

WELCOME TO



# Gore Bay



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# Welcome

**Gore Bay is a town built on connection — to each other, the land, and tradition. Rooted in Manitoulin Island's rich culture, it's a place where resilience, creativity, and community pride thrive.**

Local events, volunteer-led activities, and gathering spaces bring people together year-round, from festivals to fundraisers. The Harbour Centre and Gore Bay Museum showcase the town's heritage, while Harbour Days celebrates it in full colour. In Gore Bay, connection isn't just part of life — it defines it.





## Why Choose Gore Bay?

Nestled on the pristine shores of Manitoulin Island, Gore Bay offers more than just a new place to live — it offers a fresh start rooted in purpose and possibility. Whether you're a family seeking a supportive, safe community, a professional craving work-life harmony, or an entrepreneur looking to plant roots where your ideas can grow, Gore Bay is where it all comes together.


### Here, you'll find:

#### Endless Opportunity

With job prospects in education, healthcare, trades, transportation, and entrepreneurship, Gore Bay is a hub of meaningful work.

#### Nature at Your Doorstep

Hike scenic bluffs, kayak in crystal-clear waters, snowshoe across frozen lakes, or simply enjoy the unmatched peace of our waterfront boardwalk.



Gore Bay is more than a beautiful place, it is a strong, close-knit community where people support one another, and where new residents are welcomed with genuine warmth. Whether you are relocating for work, family, or lifestyle, we are proud to offer a safe, vibrant town where you can build a meaningful future.

**Mayor Ron Lane, Town of Gore Bay**

#### A Close-Knit Community

In Gore Bay, neighbours become friends and newcomers are warmly welcomed. Our residents take pride in being engaged, supportive, and authentically connected.

#### Affordable Living & Big Value

Escape high city costs. Own a home, grow your business, and raise your family in a place where your dollar stretches further — and your time means more.

#### Modern Convenience, Small-Town Pace

With reliable high-speed internet, full-service amenities, walkability, and healthcare access, Gore Bay proves you don't have to sacrifice comfort for calm.

# Adventure Has No Off Switch in Gore Bay

Whether you're strolling along the waterfront in spring, paddling under big skies in summer, hiking fiery trails in fall, or snowshoeing through winter's quiet magic — every season brings its own reason to love Gore Bay.



## Spring

### *Reawakening & Renewal*

Spring into life in Gore Bay with vibrant blooms, energizing hikes, and community clean-ups that bring neighbours together. Enjoy local vendor markets, the butcher shop, gallery shows, and the re-emergence of Gore Bay's natural beauty. Bonus: Discover great fishing right from ice break-up!



## Summer

### *Sun-Soaked Bliss*

Savour summer in Gore Bay by sailing the North Channel, casting a line at sunrise, or exploring the island by bike — there's no shortage of ways to enjoy the outdoors. Join in on local favourites like Harbour Days, take in scenic lookout points, or gather the family for a BBQ with stunning waterfront views. Kids can stay active with soccer and baseball leagues, while both young and old enjoy tennis courts, basketball, and the splashpad. With lively farmers' markets and charming patio restaurants, there's something for everyone to savour.





## Autumn

### *Colour, Crisp Air & Cozy Vibes*

Fall for Gore Bay as the East Bluff Lookout bursts into a canvas of colour, drawing in painters and nature lovers alike. Celebrate the season with harvest events, crisp paddles across the lake, and cozy evenings at local cafés or Split Rail Brewing. Generations get together to enjoy fall hunting season, while the arena reopens for indoor fun as the temperatures drop.



## Winter

### *Tranquility Meets Adventure*

Winter wonderful Gore Bay invites you to snowmobile across the bay, lace up your skates with the kids, or unwind by the fire after a day of snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. Community bonfires, hockey tournaments, curling matches, ice fishing, and family-friendly events keep the winter spirit alive. Challenge your mind and spirit with Harbour Centre's art exhibits, or keep moving at the local fitness centre — there's plenty to enjoy, even in the chilliest months.





## Live Well for Less

**Whether you're looking to raise a family, downsize for simplicity, or launch a fresh chapter with room to grow — Gore Bay offers a range of affordable, charming, and lifestyle-focused housing options.**

## Affordable Homes in a Beautiful Setting

***In Gore Bay, you can enjoy more home for your money, with property prices well below those in urban centres.***

Whether you're looking for a waterfront cottage, a family home, or a modern new build, the town offers a unique mix of character and comfort. With a lower cost of living, you'll have more freedom to invest in what truly matters — your family, your business, and your future.

## A Community Ready to Grow

***Gore Bay is actively expanding its housing mix through the Development District Plan, which supports both new builds and the revitalization of downtown spaces.***

To encourage smart, sustainable growth, the Town is developing a Community Improvement Plan and Tax Increment Program — offering incentives for attractive new developments. Plus, with no development charges, it's an ideal place to build with confidence.

My wife and I both secured full-time teaching jobs at the school in Gore Bay, which was the main reason we made the move. We were tired of the traffic and overcrowding down south and decided it was time for a new adventure. After some research and seeing that it offered the perfect mix of amenities and outdoor adventure 'Why not Gore Bay?' — and now, it's where we're happily raising our family.

**Jamie. H**



# Work Where You Love, Live Where You Thrive

In Gore Bay, opportunity isn't just possible — it's personal. Whether you're building a business, growing a career, or making a bold pivot, Gore Bay offers the support, space, and spirit to make it happen.

## Careers That Matter

Gore Bay offers a range of in-demand job opportunities in sectors like education, healthcare, skilled trades, early childhood education, and transportation and logistics. Anchor employers such as Manitoulin Transport and Lafarge provide stable, long-term career paths, while a mix of public and private sector roles in growing industries supports a variety of professional skill sets.

## Entrepreneurship That's Encouraged

Local success stories like Finnia Chocolate & Cacao, Split Rail Brewing, and My Ol' Blues prove that in Gore Bay, small-town roots can lead to big-time impact. These thriving businesses are examples of what's possible when innovation, community support, and entrepreneurial spirit come together.

## A Hub for Remote Workers & Digital Nomads

Offering reliable high-speed internet and walkable amenities, Gore Bay is ideal for freelancers, consultants, and remote professionals.

Trade your commute for community. Turn your passion into a paycheck. Make your next professional move the one that changes everything.



We looked all across Northern Ontario, from Haliburton to Manitoulin Island, including Sudbury, but nothing compared to what we found in Gore Bay. Other areas felt more remote, but Gore Bay offers that perfect mix of natural beauty and convenience. We were able to find a reasonably priced home with a view, and now my wife and I both work remotely while raising our family here. Everything we need is within walking distance—the beach, brewery, doctor, grocery store, library, splash pad, tennis courts, and fitness centre. It's an incredible place to live.

**Eddie. C**

### Helpful Links:

[www.manitoulintransport.com/careers](http://www.manitoulintransport.com/careers)

[www.lafarge.ca/en/careers](http://www.lafarge.ca/en/careers)

# Small Town, Fully Equipped

Whether you're raising a family, launching a business, or enjoying your next chapter, Gore Bay offers a surprising range of services, amenities, accommodation options, and infrastructure for a community its size.

Everything you need is close by — and delivered with a personal touch.



## Healthcare & Wellness

- Access a full-time medical clinic, pharmacy, and dental care without leaving town.
- Anticipate a new 64-bed long-term care facility under development — part of a \$40M investment in health services.
- Enjoy beauty/facial spas and massages, as well as rejuvenating yoga classes.

## Education & Childcare

- Enroll your children in local elementary schools and early childhood education programs that serve young families. JK - Grade 8.
- Access childcare services available for working parents and young families.
- Take advantage of bus runs from town to the nearby high school — no personal vehicle required.

## Everyday Essentials

- Stroll to grocery, hardware, and convenience stores for day-to-day living.
- Connect with the local bank, real estate professionals, service providers, and postal services.
- Explore dining and retail options that are locally owned, community-supported, and full of character.

## Connectivity & Infrastructure

- Enjoy reliable high-speed internet to support remote work, business operations, and online learning.
- Discover walkable streets, updated water systems, and infrastructure that create a clean, safe environment.
- Explore a modern airport terminal and revitalized marina to support travel year-round.

### Live Without Compromise

***From the practical to the personal, Gore Bay delivers everything you need to live comfortably and confidently — all without the noise, stress, or cost of the big city.***

I'm originally from the Island, but even when I lived elsewhere, I always found myself spending time in Gore Bay. I've always been a rural person, but I wanted to be closer to where things were happening — somewhere with energy and amenities. Having the medical centre and dentist right here was a big factor. Even as a local, it just made sense to move to the hub of it all.

**Robbie. B**

# Community & Culture

Gore Bay is a vibrant community where culture and connection come alive. Our Community Hall hosts events, summer theatre, and gatherings that bring everyone together, fostering a strong sense of belonging.

## The Royal Canadian Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion stands as a proud symbol of remembrance and camaraderie, supporting veterans and the community through many activities. It's also a great place to grab a drink and watch the game!



## Harbour Centre

At the Harbour Centre, locals and visitors alike enjoy stunning views, unique art, cultural programs, and community initiatives that celebrate our heritage and natural beauty.



## Gore Bay and William Purvis Marine Museum

Our two museums (Gore Bay Museum and William Purvis Marine Museum) offer a fascinating glimpse into Gore Bay's rich history, preserving stories that connect past generations to today's residents. View artifacts from old ships or step into the old Manitoulin District Jail and see the cells still standing from 1889.

## Harbour Days Festivals

Every summer, the much-loved Harbour Days festival lights up the town with music, food, crafts, and family fun — a true celebration of Gore Bay spirit.

Whether you're stopping by for an event or settling in as a resident, Gore Bay's community and culture welcome you with open arms.





# Education & Childcare

**In Gore Bay, learning begins with care and community.**

Whether you're raising young children or supporting teenagers through high school, Gore Bay offers a nurturing environment where families can thrive and students can succeed.



## A Strong Start for Little Learners

Our licensed child care facility, Gore Bay Child Care Centre, provides a safe, supportive space where young children are encouraged to play, explore, and grow. With experienced educators and low child-to-staff ratios, Gore Bay Child Care focuses on emotional development, early literacy, and school readiness — giving every child a strong start.

## Local Schools with a Personal Touch

Gore Bay is home to Charles C. McLean Public School, serving students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Known for its dedicated teachers and inclusive atmosphere, Charles C. McLean offers a well-rounded curriculum that combines academics, arts, and active living. Small class sizes mean students benefit from more personalized attention and a strong sense of community.

For high school students, Manitoulin Secondary School — just a short bus ride away — offers a wide range of academic, technical, and extracurricular programs designed to prepare students for college, university, apprenticeships, or the workforce.

### Helpful Links:

[www.seedlingscentre.ca](http://www.seedlingscentre.ca)

[www.rainbowschools.ca](http://www.rainbowschools.ca)

# Recreation & Nature: Your Playground in Every Season

In Gore Bay, recreation isn't just for weekends, it's a way of life. Surrounded by natural beauty and built for active living, Gore Bay offers outdoor adventure, community sports, and wellness amenities for all ages and abilities.

## Outdoor Adventure, Year-Round

- Enjoy scenic trails for walking, hiking, and cycling
- Explore public parks and waterfront greenspaces
- Access the North Channel for world-class boating and water sports
- Go snowshoeing, ice fishing, tobogganing, and snowmobiling in the winter months



## Community Recreation Facilities

- Fully-serviced Marina
- The Gore Bay Arena
- Seniors Centre
- Curling Club
- Ball diamonds
- Soccer fields
- Pickleball courts
- Tennis, softball, ball hockey, basketball, and golf leagues
- Local beach
- Splash pad

## Wellness & Everyday Fitness

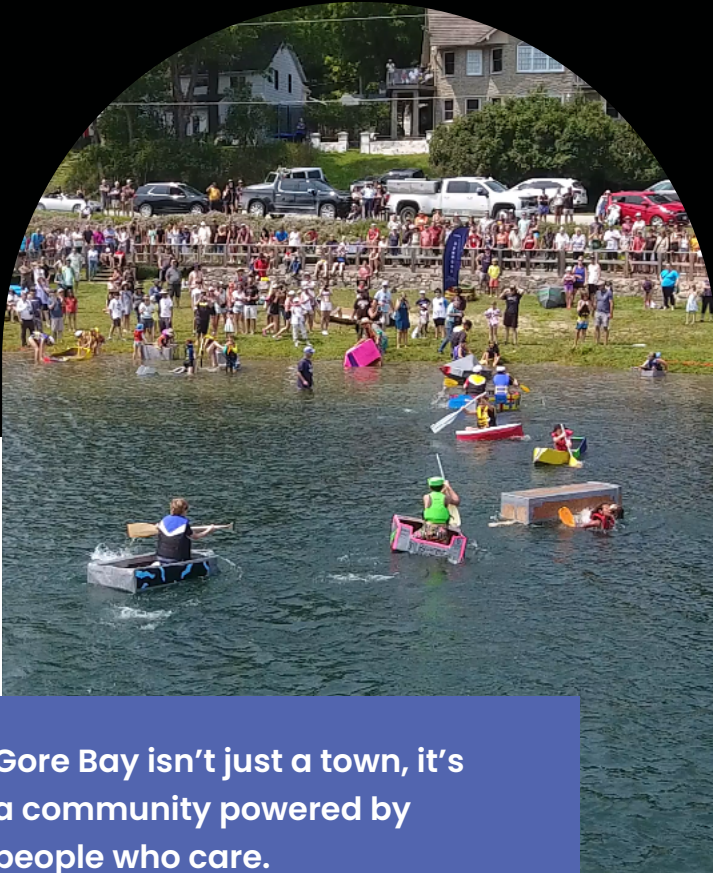
- Community fitness centre provides equipment and space for healthy living year-round.
- Recreation programs, yoga, and Zumba classes are hosted seasonally at local venues.
- Walkable streets and open spaces encourage an active lifestyle for all ages.

*Whether you're catching a sunrise paddle, hitting the trails after work, or coaching a kids' team on the weekend — Gore Bay offers the space, scenery, and spirit to live life in motion.*

My family and I moved to the Island a year ago and it was the best decision we made. There's always something going for the kids whether it's sports, movies at the hall, or activities at the arena. We love having family picnics at the bluff overlooking the town and beautiful marina. The quaint yet ever evolving town of Gore Bay is a must see and a must stay!

**Raven. R**

# Community & Volunteerism: Belong Here, Get Involved



Gore Bay isn't just a town, it's  
a community powered by  
people who care.

From seasonal festivals to social clubs, community events to essential services, Gore Bay offers countless ways to connect, contribute, and make a difference. Whether you're new to town or a lifelong resident, there's always a place for you to get involved.

## Volunteerism with Purpose

- Join the Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department, a respected team that plays a vital role in keeping our community safe.
- Join the volunteer-led Gore Bay Spirit & Events Group to help organize town celebrations, sports, holiday events, and more.
- Get involved in local initiatives, clean-up days, or youth activities, your time and energy are valued here.



## Clubs That Build Connection

- Western Manitoulin Lions Club supports local needs through fundraising, service, and community-building.
- The Gore Bay Fish & Game Club promotes conservation and outdoor activities, offering events for all ages.
- The Rotary Club of Gore Bay connects professionals and community leaders through local and global service projects.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Western Manitoulin Branch 514, honours veterans and serves the community with social events, support programs, and remembrance initiatives.

## A Place for All Ages

The Gore Bay Seniors Centre offers a welcoming space for older adults to gather, socialize, and take part in regular programs, games, and special events. It's a hub for friendship, wellness, and lifelong involvement in the community.

# Connectivity & Accessibility

Gore Bay may offer the calm and charm of small-town life, but it's far from isolated. Whether you're traveling for business, visiting family, or welcoming guests, Gore Bay is surprisingly accessible.



## Multiple Ways In and Out

***Gore Bay is located on the north side of Manitoulin Island, with direct access to key transportation routes.***

### Ferry

The Chi-Cheemaun Ferry connects nearby South Baymouth to Tobermory, linking Manitoulin Island to southern Ontario seasonally.

### Airport

The Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport features a newly upgraded \$4.8M terminal with regular private and charter flights, ideal for both personal and business travel.

### Highway

Highway 540 and Highway 6 connect Gore Bay to neighbouring towns and off-Island communities, making road travel simple and scenic.

## Proximity to Urban Centres

While Gore Bay offers an escape from the city, you're still within a few hours of major hubs:

**Sudbury** – 2.5 hours away

**Sault Ste. Marie** – 3.5 hours away

**Greater Toronto Area** – Reachable by car, ferry, or air, with regular seasonal travel options.

## Digital Connectivity

Reliable high-speed internet ensures that even if you're surrounded by nature, you're still fully connected — perfect for remote work, online learning, or running a business from home.

## Where Tranquility Meets Access

In Gore Bay, you can unplug without going off the grid. Whether you're commuting occasionally, working remotely, or simply staying connected to the wider world, this town gives you the best of both. Everything you need within walking distance.

### Helpful Links:

[www.ontarioferries.com](http://www.ontarioferries.com)

[www.gorebayairport.com](http://www.gorebayairport.com)





## So, why not Gore Bay?

You've seen what Gore Bay has to offer — now imagine what it could mean for you. With its natural beauty, welcoming community, and slower pace of life, Gore Bay isn't just a place to visit—it's a place to belong. We invite you to make your next chapter a Gore Bay story.

For questions, support, or resources do not hesitate to call or email us at the Town Office.

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