

Town of
The Blue Mountains
Deputation:
Docs on Ice 2026

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Rural Ontario Medical Program

WHAT IS ROMP?

- ROMP is funded by Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- ROMP works with the 6 Ontario Medical Schools to organize community-based medical rotations in hospital communities within south central Ontario
- ROMP works with a voluntary association of physicians who share a commitment to providing quality educational experiences in rural medical practice



Ontario Doctors Hockey Tournament

April 2026:

- Collingwood (and surrounding municipalities) is hosting 43rd annual “Docs on Ice” charity hockey tournament
- 70 teams with over 1000 doctors, residents, & medical students



Docs on Ice

History:

- Started in 1983; first tournament in Peterborough with 8 teams
- Principles of “Charity, Camaraderie, and Sportsmanship”
- Inspired by the late hockey player and Urologist, Dr. Peter Howes

Original 8 Teams in 1983



Belleville



Hamilton



Niagara



Ottawa



Peterborough



Sudbury



Toronto



York Region



Docs on Ice

Information:

- Hosted by a different city each year to bring doctors together to play hockey and to give back to the community by raising money and awareness for charity
- Tournament run by physicians and volunteers to raise money through donations, sponsorship, registration fees, and special events
- Attended by NHL players and alumni, media personnel, television personalities, etc.
- All proceeds go directly to charity; Docs on Ice has raised over \$1 million dollars total



Docs on Ice

Collingwood Tournament

- Previously hosted in Collingwood in 2010, raising over \$250,000 for CGMH
 - Held in areas across South Georgian Bay (Collingwood, Stayner, Meaford, Thornbury)
- Dr. Geoff Moran will be chairman for 2026 tournament; he has been part of Docs on Ice since 1985 as a player and on executive team for 35+ years
- Dr. Moran secured Docs on Ice in Collingwood for April 10 - 11, 2026



Former NHL player, Scott Thornton drops the first puck for the Docs on Ice game at the Eddie Bush arena this week.

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Collingwood Tournament

- Opportunity to host 1000 physicians, residents, and medical students in our area, providing chance for recruitment
- Our goal is to ensure all our local municipalities and councils are informed and given an opportunity to participate
- Your support will allow for increased recruitment and fundraising, **ultimately benefitting the residents of South Georgian Bay, their health, and our healthcare system**



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What Can You Do?

- Assistance with:
 - Advertising
 - Donations
 - Participation
 - Raising Awareness
- Why?
 - Physician Recruitment
 - Fundraising for Local Causes

Want to Learn More?

- Docs on Ice Website:
 - www.docsonice.ca
- ROMP Website:
 - www.romponline.com



Questions?

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