



# TOWNSHIP OF MUSKOKA LAKES 2026 COMMUNITY GUIDE

## WHAT'S INSIDE:

EVENTS,  
PARKS, TRAILS  
AND MORE!



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## MAYOR'S WELCOME

Every season is a good season to enjoy Muskoka Lakes. From quiet mornings to outdoor activities shared with family and friends, there's something here for everyone, in every season. Whether you live here year-round, return seasonally, or are visiting for the first time, we're glad you're here.

At the heart of Muskoka Lakes is a strong connection between nature and community. Our lakes and forests sit alongside neighbourhoods and gathering places, creating a shared respect for both the environment and one another. Throughout the year, Council and staff work to support local services while protecting the natural beauty that defines Muskoka Lakes and makes it such a wonderful place to live and visit.

This Community Guide is designed to help you settle in and start exploring at your own pace. Inside, you'll find information on local services, amenities, and recreational opportunities to help you enjoy everything Muskoka Lakes has to offer and make the most of your time here.

Should you have any questions or need assistance, our dedicated team is always ready to help. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

On behalf of Township Council, thank you for making Muskoka Lakes part of your story.

*Peter Kelley*

MAYOR PETER KELLEY

PKELLEY@MUSKOKALAKES.CA

## YOUR COUNCILLORS

To learn more about Muskoka Lakes Council, how to delegate at Council or view meetings dates, agendas, and minutes: [www.muskokalakes.ca/council](http://www.muskokalakes.ca/council).



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# MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

## TOWNSHIP OF MUSKOKA LAKES MUNICIPAL OFFICE

1 Bailey Street, P.O. Box 129  
Port Carling, ON, P0B 1J0

705-765-3156 | OPEN: 8:15 am – 4:00 pm, excluding statutory holidays.

Planning Division	705-765-3156 x 234	planning@muskokalakes.ca
Building Division	705-765-3156 x 245	bldg@muskokalakes.ca
By-law Enforcement Division	705-765-3156 x 357	bylaw@muskokalakes.ca
Economic Development Division	705-765-3156 x 279	economic.development@muskokalakes.ca
Legislative Services	705-765-3156 x 200	clerks@muskokalakes.ca
Emergency Services	705-765-3156 x 274	emergencyservices@muskokalakes.ca
Operational Services	705-765-3156 x 252	pw@muskokalakes.ca
Financial Services	705-765-3156 x 223	propertytax@muskokalakes.ca



  
TOWNSHIP OF  
**MUSKOKA**  
*Lakes*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Programs  
&  
Events*



View programs, services, events or activities within the Township. Browse, explore and try a program!

**MUSKOKALAKES.CA/CALENDAR** | @MUSKOKALAKESTWP

# FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

Household fires have changed significantly over the past few decades. Today's homes contain more synthetic materials such as plastics, foams, and modern finishes. These items can ignite quickly and burn hotter, producing thick, toxic smoke that can fill a room in minutes. Because fires can grow so rapidly, early warning and a clear escape plan are more important than ever.

## SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

**Did you know?** If a fire starts, you may have as little as **two minutes** to get out. Make sure your home is protected:

- Replace smoke alarms that are **10 years old or older**
- Change batteries at least **once a year**
- **Test alarms regularly**
- Install alarms:
  - On every level of your home
  - Outside sleeping areas
  - Add more in larger homes

- Interconnected alarms are best so they all sound together
- Install on the ceiling or high on a wall, away from kitchens (at least 10 feet)
- Special alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing

**Smoke alarms are the first step in a safe escape.**

## MAKE A HOME ESCAPE PLAN

Because fires spread quickly, everyone should know what to do.

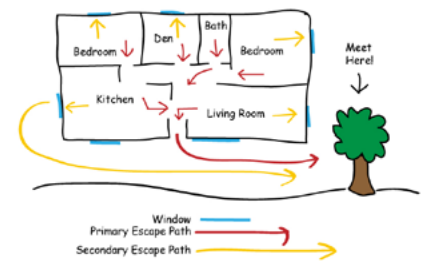
### Keep it simple

- Draw a basic map of your home
- Find two ways out of every room
- Pick a meeting place outside, in front of your home
- Make sure your house number is visible from the street

## Review and practise

- Go over the plan with family and guests
- Assign help for children, older adults, or anyone with mobility needs
- Make sure everyone knows to call 9-1-1 and state the address
- Practise your plan regularly

For more information about smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and home escape plans, visit [NFPA.org](http://NFPA.org) or contact the Muskoka Lakes Fire Department at 705-765-3156 (non-emergency number).



# FIREWORKS IN MUSKOKA LAKES

## ALLOWED

Victoria Day Weekend	Canada Day	New Year's Eve/Day
Dusk until 11:00pm	Dusk until 11:00pm	Dusk until 12:30am

## PROHIBITED

- During a Fire Ban or HIGH/EXTREME fire rating
- Wind over 40 km/h
- Near fuel/explosives (within 300m)
- Discharged by anyone under 18 years
- Flying lanterns are prohibited
- On Township property unless authorized



## FIRE RATING



## BY-LAW



KEEP MUSKOKA LAKES SAFE & HEALTHY

FOLLOW LOCAL FIREWORKS REGULATIONS



# VIEW THE *Lakes*

A SELF-GUIDED MUSKOKA CHAIR  
TOUR HIGHLIGHTING THE TOP VIEWS  
ACROSS MUSKOKA LAKES!

[MUSKOKALAKES.CA](http://MUSKOKALAKES.CA)



## VIEW THE LAKES FROM THESE 10 SPOTS:

#VIEWTHELAKES #THISISTHELIFE @MUSKOKALAKESTWP

Looking for a fun adventure boasting great scenery and fantastic family fun? The Township of Muskoka Lakes has put out ten unique Muskoka Chairs to act as a living visitors guide highlighting the top views across Muskoka Lakes!



**WINDERMERE DOCK**  
2510 WINDERMERE RD, WINDERMERE

**HUCKLEBERRY ROCK LOOKOUT**  
1057 MILFORD BAY RD, MILFORD BAY

**JAMES BARTLEMAN ISLAND**  
100-2 JOSEPH STREET, PORT CARLING

**THE WALL**  
JAMES BARTLEMAN WAY, PORT CARLING

**ARCHDEKIN PARK**  
HARRIS STREET, PORT CARLING

**PORT SANDFIELD SWING BRIDGE**  
MUSKOKA ROAD 7, PORT SANDFIELD

**BALA TOWN DOCK**  
1018 GORDON STREET, BALA

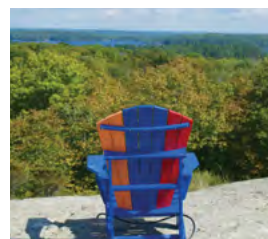
**MOON RIVER LOOKOUT**  
3105 HWY 169, BALA

**WINDSOR PARK**  
3070 HWY 169, BALA

**WALKER'S POINT LOOKOUT TRAIL**  
WALKER'S POINT RD, WALKER'S POINT



**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE  
YOUR PHONE AND  
CAMERA READY, TAKE  
LOTS OF PICTURES  
AS YOU VISIT ALL  
TEN CHAIRS FOR AN  
UNFORGETTABLE TRIP!**



FIND A DESIGNATED MUSKOKA CHAIR AND SHARE YOUR PHOTO ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

#VIEWTHELAKES | #THISISTHELIFE | @MUSKOKALAKESTWP



**VIEW**  
THE *Lakes*



# HISTORIC WALKS

Muskoka Lakes has a rich, storied history and what better way to truly experience the fascinating history than by journeying along the very same trails used by the early-day explorers and settlers. Stretch those legs and get ready for an immersive history lesson as you check out these intriguing historical walks and tours.



## BALA HISTORIC WALK

3070 MUSKOKA DISTRICT RD 169, BALA



DIFFICULTY: Easy  
DISTANCE: 4.5km

### ACCESS TO TRAIL / PARKING:

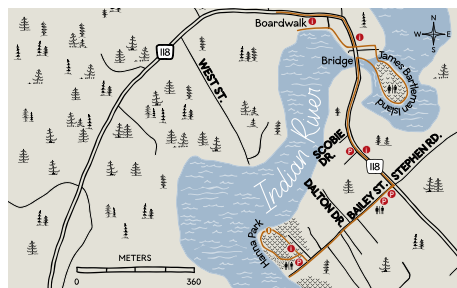
The walk starts at Windsor Park but of course you may start and end anywhere you like.

### TRAIL DESCRIPTION / KEY POINTS OF INTEREST:

The Town of Bala consists of three islands interconnected by bridges over beautiful waterfalls. There is a spectacular view of the Moon River and the falls on this walk. These falls, the South Falls, run with water from Lakes Muskoka, Rosseau, and Joseph funneling through Bala enroute to Georgian Bay. You can also enjoy a visit to the Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum. This is just a taste of the many historical sites that are along this self-guided walk of historic Bala. Come and enjoy the walk and a bit of Bala hospitality.

## PORT CARLING MURAL WALK

BAILEY STREET, PORT CARLING



DIFFICULTY: Easy  
DISTANCE: 2.5km

### ACCESS TO TRAIL / PARKING:

Take Hwy 118 to Port Carling. Turn onto Bailey Street to the end. Parking is at Hanna Park.

### TRAIL DESCRIPTION / KEY POINTS OF INTEREST:

Water surrounds you on this trek through the picturesque town of Port Carling situated at the "hub of the lakes". This urban route offers many creative ways to enjoy a walk. Stop and view the Port Carling mural as "The Wall Looks Back". If shopping suits your fancy visit the many shops all along the way. Enjoy!




# BALA








# PORT CARLING



-  TOWNSHIP OFFICE
-  CHAMBER
-  INFORMATION CENTRE
-  ARENA
-  PUBLIC ARENA

-  PARKING
-  WATER TAP
-  WATER
-  LEGION
-  LOCKS
-  HISTORIC WALKS

-  HIKING
-  BOAT LAUNCH
-  FARMERS' MARKETS
-  PUBLIC WASHROOMS
-  COMMUNITY CENTRE

-  PARKLAND
-  BEACH
-  SHOPPING DISTRICT
-  TOWNSHIP/DISTRICT DOCKS
-  VIEW THE LAKES MUSKOKA CHAIRS

# PARKS & RECREATION – TRAILS

All trails are open year round but in the winter parking may be limited due to weather.  
Trail brochures available online at [muskokalakes.ca](http://muskokalakes.ca)

<b>HAZLEWOOD TRAIL • 20 Hazlewood Road</b>	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	<b>Difficult</b> – 5 km return trail
USES	Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Mountain Biking, OFSC trail in winter
DIRECTIONS	Muskoka Road 118 to Port Carling. Trail parking available on Hazlewood Road east of Morrow Electric
<b>HUCKLEBERRY TRAIL • 1057 Milford Bay Road</b>	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	<b>Moderate</b> – 2.5 km loop
USES	Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Mountain Biking, OFSC trail in winter
DIRECTIONS	Trail parking off Muskoka Road 118 to Milford Bay Road
<b>RAYMOND TRAIL • End of Skeleton Lake Rd. 1.</b>	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	<b>Moderate</b> – 3.5 km one-way trail
USES	Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Mountain Biking, OFSC trail in winter
DIRECTIONS	Take Hwy 141 to Skeleton Lake Road. Trail is 1/2 km north of Raymond Community Centre. Trail parking along roadway.
<b>SKELETON LAKE FISH HATCHERY TRAIL • End of Fish Hatchery Rd.</b>	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	<b>Easy</b> – 1 km trail
USES	Hiking, Snowshoeing
DIRECTIONS	Take Hwy 141 to Fish Hatchery Road near Watt Public School
<b>WALKER'S POINT TRAIL • Intersection of Walker's Point Road and Bradley Road.</b>	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	<b>Moderate</b> – 1km
USES	Hiking, Snowshoeing
DIRECTIONS	Take Walker's Point Road from Hwy 169. Follow road until Walker's Point Community Centre. Trail entrance is at rear parking lot.
<b>WALKER'S POINT LOOKOUT TRAIL • Intersection of Walker's Point Road and Bradley Road.</b>	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	<b>Moderate to Difficult</b> – <1km
USES	Hiking, Snowshoeing
DIRECTIONS	Take Walker's Point Road from Hwy 169. Follow road until intersection with Bradley Road.
<b>WEIR LAKE TRAIL • Highway 141, Bent River</b>	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	<b>Moderate</b> – 3.6km
USES	Hiking, Snowshoeing
DIRECTIONS	Trail parking available off Highway 141 near Bent River.
<b>HARDY LAKE TRAIL • 2346 Muskoka Road 169 (Washrooms Available, Provincial Trail)</b>	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	<b>Moderate to Difficult</b> – 3 km and 8 km loop around the lake, 3.5 km trail through forest
USES	Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Canoeing
DIRECTIONS	Trail parking available Muskoka Road 169, 1 km west of Walker's Point, Between Gravenhurst and Bala
<b>TORRANCE BARRENS TRAIL • 3924 Southwood Rd. (Washrooms Available, Provincial Trail)</b>	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	<b>Difficult</b> – 5,000 acre Conservation Reserve
USES	Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Mountain Biking, OFSC trail in winter
DIRECTIONS	Take Hwy 169 to Southwood Road in Torrance (between Gravenhurst and Bala). Follow Southwood Road 7 km

# ARENAS

## BALA SPORTS CENTRE

1009 Maple Ave, Bala, ON, P0C 1A0  
For ice availability, email the Bala Arena or call directly at 705-762-5390.

## PORT CARLING ARENA

*\*Designated Emergency Evacuation Centre*  
3 Bailey Street, Port Carling, ON, P0B 1J0  
For ice availability, email the Port Carling Arena or call directly at 705-765-5725.

## RENTAL RATES (PER HOUR) - BALA AND PORT CARLING

Prime Ice Rate \$180.00  
Non-Prime Ice Rate (Monday - Friday, Before 6:00 pm) \$90.00

- \*Please check [muskokalakes.ca](http://muskokalakes.ca) for new rates when available.
- \*Price per hour; includes HST
- \*Both rinks are closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

# SPORTS CLUBS

## SKATING

PORT CARLING SKATING CLUB  
Email: [pcfsc2@gmail.com](mailto:pcfsc2@gmail.com)  
Levels:

- CanSkate - Progressive  
Learn-to-Skate program for all ages with reduced rates for first year Canskater
- Skate Canada Star Skate -  
Advanced skating program including dance, free style skills and interpretive
- Synchronized Skating - Team skating for both youth and adults

See [portcarlingskatingclub.ca](http://portcarlingskatingclub.ca) for more details.

## HOCKEY

MUSKOKA ROCK  
MINOR HOCKEY  
See [muskokarockhockey.ca](http://muskokarockhockey.ca) for registration details

## SOCCER

MUSKOKA LAKES SOCCER CLUB  
Email: [muskokalakessoccerclub@outlook.com](mailto:muskokalakessoccerclub@outlook.com)  
Ages: Boys & Girls ages 3 – 15



## PICKLE BALL

Pickleball in Muskoka Lakes is hosted by Muskoka Lakes Pickleball, a group of dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to continue to offer pickleball in the Township.

## PUBLIC BALL DIAMONDS

TORRANCE BALL DIAMOND  
2677 Muskoka Road 169  
(705) 706-4393

MILFORD BAY COMMUNITY  
CENTRE BALL DIAMOND  
1020 Beaumaris Road  
(705) 765-3156

PORT CARLING LIONS CLUB  
BALL DIAMOND  
1090 Ferndale Road  
(705) 765-6083

## PUBLIC TENNIS COURTS

WALKER'S POINT  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
1074 Walker's Point Road  
(705) 765-3156

MILFORD BAY  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
1020 Beaumaris Road  
(705) 765-3156



Indoor Roller Skating in Muskoka Lakes!  
Nostalgic fun at a nostalgic price. The Bala and Port Carling Arenas host indoor roller skating all summer long.

**JULY & AUGUST** at the Port Carling and Bala Arenas  
**\$2.50 FEE AND \$2.50 SKATE RENTAL**



Skating opportunities available 7 days a week! Public Skating and Stick & Puck programs. **\$3.00 FEE**

**STICK AND PUCK (HELMET, GLOVES, AND STICK)** is an informal session to improve skating, stick handling, puck control, passing and other related hockey skills - no goalies and zero contact.

*Children 12 and under must be accompanied by a guardian who is 18 years or older on the ice. The arenas are accepting cash only at this time. Use the QR code to view the schedule.*

# PARKS & RECREATION - PARKS, BEACHES, PICNIC AREAS

LOCATION		PARK	PUBLIC BATHROOM	TABLES	BEACH	PLAY GROUND	OTHER
BALA	Bala Falls 3111 M.R. #169	●		●			
	Cenotaph Park 1012 Bala Falls Road	●	●	●			
	Jaspen Park 1005 Pine Ridge Road	●	●	●	●	●	Pavilion
	ML Sports Park 3224 M.R. #169	●	●	●			Soccer field, Skate Park
	Windsor Park 3040 M.R. #169	●	●	●			
MILFORD BAY	Baycliffe Park 1148 Milford Bay Road	●	●	●	●		
	Valley Green Beach 2605 M.R. #118	●	●	●	●		
PORT CARLING	Archdekin Park 24 Harris Street	●		●	●		
	Hanna Park 40 Bailey Street	●	●	●	●	●	Pavilion, Volleyball, Basketball
	Indian Crescent Park 28 Indian Crescent		●	●	●		
PORT SANDFIELD	Port Sandfield Park 1306 Peninsula Road	●	●	●			
TORRANCE	Sunset Park 1031 Queens Walk Road	●	●	●	●	●	
	Torrance Ball Field 2667 M.R. Hwy #169						Ball Diamond
ULLSWATER	Dee Bank Park 1026 North Shore Road	●		●			
	Fish Hatchery Park 111 Fish Hatchery Road	●	●	●			
	Skeleton Lake Park 1167 Skeleton Park Road #5	●	●	●	●		
WINDERMERE	Four Mile Pt. Park 1230 Rosseau Road #3	●	●	●	●		
	Windermere Park 2510 Windermere Road	●	●	●	●		
WALKER'S POINT	Walker's Point Beach 1010 Nixon Road	●	●	●	●		

For information regarding beach updates and closures, please visit the Simcoe Muskoka Unit at [simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://simcoemuskokahealth.org)

# SWIMMING LESSONS



HANNA PARK, PORT CARLING

The Township of Muskoka Lakes offers swimming lessons during July and August at two locations:

- BALA** – Jaspen Park
- MILFORD BAY** – Baycliffe Park

Lessons follow the curriculum of the Canadian Red Cross Swim Preschool, Red Cross Swim Kids, and the Lifesaving Society Lifesaving programs. All swim participants (exclusive of the Preschool Sea Turtle Lessons) must be a minimum of three years of age, toilet trained and not in diapers at the commencement of the swim program. Adult lessons may be available upon request.

## SWIMMING SESSION SCHEDULES

- \*On days with inclement weather, lessons will still be held.
- \*Course schedule is tentative dependent on enrollment. Hours may vary within a half hour span. No lessons on the civic holiday.

Session A	July 6 – July 17
Session B	July 20 – July 31
Session C	Aug 4 - Aug 14
Session D	Aug 17 - Aug 28
PM Lessons (NEW)	Tuesdays and Thursdays Jul 7 - Aug 27
9 Day Sessions	*No Lessons on Aug 3

LESSON	PRICE PER PERSON
Preschool & Swim Kids	\$60
Life Saving Rookie Patrol	\$60
Lifesaving Ranger Patrol	\$60
Lifesaving Star Patrol	\$60
Bronze Star	\$80
Bronze Medallion and Emergency First Aid	\$190
Bronze Cross	\$160

- \* Multiple Family Member rates are available, please contact the Township office for more information.
- \* Please note that Leadership Courses may be offered pending sufficient registration. These courses require additional course materials which may be purchased prior to the lesson start date or through the Township for an additional fee.

Swimming beaches are NOT patrolled by lifeguards. Instructors will NOT take registration at the beaches.



## REGISTRATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

**Online Registration & Payment Beginning May**  
[swimming@muskokalakes.ca](mailto:swimming@muskokalakes.ca)

**ONLINE**  
[www.muskokalakes.ca](http://www.muskokalakes.ca)  
 Registration is confirmed when payment is received. Payment can be made by cash, interact (debit) or cheque (payable to the Township of Muskoka Lakes). Returned cheques are subject to a \$25 service charge.

**IN PERSON**  
 1 Bailey Street, Port Carling, ON  
 Monday to Friday 8:15 am – 4:00 pm  
 Or via secure drop box at municipal office front door

**MAIL**  
 Township of Muskoka Lakes  
 1 Bailey Street, P.O. Box 129  
 Port Carling, ON, P0B 1J0

# COMMUNITY CENTRES

COMMUNITY CENTRE	HALL SIZE (FEET)	SEATS	RECEPTION CENTRE	BAR	KITCHEN	TABLE & CHAIRS	WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE	OTHER
<b>BALA</b> 1008 Maple Ave	80 x 36	200		●	●	●	●	Library, Stage, Playground
<b>FOOT'S BAY</b> 1006 Buckeye Rd.	1600 ft <sup>2</sup>	125		●	●	●	●	Fire Hall Attached
<b>HEKKLA</b> 1448 Hekkla Rd.	21 x 34	30	●		●	●	●	
<b>MILFORD BAY</b> 1020 Beaumaris Rd.	54 x 100	UPSTAIRS 330 DOWNSTAIRS 125	●	●	●	●	●	Dance Floor, Stage, Meeting Room, Library, Elevator, Tennis Courts
<b>PENINSULA RECREATION CENTRE</b> 1131 Juddhaven Rd.	1865 ft <sup>2</sup>	200			●	●	●	Meeting Room, Lower Hall, Stage, Fire Hall Attached
<b>PORT CARLING</b> 3 Bailey St., Unit 1		UPPER 200 Banquet, 280 Theatre LOWER 150	●	●	●	●	●	Outdoor Patio, Shower Rooms, Meeting Room
<b>RAYMOND</b> 2013 Highway 141	24 x 60	90	●	●	●	●	●	Stage, Main and Lower Levels
<b>TORRANCE</b> 1030 Torrance Rd.	60 x 30	170	●		●	●	●	Outdoor Court/ Basketball, Fire Hall Attached
<b>ULLSWATER</b> 1503 Old Parry Sound Rd.	32 x 40	150			●	●	●	
<b>WALKER'S POINT</b> 1074 Walker's Point Rd.	66 x 34	188			●	●	●	Tennis Courts, Library, Playground, Meeting Room, Fire Hall Attached
<b>WINDERMERE</b> 2416 Windermere Rd.	806 ft <sup>2</sup>	60			●	●	●	Archive
<b>WINDERMERE - VILLAGE HALL</b> 2496 Windermere Rd.	Please contact township for information					●		Playground (Swings)

The Township of Muskoka Lakes has 12 community centres available for rent for public and private events, meetings, special occasions, and more.



**ONLINE BOOKING**



**AVAILABILITY CALENDAR**



**RENTAL RATES**

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

**BALA CRANBERRY FESTIVAL**  
office@balacranberryfestival.on.ca  
(705) 762-1564

**BALA CURLING CLUB**  
contactus@balacurlingclub.ca  
(705) 762-3392

**BALA FARMERS MARKET**  
balafmarket@gmail.com  
(705) 571-0999

**BALA LEGION**  
(705) 762-3913

**BALA IN BLOOM**

**MUSKOKA LAKES  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
info@muskokalakeschamber.ca  
(705) 762-5663

**DISTRICT OF MUSKOKA  
SENIORS PROGRAMS**  
seniorsprograms@muskoka.on.ca  
(705) 645-2100 ext. 4199

**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
mealsonwheels@muskokaseniors.org  
(705) 789-6676

**PENINSULA LIONS CLUB**  
(705) 765-6092

**MUSKOKA CHAUTAUQUA**  
info@muskokachautauqua.com  
(705) 765-1048

**MUSKOKA LAKES PICKLEBALL**  
gloria@raegardnerconstruction.ca

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portcarlingmarket@gmail.com

**PORT CARLING LIONS CLUB**  
portcarlinglions@gmail.com

**PORT CARLING CURLING CLUB**  
hello@portcarlingcurling.ca  
(705) 765-3150

**PORT CARLING LEGION**  
rcl529pc@gmail.com  
(705) 765-5302

**MUSKOKA LAKES/  
BRACEBRIDGE ROTARY**  
rotaryclubbml@gmail.com  
(705) 646-3330

**BALA TREK TO BETHLEHEM**  
thebalatrek@gmail.com

**WALKER'S POINT LIBRARY**  
walkerspointlibrary@gmail.com  
(705) 687.9965

**MILFORD BAY LIBRARY**  
(705) 764-0283

**WEST MUSKOKA FOOD BANK**  
operations@westmuskokafoodbank.org  
(705) 646-3997

**WINDERMERE LIONS CLUB**  
windermere@a12lions.ca

**WINDERMERE AREA ARCHIVE**  
windermereandareaarchive@gmail.com



**EarlyON**  
Child and Family Centre

## Play, Learn, Connect!

Free drop-in programs for families with children from birth to 6 years of age. Join us in **Port Carling, Bala and MacTier!**

- Welcoming spaces where every family belongs
- Support for child development and well-being
- Access to community resources
- Opportunities to learn, grow and connect

**Find your nearest EarlyON location:**  
[www.muskoka.on.ca/earlyon](http://www.muskoka.on.ca/earlyon)



## Make a difference every day.

Join our early learning community in Muskoka

[www.muskoka.on.ca/ece](http://www.muskoka.on.ca/ece)



#formativefirstfive



# Winter Fun

## IN MUSKOKA LAKES



Winter is a magical time of year! Embrace the cooler weather, grab your gear, and get ready to make the most of winter.



### DISCOVER

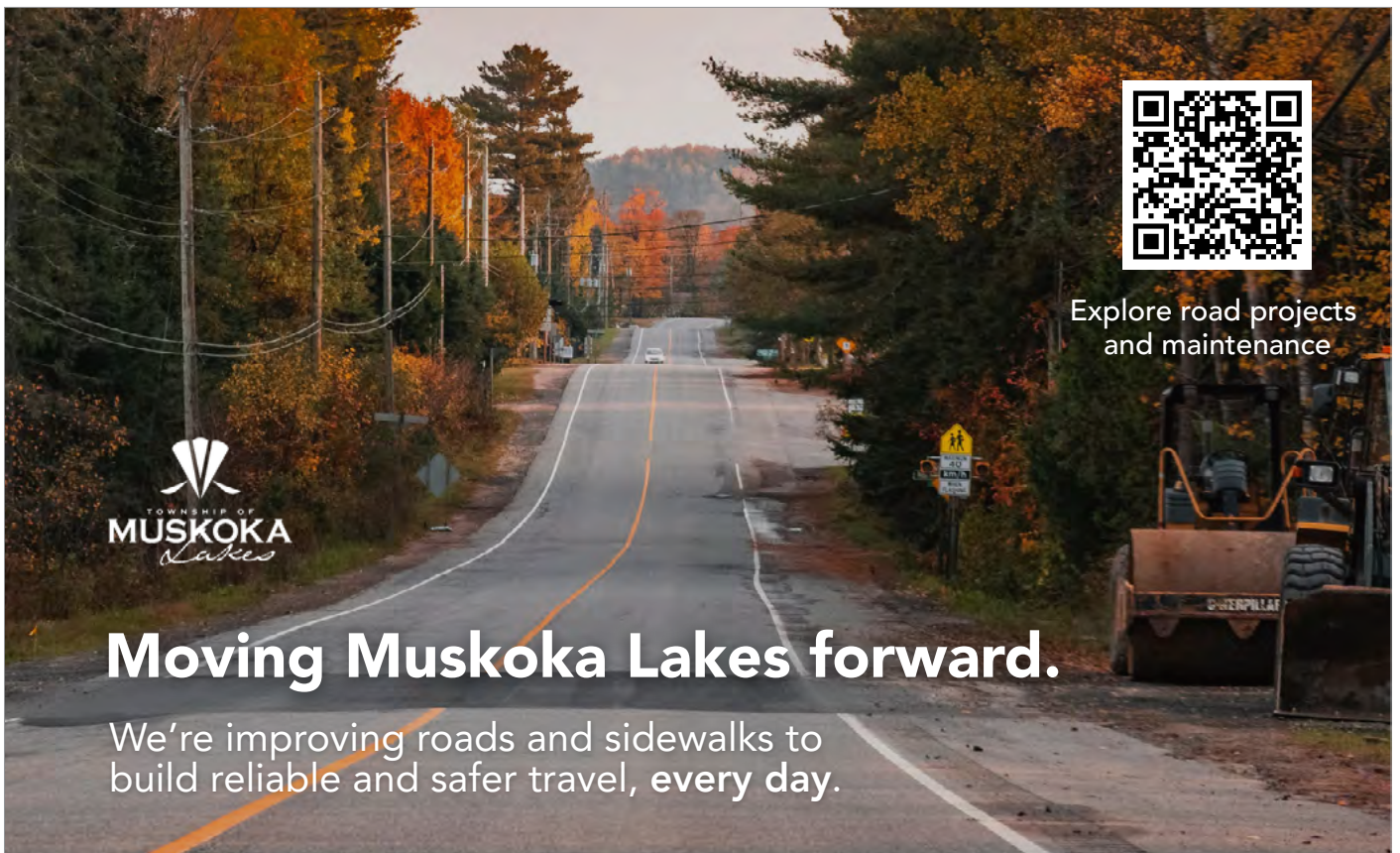
# Muskoka

## EVENTS CALENDAR

While in Muskoka check out the many events going on across the region. Find festivals, concerts and theatre productions, live music, art exhibits, markets and more all year long in the region.



**ART EXHIBITIONS**  
**THEATRE • FESTIVALS**  
**LIVE MUSIC • CONCERTS**  
**FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS**



Explore road projects and maintenance



## Moving Muskoka Lakes forward.

We're improving roads and sidewalks to build reliable and safer travel, every day.



**PORT CARLING**  
 69 Joseph St. | 705-765-5650  
**BALA**  
 1008 Maple Ave. | 705-762-1252

*Your Library. Your Community.*

For over 138 years, the Muskoka Lakes Public Library has connected our community through stories, skills, and shared experiences. Whether you're learning, creating, or simply enjoying a quiet moment — your library is here for you.



*Books. Ideas. Community. It's all here!*

**THERE'S  
 MORE  
 AT THE  
 MUSKOKA  
 LAKES  
 PUBLIC  
 LIBRARY!**



**BORROW**  
 BOOKS, DVDS  
 + AUDIOBOOKS  
 FOR CHILDREN  
 TEENS & ADULTS



**CONNECT  
 ONLINE**  
 ACCESS WI-FI, PUBLIC  
 COMPUTERS + PRINTING

**JOIN ENGAGING  
 PROGRAMS FOR  
 KIDS, TEENS, ADULTS  
 & SENIORS**



**DISCOVER MORE  
 WITH YOUR CARD**  
 ONTARIO  
 PARKS PASSES +  
 ROM PASSES &



**DIGITAL RESOURCES INCLUDING:**  
 LIBBY • KANOPY • CREATIVEBUG • MANGO  
 • ANCESTRY • BRITANNICA IMAGEQUEST

**EXPLORE THE LIBRARY OF THINGS**  
 BOARD GAMES • LIGHT THERAPY LAMPS • SNOWSHOES • UKULELES •  
 PICKLEBALL SETS • YOTO BUNDLES + YOTO CARDS • AND MORE...



**WWW.MLPL.CA**  
**INFO@MLPL.CA**



# KEEPING MUSKOKA CLEAN



## Easy Reference Calendars Available Now!

### Get your 2026 Waste Management Calendar Today!

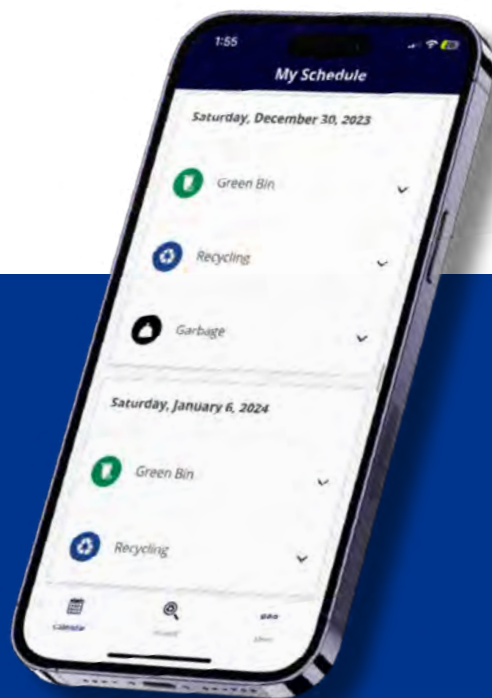
A handy resource for all your garbage, organics, recycling information, and more.



## Download Muskoka Waste App!

### Download Today

Get customized waste management information at your fingertips with the free Muskoka Waste App. Download it today in the App Store or Google Play.

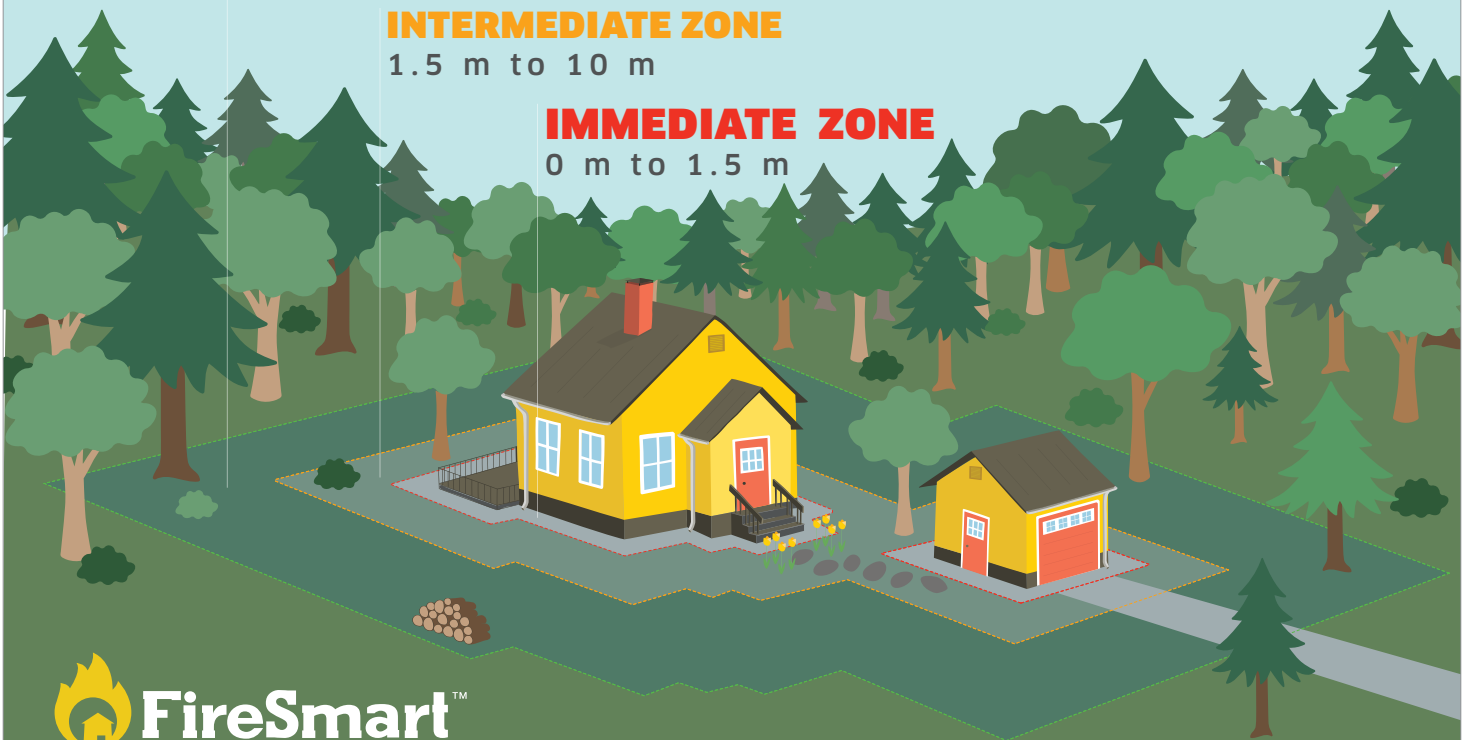


# HOME IGNITION ZONE

**EXTENDED ZONE**  
10 m to 30 m

**INTERMEDIATE ZONE**  
1.5 m to 10 m

**IMMEDIATE ZONE**  
0 m to 1.5 m



FireSmart, Intelli-feu and other associated Marks are trademarks of the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC).

**THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT MAY IMPACT YOUR PROPERTY'S RISK TO WILDFIRE**  
Check out the *FireSmart Begins at Home Guide* for an in-depth look at how you can build wildfire resiliency.

## YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE INTERMEDIATE ZONE

1.5 m to 10m

Elements in the Intermediate Zone are managed so they don't transmit fire to your home. Here are a few actions you can take to reduce your home's vulnerability:

- Plant fire-resistant vegetation and select non-combustible landscaping materials.
- Avoid incorporating any woody debris, including mulch.
- Keep combustible items like firewood piles, construction materials, patio furniture, tools, and decorative pieces out of this zone.
- Move trailers, recreational vehicles, storage sheds, and other combustible structures into the Extended Zone. If that is not possible, store firewood inside your mitigated garage, shed, or other ember-resistant structures.
- Create a non-combustible ground cover, like a gravel pad, underneath and 1.5 metres around trailers, recreational vehicles, and sheds.

Get started on your FireSmart journey!

**WWW.FIRESMARTCANADA.CA**



# Goodnight MUSKOKA LAKES

## HOW CAN WE PROTECT THE DARK SKY?



### EVERY LIGHT FIXTURE SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR PURPOSE

When installing a light fixture, ask yourself, how does this impact the environment and wildlife? Does this impact neighbouring properties?



### ONLY DIRECT LIGHT TO WHERE IT IS INTENDED TO GO

Full-cut-off-fixtures are required in the Township, if directing light, ensure that it is illuminating a walking path or patio area and does not shine outwards, only down towards the ground.



### ONLY USE NECESSARY BRIGHTNESS FOR EACH LIGHT

Use natural light from the moon to your advantage, if lights are on after dark, install dimmers so that the brightness can be reduced to only what is required.



### ONLY HAVE YOUR LIGHTS ON WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

If you are not at your property and have no intention of arriving after dark, keep all of your lights off. This goes for indoor lights as well, if they are not in use or serve no purpose, turn them off.

## ONLY ILLUMINATE WHAT YOU NEED, WHERE YOU NEED IT.

When was the last time you remember seeing a starry night sky? This phenomenon seems to have diminished over the years due to the use of artificial illumination. While this may seem minor in nature, if everyone does their part and ensures that responsible lighting practices are used at their properties, everyone will be able to experience the beauty of a starry night sky.



How do I know if my property is dark sky compliant? For more information visit our Dark Sky Webpage by scanning the QR code.

If you are unsure please contact the By-law division to ensure the lights are compliant, we are here to help!



## MUSKOKA LAKES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### YOUR BUSINESS VOICE & COMMUNITY SUPPORTER

The Muskoka Lakes Chamber is the voice and support for almost 400 businesses and non-profit organizations across the greater Muskoka Lakes region.

We're stronger together: ask about joining the Chamber today and how we work to make business conditions better.

In partnership with the Township, the Chamber has a jam-packed Events Calendar supporting community and Chamber Member events.

Check it out at [muskokalakeschamber.ca/events](https://muskokalakeschamber.ca/events)



## Annual Fundraiser

**Mahogany in Motion:  
55 Years of the MLA  
Antique Boat Show**

**July 18, 2026**

Tickets available on our  
website.



**Muskoka Lakes  
Museum**



## EXPLORE MUSKOKA LAKES' RICH HERITAGE

On James Bartleman Island between the locks, the Muskoka Lakes Museum houses an extensive collection of artifacts and exhibits that provide a colourful glimpse into the area's history.



Adults: \$10

Family: \$20

Students/Seniors: \$6

Children under 5: FREE

*Open Victoria Day Weekend until Thanksgiving Weekend.  
Visit our website for hours, special programs and weekly activities.*

100 Joseph Street, Box 432  
Port Carling, ON  
P0B 1J0



@mlmuseum

www.mlmuseum.com  
705-765-5367  
info@mlmuseum.com

# MUNICIPAL DOCKS, LAUNCH RAMPS & LAKE ACCESS



TOWNSHIP OF  
**MUSKOKA**  
*Lakes*™

LAKE MUSKOKA			LAKE ACCESS	DOCK	RAMP	PARKING*
ACTON ISLAND	1712	Acton Island Road		●		●
	1295	Innisfree Road		●		
BALA	1018	Gordon Street		●		
	1061	Weismiller Street		●	●	●
	3040	Windsor Park	●	●		
BEAUMARIS	1216	Beaumaris Road		●		
MILFORD BAY	1148	Milford Bay Road		●	●	●
	1071	Beaumaris Road	●			
	1541	Butter & Egg Road	●			
	1008	Church Dock Road		●	●	
PORT CARLING	40	Bailey Street		●	●	●
	21	West Street		●	●	
GLEN ORCHARD	1152	Whiteside Road		●		
TORRANCE	1031	Queen's Walk Road		●	●	●
	1062	Whittings Road		●	●	
WALKER'S POINT	1007	Ann Street			●	
LAKE JOSEPH			LAKE ACCESS	DOCK	RAMP	PARKING*
FOOT'S BAY	1040	McDonald Road		●	●	
GLEN ORCHARD	1026	Appian Way		●	●	
MINETT	1264	Carlingford Road, Unit 5		●		
	1830	Peninsula Road, Unit 3		●		

LAKE ROSSEAU			LAKE ACCESS	DOCK	RAMP	PARKING*
BRACKENRIG	1033	Dock Road		●		
	1280	Dawson Road	●			
PORT CARLING	1021	Birch Avenue		●	●	
	1065	Boyce Road		●		
ULLSWATER	4023	Skeleton Bay Hwy 141		●	●	●
WINDERMERE	1007	Maple Leaf Bay Road		●		
	2510	Windermere Road		●		
OTHER LAKES			LAKE ACCESS	DOCK	RAMP	PARKING*
CLEAR LAKE, TORRANCE		1.3 km down Clear Lake Rd.			●	
MOON RIVER, BALA	1011	Portage Street, Unit 8		●		
LONG LAKE, BALA	1017	River Street			●	
	2871	Muskoka Road 169, Unit 3		●	●	●
SKELETON LAKE, ULLSWATER	1115 A	Bert Sims Road		●		
	1002	Skeleton Lake Road 3		●	●	●
	1254	Skeleton Lake Road 2		●		
THREE MILE LAKE, UFFORD	1184	Shea Road		●	●	
LEONARD LAKE, MILFORD BAY	2008	Muskoka Road 118 West		●	●	●
NINE MILE LAKE	1201	Nine Mile Lake Road		●	●	●
BRANDY LAKE, BRACKENRIG	1010	Pickerel Lane		●	●	●
HIGH LAKE		Bower Lane		●	●	

Please visit the Municipal office or the Township website for site specific usage details.

\*Parking by Permit. By-Law 2003-29.

1. Tondern Island, Beaumaris.
2. Maple Leaf Bay Road, Windermere.
3. Windermere Dock, Muskoka Road 4.
4. Foot's Bay, McDonald Road.

## INFORMATION CENTRE

MUSKOKA LAKES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
INFORMATION CENTRE



- Seasonal: 3040 Muskoka Road 169
- Permanent: 3125 Muskoka Road 169,  
P.O. Box 536  
Bala, ON, P0C 1A0

Phone: 705-762-5663

Fax: 705-762-5664

Email: [info@muskokalakeschamber.ca](mailto:info@muskokalakeschamber.ca)

[muskokalakeschamber.ca](http://muskokalakeschamber.ca)



# PORT CARLING LOCKS & SWING BRIDGE

For real-time updates and information, visit [muskoka.on.ca](http://muskoka.on.ca) and search 'Port Carling Locks'

LARGE LOCK - HOURS OF OPERATION		
JANUARY 1, 2026 – MAY 3, 2026	CLOSED	
MAY 4, 2026 – MAY 15, 2026	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Saturday & Sunday	CLOSED
MAY 16, 2026 – SEPTEMBER 7, 2026	Monday – Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
	Friday – Sunday	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 – OCTOBER 12, 2026	Monday – Sunday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
OCTOBER 13, 2026 – NOVEMBER 28, 2026	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Weekend passages by appointment only.
NOVEMBER 29, 2026 – DECEMBER 31, 2026	CLOSED FOR THE SEASON	
SMALL LOCK - HOURS OF OPERATION		
JANUARY 1, 2026 – MAY 31, 2026	CLOSED	
JUNE 1, 2026 – OCTOBER 11, 2026	Monday – Sunday	Self-Serve – 24 Hours
OCTOBER 12, 2026 – DECEMBER 31, 2026	USE AT OWN RISK *Low water levels can make small locks challenging to maneuver through.	

NOTE: HST EXTRA. \*Reflects 2026 Schedule. \*\*Dates subject to change due to water levels low and high.

LARGE LOCK FEES	One-way Passage (WITHOUT LIFT BRIDGE)	One-way Passage (WITH LIFT BRIDGE)	Yearly Rate (WITHOUT LIFT BRIDGE)	Yearly Rate (WITH LIFT BRIDGE)
<b>LARGE COMMERCIAL/RECREATIONAL BOATS (BARGES ETC.)</b>				
Normal operating hours	\$ 137.83	\$ 168.81	\$ 1,271.46	N/A
Outside normal operating hours	\$ 208.41	\$ 236.73	N/A	N/A
Where operation of the large lock is required by a yearly pass holder outside of normal operating hours	\$ 108.63	N/A	N/A	N/A
Large commercial/recreational boats, with lift bridge, capacity between 20 - 80 passengers during normal operating hours	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 2,187.61 (max 75 lifts per year)

\*Reflects 2026 Applicable Fees and Charges. HST extra.

\*\*NOTE: The subject fee is not applicable to commercial vessels with a capacity of 20 passengers or greater.

# PORT CARLING LOCKS & SWING BRIDGE

NOTE: HST EXTRA

SMALL LOCK FEES	One-way Passage	Yearly Rate
Recreational boat capable of using the small lock whether small or large lock is used.	\$ 13.72	\$ 124.78 (Normal operating hours only)
Day pass for vessels described	\$ 20.35	N/A
Small commercial boats (barges etc.) capable of using the small locks whether small or large lock is used.	\$ 39.82	N/A

MISCELLANEOUS		
Dock facilities: pleasure craft or commercial vessels of any kind are either of:	Per day or part thereof after 3 hours: \$ 5.59 per metre of length	\$ 131.87 per metre per month
Overnight berthage fees for tour boats	\$ 5.59 per metre of length per night	N/A

## BOATER'S CODE

Respectful boating guidelines from Safe Quiet Lakes

1. I will never operate my boat beyond the level of my skills.
2. I will be aware of and obey all laws and regulations governing operation of my boat.
3. I will operate my boat with caution and courtesy to others at all times.
4. I will minimize my wake impact on shorelines, docks, structures and people.
5. I will always steer well clear of other boats, swimmers and wildlife.
6. I will set a speed and heading that is safe and comfortable for my passengers and others on the water.
7. I will provide safety instructions and offer appropriate life jackets or PFDs to everyone who travels in my boat.
8. I will carry all equipment necessary to operate my boat safely and within the law.
9. I will not consume drugs and alcohol in my boat or allow my boat to be operated by anyone who is impaired.
10. I understand that boating is a shared experience and I will not create excessive noise or operate my boat in a manner that disrupts the peaceful enjoyment of the lake by others.



Learn about responsible boating, noise reduction and speed impact at [safequiet.ca](http://safequiet.ca)

# CEMETERIES

Contact the Township of Muskoka Lakes for cemetery inquiries.

Cemetery Regulations can be found on our website at [muskokalakes.ca](http://muskokalakes.ca)

**\* Morinus Cemetery**

*All lots have been sold. Burials will be carried out in the purchased lots, therefore, the cemetery cannot be considered closed.*

**\*\* Ufford United, Ufford Anglican and Doherty**

*The above cemeteries are closed.*

LEGEND	CEMETERY	CIVIC ADDRESS
**	DOHERTY	1428 Doherty Road
	FOOT'S BAY	1036 United Church Road
	GLEN ORCHARD	1017 West Whites Road
	MILFORD BAY	1000 Old Lakeshore Road
*	MORINUS	1227 Morinus Road
	PORT CARLING	45 Joseph Street
	TORRANCE	1026 East Bay Road
	UFFORD	1450 Doherty Road
**	UFFORD UNITED	1570 Windermere Road
**	UFFORD ANGLICAN	1520 Windermere Road
	ULLSWATER	1289 Old Parry Sound Road
	ZISKA	1139 Ziska Road





Scan to explore STRA resources

# SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Township of Muskoka Lakes has introduced a **Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) Licensing By-law** in order to help promote safer and more responsible rental practices for both operators and guests.

An STRA licence is required for all rentals of **28 days or less**.

## APPLY NOW

Obtaining your licence can be completed entirely **online**.

Scan the QR code or visit [muskokalakes.ca](http://muskokalakes.ca) for step-by-step guidance and application requirements.

## RESOURCES

### → INTERACTIVE MAP

View all licensed short-term rental properties across Muskoka Lakes, **online**.

### → 24/7 REPORTING HOTLINE

Report concerns by phone or online related to short-term rentals, **at any time**.

Call **249-487-2299**

Visit [muskokalakes.ca](http://muskokalakes.ca)  
→ Report a Concern

### By-law Enforcement

705-765-3156

[bylaw@muskokalakes.ca](mailto:bylaw@muskokalakes.ca)

1 Bailey St., Port Carling



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