and Groceries

Below is a list of stores in or near Arran-Elderslie that might help you find the ingredients you need for your favourite dishes.



Grocery Store: Chesley Grocery Store

Phone number: (519) 363-2882

Address: 30 1st Ave S, Chesley, ON N0G 1L0



Grocery Store: Tara Food Town

Phone number: (519) 934-2370

Address: 37 Yonge St N, Tara, ON N0H 2N0



Grocery Store: Paisley Freshmart

Phone number: (519) 353-3700

Address: 436 Queen St N, Paisley, ON N0G 2N0

Emergency Food Sources

Below is a list of emergency food sources in or near Arran-Elderslie:



Food Bank: Chesley Salvation Army Food Bank- Chesley Baptist Church

Phone number: 519-364- 3450

Address: 58 1st Ave N, Chesley ON N0G 1L0



Food Bank: Paisley and Community Food Bank- Immanuel Evangelical Missionary Church

Phone number: 519-353-5270

Address: 307 Balaklava St. Paisley, ON N0G 2N0



Food Bank: Tara Area Food Bank- Christ Anglican Church

Phone number: 226-568-3092

Address: 56 Bruce County Rd 17Tara, ON N0H 2N0

Your Public Library

Public libraries are free to use, and offer lots of things to borrow, programs to attend, and services to use. Visit your public library to get a library card, borrow books, movies, and music, and find out all they have to offer. Most libraries have computers and printers, meeting rooms, and free Wi-Fi. Library websites provide access to online information and entertainment, like movies, eBooks, newspapers, magazines, as well as educational resources.



Bruce County Public Library

There are 17 Branches of Bruce County Public Library. You are welcome to visit any of the Branches, and your Library card will work at all of them. Find out more about locations, services, and hours of operation:

Website: library.brucecounty.on.ca

Email: libraryinfo@brucecounty.on.ca

General phone number: 519-832-6935



Grey County Libraries

Public libraries in Grey County operate independently throughout the region.

A list of public libraries in Grey County can be found online on the Grey County website.

Website: grey.ca/libraries

Your New Home!

There is lots to learn about your new home. Here are a few things you should know:



Owning a Pet

Licences / tags are required for dogs. Learn more at:

Website: www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/living-here/dog-licences.aspx



Snow Removal

The town / county takes care of snow removal on public roads and sidewalks. Driveway clearing - by shoveling or using a snowblower - is the responsibility of all homeowners.



Parks and Playgrounds

We have many parks and playgrounds for you to enjoy. Addresses / maps can be found at:

Website: www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/explore-and-play/parks-and-campgrounds.aspx



Property Taxes

Property taxes are paid by every property owner to help pay for services like road maintenance, policing, fire services, recreation and more. If you have questions about your property tax bill, call us at:

Phone number: 519-363-3039



Septic Systems

Depending on your living accommodations and your location in Grey or Bruce counties, you might have a septic system. Proper care and maintenance of your septic system is very important. Learn more about how to manage your septic system here:

Website: www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/living-here/water-and-sewer.aspx

Garbage and Recycling

Garbage and recycling services help keep our community clean and safe. Garbage and recycling pick-up is done by Bruce Service Sales & Rentals/APC (Garbage) and Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling. If you live in an apartment or condo, check with your building manager about garbage and recycling services.



You can find out **pick-up dates / times** for garbage and recycling in our community on this website.

Website: www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/living-here/garbage-and-recycling.aspx



If you need to report a missed pick-up of either garbage or recycling, you can call.

Phone number: (519) 797-5557 (Recycling), (519) 363-3039 (Garbage)



Bag tags are required for garbage pick-up at your home. For a list of stores where you can buy bag-tags in our community of Arran-Elderslie visit our website:

Website: www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/living-here/garbage-and-recycling.aspx

Meet Your Community: Groups and Events

If you are looking to connect with the people in your new community of Arran-Elderslie, try volunteering for a committee or attending a local event.

List of Local Community Groups

Paisley Rotary Club

Phone Number: 519-353-5429

Website: www.paisleyrotary.wixsite.com/paisleyrotary

Tara Rotary Club

Phone Number: 519-934-2874

Website: www.tararotary.ca

Royal Canadian Legion, Chesley

Phone Number: (519) 363-2238

Website: www.facebook.com/p/Royal-Canadian-Legion-Branch-144-Chesley-100066821252173/

Royal Canadian Legion, Paisley

Phone Number: (519) 353-5444

Website: www.facebook.com/groups/814921048522094/

Royal Canadian Legion, Tara

Phone Number: 519-934-9992

Website: www.taralegion383.ca

Chesley Kinsmen Club

Phone Number: (519) 379-6467

Website: www.chesleykinsmen.ca

Chesley Kinettes Club

Phone Number: 519-372-5135

Website: www.facebook.com/chesleykinettes

Chesley Community Players

Phone Number: 226-433-2141

Website: www.chesleycommunityplayers.com

Paisley Agricultural Society

Phone Number: 519-901-0738

Website: www.paisleyfair.com

Chesley Agricultural Society

Phone Number: 519-363-2472

Website: www.facebook.com/chesleyfallfair

Arran Tara Agricultural Society

Phone Number: 519-934-2357

Website: www.arrantarafallfair.ca

Chesley Horticultural Society

Phone Number: 519-363-2843

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/chesleyhorticulturalsociety/>

Tara Horticultural Society

Phone Number: tarahorticulturalsociety1924@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/TaraHorticulturalSociety/>

For more information about local community groups, ways to get involved, or volunteer opportunities visit this website.

Website: www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/explore-and-play/community-groups-and-organizations.aspx

List of Annual / Upcoming Community Events

Kinsmen JulyFest

Description: A weekend of Canada Day celebrations in Chesley Community Park

Date / Time: Canada Day Long Weekend, Friday-Sunday

Event Information / Website: www.chesleykinsmen.ca/julyfest

Paisley Blues Festival

Description: A weekend of Blues music downtown Paisley.

Date / Time: First Weekend of June, Friday- Sunday

Event Information / Website: www.paisleyrocks.com

Arran Tara Agricultural Society Fall Fair

Description: An agricultural fair in the community of Tara.

Date / Time: Second Tuesday and Wednesday of September

Event Information / Website: www.arrantarafallfair.ca

Bruce County Beef Farmers Annual Beef BBQ

Description: A ticketed beef dinner event with games and activities.

Date / Time: Third Friday of July | Evening Event

Event Information / Website: www.facebook.com/brucecountybeeffarmers

Chesley Agricultural Society Fall Fair

Description: An agricultural fair in the community of Chesley.

Date / Time: First Friday and Saturday in September | Friday-Saturday

Event Information / Website: www.facebook.com/chesleyfallfair

Chesley Agricultural Society Fall Fair

Description: An agricultural fair in the community of Chesley.

Date / Time: First Friday and Saturday after Labour Day | Friday-Saturday

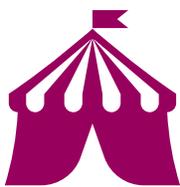
Event Information / Website: www.facebook.com/chesleyfallfair

Paisley Fall Fair

Description: An agricultural fair in the community of Paisley.

Date / Time: First Sunday after Labour Day | Sunday all day

Event Information / Website: www.paisleyfair.com



For more information about annual, upcoming, and new community events in Arran-Elderslie please check out our website / community calendar.

Website: <https://calendar.arran-elderslie.ca/default/Month>

Things To Do

Spending time outdoors or participating in recreation opportunities is important for your mind and body. Here's a list of our top five activities we think you should explore!

- 1) Paddle the Saugeen: The Saugeen River stretches through the Southwest corner of Arran-Elderslie. You can rent canoes from [Thorncrest Outfitters](#).

- 2) Hike the Heritage Trail: The Chesley Heritage Trail follows the beautiful North Saugeen River and rail line through the Village of Chesley, Two bridges offer views of the river. <https://visitchesley.ca/profile/chesley-heritage-trail/4503/>
- 3) Visit a local Splash Pad with your family. There are three Splash Pads located in Arran-Elderslie. They are located at the Chesley Community Park, Paisley Rotary Park, and Tara Rotary Park.
- 4) Picnic in an Arran-Elderslie Park. Visit one of the beautiful parks in Arran-Elderslie! [A full list can be found here www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/explore-and-play/parks-and-campgrounds.aspx](http://www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/explore-and-play/parks-and-campgrounds.aspx)
- 5) Sign up for a recreation program in Chesley, Paisley or Tara. Visit our recreation page to learn more. www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/explore-and-play/recreation-programs.aspx



County Tourism Resources

Grey County Tourism - Visit Grey: www.visitgrey.ca

Bruce County Tourism - Explore The Bruce: www.explorethebruce.com



For more information about available local recreational programs, please check out our website.

Website: www.arran-elderslie.ca

Connect with Us –*The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie*

We know you will have lots of questions and we want to help you settle into your new home. Here are all the ways you can contact us:



Website

Stay up to date by visiting our website:

www.arran-elderslie.ca



Electronic Newsletters

Sign up for our email updates / newsletters:

www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/living-here/newsletter.aspx



Give Us Your Feedback

Get involved in your community by providing feedback and participating in community engagement projects:

www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/municipal-services/citizen-request-portal.aspx



Main Office - Location

1925 Bruce Road #10
Chesley, ON N0G 1L0



Call

519-363-3039



Email

info@arran-elderslie.ca

About Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership

Our partnership spans across county lines, and community signs. Our coordination runs along sandy shorelines and flows over rolling fields. It reaches deep into Lake Huron and scales the Niagara Escarpment.

Collectively, we strive to build stronger communities through awareness, outreach, inclusion, and equity to ensure immigrants and newcomers become welcome neighbours throughout Grey and Bruce Counties. The Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership works in collaboration with service-based organizations to ensure that new residents thrive and enhance the vibrant, diverse, and colourful landscapes they now call home.



Coordinating, Collaborating, and Connecting

How do we build a more welcoming and inclusive Grey / Bruce?

How can we work together to make it easier for newcomers to settle here?

These questions are at the heart of the Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership (GBLIP).

The GBLIP recognizes that immigration will continue to play a key role in the economic future of Grey and Bruce Counties. To support better immigration outcomes, the Partnership administers the GBLIP – a collaborative, community initiative designed to improve the integration of newcomers in Grey Bruce. Launched in June 2020, the GBLIP works at the local level to foster a community that is welcoming and inclusive and to support newcomers in becoming fully engaged in the social, economic, political, and cultural life of Grey and Bruce Counties.

This is achieved through focus on four priority areas:

- 1) Improving the coordination of settlement and integration services
- 2) Raising awareness around the needs of newcomers
- 3) Supporting community-level research and planning
- 4) Fostering welcoming communities.



The GBLIP is one of the many **Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs)** sponsored by **Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)**. This federal initiative addresses the growing need for systematic community planning around immigrant attraction and retention.

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LIPs are underpinned by the understanding that:

- Newcomers play an important role in the Canadian economy and society
- In the near future, some industries and regions will depend on immigration to fulfill their labour needs
- Municipalities and community groups are best positioned to improve settlement and integration outcomes for newcomers
- The provision of basic settlement services is not sufficient to ensure success – consideration of newcomer needs must be incorporated into all aspects of community planning.

Settlement Strategy

The GBLIP Settlement Strategy 2025 is the culmination of more than a year of research and consultation, including 8 focus groups involving 62 participants across Grey Bruce and extensive surveys of both immigrants and the community at large.

The Settlement Strategy acts as the guiding document for the work of the GBLIP – providing a road map for how to build more welcoming and inclusive communities in Grey Bruce and improve the integration outcomes of newcomers.

It includes four strategic priorities:

- 1) Build Capacity
- 2) Strengthen Community
- 3) Cultivate Prosperity
- 4) Foster Inclusion

We are pleased to invite you to explore the full version of the GBLIP Settlement Strategy 2025 on our website:

Website: <https://greybrucelip.ca/settlement-strategy>

Have any questions for GBLIP? Contact Us!

Address: Corporation of the County of Grey
595 9th Ave East
Owen Sound Ontario N4K 3E3

Phone number: +1 519-372-0219 ext. 6108

Email: immigrationpartnership@grey.ca

Have Feedback for Us?

Please complete this short survey about the Welcoming Package to help us serve the community better:

Survey Website Link: bit.ly/GBLIP-welcome

Scan the QR Code to access the survey:



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