



# Revised Agenda

## The Blue Mountains, Council Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, February 18, 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 February 18, 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 January 27, 2025 and the Special Meeting of Council minutes of February 11, 2025 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

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### B. Public Meetings (9:30 a.m.)

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.

**NOTE:** An opportunity shall be granted for members of the public to provide verbal comments in response to the subject Notice of Public Meeting. Each commenter shall be limited in speaking to not more than ten minutes at the Public Meeting. An extension of this time limit shall be permitted at the discretion of the Chair. Comments shall address only those matters that are directly related to the matters for which the Public Meeting is being held.

**NOTE:** Written Submissions Received – Written submissions received by the Clerk prior to 12:00 pm Noon the Friday before the scheduled Public Meeting, will be circulated and included in the record of the Public Meeting. All written submissions received in response to a Public Meeting Notice, whether received before or after the Public Meeting, will be circulated to Council for information in accordance with the “Public Meeting Comments Policy, POL.COR.15.02” and will be considered prior to a decision on the matter for which the Public Meeting was held.

- B.1 Public Meeting: 2025 Draft Budget and 2025 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget** 35
  
- B.2 Public Meeting: Amendments to By-law 2024-19 Imposition and Collection of Fees and Charges; Amendments to By-law 2024-20 for Solid Waste Management Fees; Amendments to By-law 2024-21 Imposition for Water and Sewer Charges** 36

**C. 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.

None

**D. 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.

**E. Adoption of Consent Agenda**

**E.1 Correspondence**

**Recommended (Move, Second)**

THAT Council receives the correspondence listed as Agenda items E.1.1 to E.1.2, 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.

- E.1.1 Township of Oro-Medonte 37**  
**Re: Call to amalgamate the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (For Council Consideration)**
  
- E.1.2 Town of The Blue Mountains Planning Department 38**  
**Re: Notice of Decision and Right to Appeal - Consent Application B01-2025 (609699 12th Sideroad) (Receive For Information)**

**E.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 February 18, 2025, Council Agenda, for information, less any items pulled for separate discussion.

- E.2.1 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Minutes dated November 27, 2024 41**
  
- E.2.2 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Minutes dated December 5, 2024 52**
  
- E.2.3 The Blue Mountains and Town of Collingwood OPP Detachment Board Special Joint Minutes dated December 13 2024 55**
  
- E.2.4 Thornbury Business Improvement Area Board Minutes dated January 6, 2025 60**

**E.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 February 18, 2025 Council Agenda are approved by Council, as recommended, less any items requested for separate review and discussion.

- E.3.1 Committee of the Whole Report dated February 3, 2025 65**

**F. Motions and Staff Reports**

**F.1 Active Transportation Fund - Capital Project Grant, CFS.25.009 - Revised  
Recommended (Move, Second)**

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THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.25.009 REVISED, entitled “Active Transportation Fund – Capital Project Grant”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to apply for the Pedestrian Bridges Capital Works project for this funding opportunity.

**F.2 Attendance of Quorum of Council at Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Conference**

**Recommended (Move, Second)**

THAT, it is acknowledged that Mayor Matrosovs, and Councillors Ardiel, Hope and Maxwell of the Town of The Blue Mountains, will be attending the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Conference from April 29 to May 2, 2025; AND THAT, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Procedural By-law 2023-62, it is not intended that a meeting of Council shall automatically occur because a quorum of the members is present at the event, and Council confirms that while attending the OSUM Conference, Council will not deal with any matter that materially advances the business or decision making of Council.

**F.3 Response to Deputation of Jeff Thompson, Alpine Canada, CS.25.014**

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**Recommended (Move, Second)**

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.014, entitled “Response to Deputation of Jeff Thompson, Alpine Canada”;

AND THAT Council authorize temporary relief to By-law 2022-49 being a By-law to regulate parking, standing and stopping of motor vehicles on roads and properties under the jurisdiction of the Town of The Blue Mountains, March 14 and 15, 2025 between 9:00am and 6:00pm on Craighleith Road;

AND THAT Council waives the provisions of the Fees and Charges By-law as it relates to covering and uncovering the parking restriction signs;

AND THAT Council authorize staff to provide Town staff resources and equipment to Alpine Canada for the 2025 Ski Cross World Cup event, described in the analysis section as available.

**G. By-laws**

**G.1 By-law to authorize the use of voting and vote-counting equipment for the 2026 municipal and school board election, and to authorize electors to use an alternative voting method (internet and telephone) for the 2026 municipal and school board election**

**Recommended (Move, Second)**

THAT By-law No. 2025-07, being a By-law to authorize the use of voting and vote-counting equipment for the 2026 municipal and school board election, and to authorize electors to use an alternative voting method (internet and telephone) for the 2026 municipal and school board election, be hereby

enacted as passed this 18th day of February, 2025.

## H. New and Unfinished Business

### H.1 Grey County Council Update (Mayor, Deputy Mayor)

### H.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

#### H.2.1 Councillor Porter Notice of Motion Re: Status of Projects by Budget Year

**Note: Councillor Porter provided the following Notice of Motion at the February 3, 2025 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 direct staff to provide the status of previously approved projects by budget year of approval from this and the previous term of council. The status is to provide source of funding, if they have been initiated or not, and if they have been initiated the percentage completed against target date of completion. Capital Project Managements listed on page 118 of the 2025 draft budget are excluded.

#### H.2.2 Councillor Maxwell Notice of Motion Re: Promotional Currency **Note: Councillor Maxwell provided the following Notice of Motion at the February 3, 2025 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)**

WHEREAS we are anticipating turbulent economic times and recognize the need to boost local economic resilience;

AND WHEREAS we are mindful of the vital role municipal taxpayers play in supporting community businesses and stakeholders, including small business owners, larger enterprises, agri-tourism and tourism operators, non-profits, and service clubs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of the Blue Mountains directs staff to investigate the feasibility of implementing a promotional currency for the Town that encourages residents to buy local and that supports our diverse community stakeholders.

The staff report will focus on, but not be limited to:

1. Assessing the potential economic benefits and risks of the promotional currency;
2. Evaluating the financial viability and any associated costs;
3. Identifying legal or regulatory considerations;
4. Reviewing best practices and relevant case studies from

other municipalities.

5. **The findings will be compiled in a report to be presented to Council within 90 days.**

**H.2.3 Councillor Maxwell Notice of Motion Re: Sponsorship**  
**Note: Councillor Maxwell provided the following Notice of Motion at the February 3, 2025 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)**

WHEREAS the Town of The Blue Mountains recognizes that its official logo and other branding materials are key assets that carry significant promotional and financial value when used by external organizations; and

WHEREAS the third party use of the Town Logo—appearing on letters of support, website content, print materials, and social media—enhances our public image and lends credibility to communications, thereby creating potential opportunities to generate revenue or secure in-kind sponsorships; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of the Blue Mountains directs staff to prepare and present to Council a report that assesses the overall financial and promotional value of the Town’s branding assets when used externally, and to explore how these branding assets can be further leveraged through structured sponsorship and naming rights agreements on municipal lands and buildings to support the funding of community projects and municipal services.

**H.2.4 Councillor Maxwell Notice of Motion Re: Support Local**  
**Note: Councillor Maxwell provided the following Notice of Motion at the February 3, 2025 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)**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of The Blue mountains (TBM) directs staff to engage with community partners and stakeholders to develop, encourage, and implement a “Buy Local” initiative. This program will aim to increase access to affordable agricultural products produced within a 100 mile radius, thus bolstering our local economy and ensuring food affordability for our citizens and when possible engage all of the business community

**H.3 Additions to Agenda**

**H.4 News and Celebrations**

**I. 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, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose, and with regard to correspondence received;
- ii. litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose, and with regard to an Ontario Land Tribunal matter

Council moved into closed session at \_\_\_\_p.m.

Council moved into public session at \_\_\_\_p.m.

**I.1 Closed Session Reporting Out Statement**

**J. Notice of Meeting Dates**

Committee of the Whole Meeting, Administration, Corporate & Financial Services, Strategic Initiatives, and Community Services, February 24, 2025  
Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

Committee of the Whole Meeting, Operations, and Planning & Building Services, February 25, 2025  
Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

Council Meeting, March 10, 2025  
Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

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

**K. Confirmation By-law**

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**Recommended (Move, Second)**

THAT By-law No. 2025-08, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on February 18, 2025 be hereby enacted as passed this 18th day of February, 2025.

**L. Adjournment**

**Recommended (Move, Second)**

THAT this Council does now adjourn at (time) p.m. to meet again March 10, 2025 Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual, or at the call of the Chair.