



A *Key Messages Update* is published monthly and includes items from the Board, Museum Advisory Council (MAC), and the administration. These topics include the highlights and successes of the month, as well as the Board's perspective on matters of importance. Key Messages for the month are presented under each of the four Strategic Plan Goals. [Subscribe to our Key Messages!](#)

## Key Messages of the Month September 2019

### Vibrant Spaces

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- ***L.E. Shore Expansion Rejected for 2020.*** The Board and staff of BMPL are disappointed to be waiting on the expansion of the L.E. Shore branch pending the TBM facilities and recreation plans completion. The Board and CEO will continue to work with the Town's SMT and Council for the successful completion of these TBM reports so we may advance the much-needed expansion and renovation of BMPL. As directed by Council, both BMPL and the Community Services Dept will provide renovation needs for the current building in a 2020 Capital Budget Sheet. BMPL will continue to provide our community hub activities and services while the studies are completed and implemented.
- ***Save the Date- BMPL 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dec 5, 2020.*** The Library Board is announcing the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala for Blue Mountains Public Library scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the Westin Hotel.
- ***Save the Date- Leap Year Sadie Hawkins Dance February 29, 2020.*** The Museum Advisory Council is announcing the first of two major fundraisers for the Craigleith Heritage Depot community museum. The Leap Year dance will feature *Bored of Ed* and be held at the BVCC on Saturday, February 29, 2020.
- ***Save the Date- CHD Golf Tournament July 9, 2020.*** The Museum Advisory Council is announcing a charitable golf tournament for the Craigleith Heritage Depot community museum scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Cranberry Golf Club. Volunteers are welcome.

- **The Gallery at L.E. Shore 2020 Exhibition Announced.** The Arts & Culture Council (ACC) is happy to announce the 2020 exhibition line up, now available at [The Gallery Exhibits](#). Over 65 regional and local artists will be shown in 2020. There will also be a February Salon show where artists of all experience may purchase a hanging opportunity. The ACC is very excited to offer, for the first time in The Gallery's 25 years, a Juried Competition in July. Check the website for more information on these shows, opportunities to exhibit, and the Juried Rules.

## Organizational Capacity

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- **Board, MAC & ACC Volunteers.** The BMPL GLAM (gallery, library, archive, and museum) currently has 20+ volunteer appointees working to improve the BMPL experience. This includes members of the Library Board (8), The Museum Advisory Council (5), and the Arts & Culture Council (7 with a 3-member gallery hanging team). Each of the two Councils have their own Terms of Reference with distinct mandates and are always looking for additional volunteers to assist with projects.

## Communication

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- **Action Plan 2019.** With four month remaining in the 2019 Action Plan, the Board has achieved 57% completion and expects to complete the balance of the expected outcomes. Over the Fall, each committee, including the ACC and MAC, will be developing their Action Plans for 2020.

## Service Excellence

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- **Truth & Reconciliation at BMPL.** BMPL's staff and governance bodies continue to work towards the [Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action](#). As of June 2018, all meetings open with a territorial acknowledgement of the traditional stewards of the land. We offer collections, both fiction and non-fiction which provide both literary interests and a means to support personal knowledge and assist with the "truth" needs of the TRC Call to Action. Our staff participated in Orange Shirt Day and will participate in the Red Dress Project this winter.

Two of our award-winning Reel History Series films are dedicated to Indigenous topics, so people near and far can learn of the current and historic peoples of this region, as well as their sacred and special spaces. In October, as we celebrate Canadian Library Month, Ontario Public Library Week, and First Nation Public Library Week, we will also be adding two donated art installations by Ken McGuire on Truth and Reconciliation. BMPL will continue to build policy and practice around supporting our role in the TRC Calls to Action, the Canadian Federation of Libraries ([CFLA Truth & Reconciliation Report](#)), and Ontario's [Our Journey Together](#) policy documents.