



## Holiday Market 2023



This year's Advent Christmas Market, now called the Holiday Market, was a tremendous success. With double the number of vendors, and a kitchen full of sandwich wraps, tasty soups and hot apple cider, people from all over the island attended the Gordon Community Hall on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Local craft makers and artisans offered their wares to those eager to find locally made products, including wood products, baked goods and all sorts of arts and crafts. Visitors were generous, bringing non-perishable food items for the Gore Bay Food Cupboard. With the hall decked out in green and red colours, the ambience was warm and friendly and indeed everyone enjoyed the festive Christmas spirit.

## Hunt Week

During the week of Nov 19 to Nov 26, hunters took over the Municipality with their freshly oiled rifles to hunt wild game to fill their freezers full of venison for the long winter ahead. Hunt Week continues the long tradition started many decades before. We welcomed all the hunters to the island and hope to see them back next year.



## Gore Bay Fire Department

Our firefighters continue to have practice on the first and third Thursday of each month. Please be diligent with your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms this winter.

## Next Council Meeting

The regular council meeting took place December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal office on Noble Sideroad. As a reminder, meetings are open to the public. Taxpayers are always welcome to request items to discuss on the monthly agenda. And the minutes of each meeting are available to taxpayers at the Gordon/Barrie Island office on Noble Sideroad.



## Gordon/Barrie Island Staff Grow a Mo!



The team at the Gordon/Barrie Island office participated in Movember fundraising by growing a moustache. Some opted for a moustache only, some a moustache and goatee, and one for a beard and moustache combo. Regardless of the style of 'stache, all sported a hairy upper lip for the sake of testicular and prostate cancer research. At the time of printing this newsletter, the team exceeded their financial goal this year by almost 200 percent. Donations were robust and plans are afoot for more moustaches next year. It was a great team-building exercise and a successful campaign at raising funds for cancer research.

## Merry Christmas from the Staff!



The Municipal Office of Gordon/Barrie Island will be closed for the week of December 25 to January 1. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, to begin the New Year. From Carrie Lewis, the Reeve Lee Hayden and the rest of the staff and councilors, we would like to extend our sincere wishes that you and your family enjoy the Christmas Holidays this year. We hope Santa Claus visits you with a large bag of gifts, goodies, and stocking stuffers.