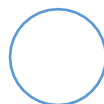


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FORUM AGENDA	
Friday May 1 – PARKS CANADA VISITOR CENTRE, Tobermory	
1:30 PM	<p>PENINSULA BRUCE TRAIL CONSERVANCY HIKE TO VIEW RESTORED AREA Join <b>Brian Popelier, Bruce Trail Conservancy Land Stewardship Coordinator</b>, for a guided hike to Malcolm Bluff to learn about a recovery area where invasive plants were suppressed and replaced with native plants. Be prepared for variable weather - wear layered clothing, sturdy, water resistant footwear, gaiters. <b>Maximum Registration: 25. Hike Start Time: 1:30 p.m.</b> Please arrive a few minutes early. <b>Duration: 1 ½ hour. Pace: Relaxed and leisurely.</b> We will chat about other invasive species as we hike. It will be a hike in and returning on the same path to the parking lot. <b>Hike Meet-up Location:</b> Take Purple Valley Rd. east from Highway 6. Park at the Malcolm Bluffs Nature Reserve parking lot on the corner of Wrights Crescent where it turns north. Wrights Crescent is an extension of Purple Valley Rd.</p>
5:00 PM	<p>SACRED FIRE kindled at 5P.M. outside Visitors' Centre - with firekeeper Lloyd Ritchie from Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON).</p>
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	<p>REGISTRATION OPEN 6p.m. Wine and cheese social, with special Hors d'oeuvres catered by <b>Zach Keeshig</b></p>
	<p>7p.m. WELCOME Land Acknowledgement &amp; prayer from SON Elder <b>Speaker: David Root</b>, Elder, Saugeen Ojibway Nation.</p>
	<p>7.15 – 8:15 p.m. <u>Invasive Alien Species: A Global View, and A Look Forward</u> <b>Speaker: Dr. Peter Stoett</b>, Dean of Social Science and Humanities, Ontario Tech University / Co-Chair of Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)</p>
	<p>8:15– 9.00 p.m. <u>Discussion with SON knowledge keepers</u> <b>Speakers: Lenore Keeshig and Miptoon</b> In conversation with Peter Stoett: First Nations understanding of human relationships with other beings, and non-native vs. native species. <b>Moderator: Ben McLeod</b></p>
9:00 PM	<p>Closing Prayer from SON Elder</p>

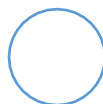


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Saturday May 2, 2026 – PARKS CANADA VISITOR CENTRE Tobermory	
	Come early and spend time at the fire if you wish
8:00 AM	Registration and Refreshments
8:30 AM	<b>WELCOME</b> Opening prayer from SON Elder, David Root Land Acknowledgment and Formal Welcome: The Forum Planning Committee, Sean Liipere, Resource Conservation Manager, Bruce Peninsula National Park, Mayor Milt McIvor, MNBP
9:00 AM	<u>A Brief History of Lake Huron Aquatic Invaders</u> <b>Speaker: Dr. Nicholas Mandrak</b> , Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, U of T.
10:00 AM	<u>The Whitefish Story: How Invasive Mussels Changed Life in Our Lakes</u> <b>Speaker: Erin Dunlop</b> , Senior Research Scientist with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
10:50 AM	STRETCH AND REFRESHMENT BREAK
11:10 AM	<u>Insights on Intentional Non-indigenous Fsh Stocking</u> <b>Speaker: Ryan Lauzon</b> , Fisheries Management Biologist, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
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1:15 PM	<u>Phragmites Control</u> <b>Speaker: Samantha Sommer</b> , Manager, Habitat Restoration Program, Nature Conservancy of Canada
2:05 PM	<u>Invasive Alien Species: Management &amp; Monitoring within Bruce Peninsula National Park &amp; Fathom Five National Marine Park</u> <b>Speaker: Spencer Bennett</b> , Resource Management Officer, Bruce Peninsula and Fathom Five National Parks
2:55PM	STRETCH AND REFRESHMENT BREAK
3:15PM	<u>Hydrilla, Canada's Newest Threat</u> <b>Speaker: Kayla Martin</b> , Biology MSc candidate, University of Waterloo
4:05 - 5:00PM	<u>Ecological Gardening - Propagating Native Plants on Your Property</u> <b>Speaker: Shawn McKnight</b> , Natural Landscaper

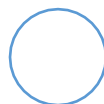


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Saturday Evening Event – TOBERMORY COMMUNITY CENTRE	
5:30 PM	SOCIAL HOUR – cash bar
6:24 PM	Sunset
6:30 PM	BANQUET MEAL – catered by Heat N Eat
	SOK Bill Graham Award of Excellence
	GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION: <u>Future Potential Lake Huron Aquatic Invaders</u> <b>Speaker: Dr. Nicholas Mandrak</b> , Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, U of T.
	Closing Prayer from SON Elder, David Root
Sunday May 2, 2026 – PARKS CANADA VISITOR CENTRE Tobermory	
7:30 AM	Time at the Fire if you wish
8:30 AM	Refreshments
9:00 AM	Opening Prayer from SON Elder, David Root <u>SUMMING UP – Speakers in Dialogue</u> ... Speakers reflect together on what we have heard during the forum with their own closing statements. They will then engage with one another in an open, moderated public dialogue. <b>Moderator: Chris Sumpton</b>
10:15 AM	STRETCH AND REFRESHMENT BREAK
10:30 AM	<b>PANEL &amp; QUESTIONS – SPEAKERS RESPOND TO PARTICIPANTS' QUESTIONS ....</b> To gather participants' questions ... a question box will be kept in the foyer of the Visitors' Centre throughout the weekend, with cards and pens for participants to submit directed questions to speakers throughout the weekend. <b>Moderator: Rob Klea</b>
11:45 AM	FORUM WRAP-UP – 2026 Forum Chair
	Closing Prayer from SON Elder, David Root



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**Tuesday May 5, 2026 – E-Bike Rental Kiosk, The Meeting Place, Tobermory**

1:00 - 3:30pm	<p><u>The Tub On Two Wheels – Identifying Forest Invaders</u> - a guided e-bike ride exploring the local ecosystem and observing signs of invasive forest pests. Rendezvous at 30 Centennial Dr., Tobermory.</p> <p>An 8.5 km ride at moderate pace. (Participants enjoy 15% discount on e-bike rental, all proceeds to support The Meeting Place) Limited spots: register at <a href="mailto:info@tobermorymeetingplace.com">info@tobermorymeetingplace.com</a>.</p>
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