



Agenda

The Blue Mountains, Council Meeting

Date: Monday, January 27, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual Meeting
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

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A. Call to Order

A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement and Moment of Reflection

We would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. The municipality is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818 which is the traditional land of the Anishnaabek, Haudenosaunee and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples.

A.2 Approval of Agenda

Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT the Agenda of January 27, 2025, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

A.3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2023-62, Council Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

A.4 Previous Minutes

Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT the Council minutes of December 16, 2024 and the Special Meeting of Council minutes of January 10, 2025 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

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B. Deputation / Presentations

Under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and in accordance with Ontario's *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA), The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains wishes to inform the public that all information including opinions, presentations, reports and documentation provided for or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record. This information may be posted on the Town's website and/or made available to the public upon request.

- B.1 **Rob Sampson, Resident** 35
Re: Comments on the Draft 2025 Council Budget
- B.2 **Stephen Granger, Craigeith Community Working Group** 44
Re: Comments on the Draft 2025 Council Budget

C. Public Comment Period

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2023-62 any person may provide comments during the Public Comment Period at a Council Meeting, regarding Town matters. Each person providing comments during a Public Comment Period shall be limited to not more than three minutes. The Clerk or a countdown clock shall alert the speaker when they have one minute remaining to address Council. Each person shall provide their name and address, and is required to address their comments to the Chair. Comments shall not refer to personal, litigation or potential litigation matters, or be in response to matters that have been the subject of a Public Meeting, it being noted that the **verbal** commenting period has ended. Written correspondence may still be received in response to matters that have been the subject of a Public Meeting. If a person is unable to personally attend the meeting, or during any period where an emergency has been declared to exist in the municipality, they shall provide their Public Comments in writing to the Clerk in advance of the meeting for the Clerk to read on behalf of the author during the Public Comment Period.

D. Adoption of Consent Agenda

D.1 Correspondence

Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT Council receives the correspondence listed as Agenda items D.1.1 to D.1.9 less any items requested for separate review and discussion, and further does support the Staff recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items, including any additional direction given to Staff through discussion, with an appropriate Staff action or response awaited for report back to Committee or Council, where indicated.

- D.1.1 **Tim Lanthier, Chief Administrative Officer, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority** 75
Re: Follow-up Correspondence in response to Council's Motion dated July 15, 2024 regarding Watershed Security
(For Council Consideration)
- D.1.2 **Tyler Boswell, Planner, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority** 78
Re: Follow-up Correspondence in response to Council's Motion dated July 15, 2024 regarding Watershed Security
(For Council Consideration)
- D.1.3 **Tom Mrakas, Mayor, Town of Aurora** 84
Re: Resolution regarding Request of the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
(For Council Consideration)

D.1.4	Jim Oliver, Chair, The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board Re: Request for Council consideration for OPP Detachment Board Remuneration and the Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OAPSB) Remuneration Survey 2024 (For Council Consideration)	88
D.1.5	The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure Re: Congratulations to the Town on the successful Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) Application for upgrades and rehabilitation of the wastewater system (Receive For Information)	98
D.1.6	Sheryl Flanagan, Interim Chief Administrative Officer and Director, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Re: 2024 Municipal Remuneration Letters (Receive For Information)	100
D.1.7	Committee of Adjustment Re: Notice of Decision and Right to Appeal Application Number A40-2024 (Receive For Information)	101
D.1.8	Committee of Adjustment Re: Notice of Decision and Right to Appeal Application B09-2024 (Receive For Information)	103
D.1.9	Adam Smith, Director of Planning and Development Services Re: Notice of Decision and Right to Appeal Application B18-2024 (Receive For Information)	106
D.2	Committee and Board Minutes (Received for Information)	
	Recommended (Move, Second)	
	THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Committee and Board minutes included on the January 27, 2025, Council Agenda, for information, less any items pulled for separate discussion.	
D.2.1	The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation Board Minutes dated August 15, 2024	109
D.2.2	Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes dated October 2, 2024	112
D.2.3	The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board Minutes dated October 16, 2024	115
D.2.4	Thornbury Business Improvement Area Board Minutes dated November 6, 2024	125
D.2.5	Thornbury Business Improvement Area Board Minutes dated December 4, 2024	130
D.2.6	Committee of Adjustment Minutes dated November 20, 2024	136

D.2.7	Committee of Adjustment Minutes dated December 18, 2024	150
D.2.8	The Blue Mountain Public Library Board Minutes dated November 21, 2024	156
D.2.9	Accountability and Transparency Committee Minutes dated November 25, 2024	162
D.2.10	Accountability and Transparency Committee Minutes dated December 20, 2024	168
D.2.11	Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board Highlights dated December 2024	173

D.3 Committee Reports

With the adoption of the Committee Reports included on the Consent Agenda, all Recommendations found within the Committee Report(s) are approved by Council, as recommended, less any items requested for separate review and discussion.

Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT the recommendations found within the Committee Reports included on the January 27, 2025, Council Agenda are approved by Council, as recommended, less any items requested for separate review and discussion.

D.3.1	Committee of the Whole Report dated January 13, 2025	175
D.3.2	Special Committee of the Whole Report dated January 13, 2025	180
D.3.3	Special Budget Committee of the Whole Report dated January 14, 2025	182
D.3.4	Special Budget Committee of the Whole Report dated January 17, 2025	186

E. Motions and Staff Reports

E.1	Municipal Accommodation Tax Revenue Sharing Agreement, SI.25.002	188
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Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT Council receive Staff Report SI.25.002, entitled “Municipal Accommodation Tax Revenue Sharing Agreement”;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the revenue sharing agreements with the Blue Mountain Village Association serving at the Town’s Destination Marketing Organization and as the eligible tourism entity as defined in O. Reg. 435/17: Transient Accommodation Tax;

AND THAT Council acknowledges that through the execution of the revenue-sharing agreements, the Blue Mountain Village Association will receive a maximum of 50% of the total revenue, less Town administrative expenses, collected under the Municipal Accommodation Tax program enacted under By-law 2024-74 for the purposes of tourism promotion.

- E.2 **2025 Proposed Budget Follow up, CFS.25.006**
NOTE: This Report will be available on January 23, 2025
- E.3 **Municipal Election, Method of Voting, ADM.25.005**
NOTE: This Report will be available on January 23, 2025

F. By-laws

- F.1 **By-law to authorize temporary borrowing to meet the current expense of the municipality for the year ending December 31, 2025** 194
Recommended (Move, Second)
THAT By-law No. 2025-02, being a By-law to authorize temporary borrowing to meet the current expenses of the municipality for the year ending December 31, 2025, be hereby enacted as passed this 27th day of January, 2025.
- F.2 **By-law to Levy amounts on the assessment of property rateable for local municipality purposes** 196
Recommended (Move, Second)
THAT By-law No. 2025-03, being a By-law to levy amounts on the assessment of property rateable for local municipality purposes, and to further provide for percentage charge and interest charge in default of payment thereof, be hereby enacted as passed this 27th day of January, 2025.
- F.3 **By-Law to Appoint Acting Deputy Clerk** 198
Recommended (Move, Second)
THAT By-law No. 2025-04, being a By-law to Appoint an Acting Deputy Clerk is hereby enacted as passed this 27th day of January, 2025

G. New and Unfinished Business

- G.1 **Grey County Council Update (Mayor, Deputy Mayor)**
- G.2 **Notice of Motion (Council)**
 - G.2.1 **Councillor Maxwell Notice of Motion Re: Property Tax Relief and Incentive Programs**
NOTE: Councillor Maxwell provided the following Notice of Motion at the December 16, 2024 Council Meeting. In accordance with Procedural By-law 2023-62 the motion requires a mover and a seconder to be put before Council.

Recommended (Move, Second)
BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to compile information on all property tax relief and rebate incentive programs available to residents, businesses and organizations within the Town of The Blue Mountains, including local, provincial and federal programs where applicable, and make this list accessible to the public.

G.2.2 Councillor Porter Notice of Motion Re: Reconsideration for Budget Pitch Day

Councillor Porter provided the following Notice of Motion at the January 17, 2025 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting. In accordance with Procedural By-law 2023-62 the motion requires a mover and seconder to be put before Council.

Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains reconsiders the following June 24, 2024 Council resolution:

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.063, entitled "Recommendation for Budget Pitch Day";

AND THAT Council directs staff to proceed with scheduling a budget Pitch Day as part of the 2025 budget process.

G.3 Additions to Agenda

G.4 News and Celebrations

H. Closed Session

Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT, with regard to subsection 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, this Council does now move into closed session in order to address matters pertaining to:

- i. litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and with regard to Ontario Land Tribunal matters (two matters);
- ii. litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose as it relates to correspondence received;
- iii. a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, and with regard to the municipality's inventory of land;
- iv. a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board, and with regard to a Town project.

Council moved into closed session at ____ p.m.

Council moved into public session at ____ p.m.

H.1 Closed Session Reporting Out Statement

I. Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting, Corporate, Financial and Strategic Initiatives,
February 3, 2025
Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

Committee of the Whole Meeting, Operations, Planning & Building and Community
Services, February 4, 2025 Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

Council, Public Meeting, February 11, 2025
Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

Council, February 18, 2025
Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

J. Confirmation By-law

Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT By-law No. 2025-05, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on January 27, 2025, be hereby enacted as passed this 27th day of January, 2025.

K. Adjournment

Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT this Council does now adjourn at (time) p.m. to meet again February 18, 2025
Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual, or at the call of the Chair.