

# **Minutes**

# The Blue Mountains, Committee of Adjustment

Date: May 21, 2025 Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual Meeting

32 Mill Street, Thornbury ON

Prepared by: Carrie Fairley, Secretary-Treasurer

Members Present: Michael Martin, Duncan McKinlay, Jim Oliver, Jan Pratt, Robert Waind

Staff Present: Manager of Community Planning, Shawn Postma, Planner 1, Manuel

Riveria and Deputy Chief Building Official, Nancy Laythorpe

## A. Call to Order

## A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

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#### A.2 Committee Member Attendance

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Secretary-Treasurer Carrie Fairley noted all members were present in Council Chambers.

# A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Robert Waind Seconded by: Jan Pratt

THAT the Agenda of May 21, 2025, be approved as circulated, including any additions to the agenda.

Yay (5): Michael Martin, Duncan McKinlay, Jim Oliver, Jan Pratt, and Robert Waind

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

## A.4 Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, the Town Committee of Adjustment By-Law 2024-04, and the Town Procedural By-law 2023-62, Committee of Adjustment Committee Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

#### A.5 Previous Minutes

Moved by: Robert Waind Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT the Minutes of April 16, 2025, be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (5): Michael Martin, Duncan McKinlay, Jim Oliver, Jan Pratt, and Robert Waind

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

## A.6 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None

# B. Public Meeting

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** Minor Variance Application No. A07-2025

Owner: Blue Mountain Resort LP

Applicant/Agent: Colin Travis, Travis & Associates Municipal Address: 190 Gord Canning Drive

Legal Description: COLLINGWOOD CONS 1 to 3 PT, LOTS 16 to 18 PT RD ALLOW AND RP

16R1663 PT PART 5 RP 16R1677 PARTS 1 and 3 PT, PART 2 RP 16r4300 Parts 2

Chair Oliver read aloud the Public Meeting Notice, and the Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that the Public Hearing Notice was circulated in accordance with the Planning Act by pre-paid first-class mail and was posted on-site on the subject lands. The Secretary-Treasurer provided a summary of all written comments received as a result of

the Public Notice. Planning Staff then provided an overview of the review and recommendations contained in the Staff Recommendation Report.

Member McKinlay noted that there is an error in the Bylaw noted in the Notice of Public Meeting.

Member Waind noted that he has been involved with the municipality for over 40 years, including being intricately involved in the development of Zoning By-law 83-40, which is the first comprehensive zoning by law for the town. Member Waind noted he was at the Board hearing for the Village core in 1986 and was involved in developing the Master Development Agreement for Blue Mountain Resort. Member Waind noted his confusion stating hours and hours were spent trying to define the recreational ski area at the base of the mountain, with the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Member Waind noted that eventually, the recreational ski area was established at the base of the mountain, to accommodate base lodges and maintenance facilities. Member Waind further noted his understanding is all that would be needed would be a set of drawings for a building permit, because a base lodge is a permitted use within the recreational ski area, as of right.

Shawn Postma, Manager of Community Planning provided more context noting that here there are two things that we are looking at when speaking about recreational skiing. Shawn noted the first is the Official Plan designation, this property is located in the recreational ski designation under the Official Plan, which does speak to those resort uses the base lodges, maintenance facilities, and those things that help support the resort itself. Shawn further noted that under the zoning bylaw, these lands are zone C5-67 zone. Back in 2000, these lands, including the existing base lodge and the commercial resort units next door, were all put into this commercial C5-67 zone. And that zoning by law also applies to the entire village core. Shawn further noted a decision was made back in 2000, but he did not have full history behind it. Shawn noted that the subject lands where the Discovery Center is to be located and where they want to put the base lodge building on is in the C5-67 zone, and it's not in the recreational ski zone. Shawn further noted that if it was in the recreational ski zone, Member Waind would be correct, there would be no requirement for a minor variance because a base lodge is permitted in the recreational ski zone. Shawn noted that since these lands are zoned commercial C5-67 zone, along with the rest of the village, there was consideration that all of these lands need to be considered as part of the village core, and those uses that are permitted within that C5-67 zone. Member Waind questioned if the C5-67 was a mapping error or if it did not comply with the Official Plan and noted that the recreational ski area should not have been included as part of the village core designation, as it is a different property. Member Waind provided background

information to the Committee regarding the different properties and areas. Member Waind further suggested that this possibly could have been an error in the mapping, lumping the C5-67 designation into the village core, with no right to do so, whereas the recreational ski designation is for base lodges, maintenance facilities, day skiing facilities, lunch facilities, and maybe even locker rooms. Member Waind noted his opinion, that the Town has made a mistake, or a mapping error has occurred, and this application should not be before this Committee, unless there's a minor tweaking to the lands that are incorporated in the C5-67 zone, that was done in error.

Member McKinlay questioned what is included in the village core C5-67 designation. Shawn noted that the C5-67 zone and the C-568 zone are the two zones that apply to the village core area, as well as the existing village central base lodge, which is the location of the proposed Discovery Center. Member McKinlay questioned if C5-67 zone is part of the Master Development Agreement area. Shawn noted that the Master Development Agreement is located within the C5-67 zone, however, where the Discovery Center and the existing Village Base Central Base Lodge is located is outside of the Master Development Agreement, inside the C5-67 zone. Member McKinlay questioned what the force and intent of removing the designation from recreational skiing and putting it into a designation that doesn't allow for ski facilities. Shawn noted that Staff have been researching that question. Shawn further noted that the C5-67 zone was put on those lands back in the mid 1980's, around 1985 or 1986. Member McKinlay questioned if the change happened in 2000, which Shawn noted they were updated in 2000. Shawn further noted the original lines were drawn back in the mid-1980's, and Staff could not find any evidence in terms of why the lines were drawn as they were drawn. But those lines have been in place since the 1980's and again updated in 1999 and again in 2000.

Member McKinlay questioned the proposed uses of the building, noting it is currently not being used as a Discovery Centre. Shawn noted that the boundaries are drawn, they do encompass all of those buildings that are part of the resort village. Shawn further noted there's a hard boundary between the recreational ski land use designation and the Official Plan and the Village Core and noted that the site does essentially work and operate as one, even though there's different ownership structures and there's a different intent for those buildings.

The Committee and Staff further discussed the merits of the application and the permitted uses within the designated areas.

Staff noted that preliminary conversations have occurred regarding a by-law amendment to take a more holistic approach and potentially correcting where some lines should have been drawn.

Chair Oliver spoke about zoning noting it is unclear as to what are the permitted uses for 15.1.a.

Colin Travis, Planning Consultant, Travis & Associates spoke regarding this application and the zoning on this property noting that they do not agree with the recommendations of Staff. Colin provided an overview of his presentation in support of the application.

The Committee discussed the application with Colin and provided suggestions on how to resolve the application.

Member Waind provided suggestions to Staff on revisions that could be made to by-law to address these issues moving forward.

The Committee, Staff and the Applicant's Agent further discussed the issues of this application.

Chair Oliver then opened the public portion of the hearing and asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak to the application.

As there was no one else in attendance to speak in favour of or in opposition to the proposal, Chair Oliver closed the public meeting.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay Seconded by: Jan Pratt

THAT the Committee of Adjustment receive Staff Report PBS.25.036, entitled "Recommendation Report – Minor Variance A07-2025 – Lot 17, Concession 2 (Blue Mountain Resort LP)";

Yay (5): Michael Martin, Duncan McKinlay, Jim Oliver, Jan Pratt, and Robert Waind

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: Duncan McKinlay

AND THAT the Committee of Adjustment GRANT a minor variance from Township of Collingwood By-law 83-40 as amended:

- 1. To add "Base Lodge" as a permitted use to Section 15.1a) of the Village Commercial (C5-67) Zone; and
- 2. to permit the relocation of the existing 250 m2 Discovery Centre building to the Village Commercial C5-67 zone as a permitted use under Section 15.1a)

Subject to the following Conditions:

- 1) That the Base Lodge be located substantially in accordance with the submitted Site Plan Drawing
- 2) That this variance decision is intended for building permit only and shall expire in 2 years from date of approval

Yay (5): Michael Martin, Duncan McKinlay, Jim Oliver, Jan Pratt, and Robert Waind

## The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

#### Amendment:

Moved by: Robert Waind

Seconded by: Michael Martin

Amendment - Addition of:

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#### Conditions:

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#### The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

# C. Other Business

Chair Oliver asked staff to bring a report to a future meeting detailing the implications of new provincial legislation, particularly "Bill 5", for local municipal planning authority and specifically for committees of adjustment. Shawn Postma advised that this would be done as soon as possible

# D. Committee Member Expenses

# E. Notice of Meeting Date

June 18, 2025
Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

July 16, 2025

Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

# F. Adjournment

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT the Committee of Adjustment does now adjourn at 3:16 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Yay (5): Michael Martin, Duncan McKinlay, Jim Oliver, Jan Pratt, and Robert Waind

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)



# **Minutes**

# Thornbury Business Improvement Area

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Meeting Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
Prepared by: Niki Hilton, General Manager

### A. Call to Order

### A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

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#### A.2 Board of Directors Attendance

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. In attendance were Renee Desrochers, Kelly, Gale, Lesley Fisher, Joe Halos, Councillor Shawn McKinlay and Chair Smith. Marco Santaguida was absent.

Town staff present were Tim Hendry, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services and Allan Gibbons, Manager of Communications and Customer Service.

#### A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved: Kelly Gale Seconded: Councillor McKinlay

THAT the Agenda of Wednesday, May 7, 2025, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

Yay (6): Renee Desrochers, Lesley Fisher, Kelly Gale, Councillor Shawn McKinlay, Joe Halos, and Chair Smith

Absent (1): Marco Santaguida

The motion is Carried (6 to 0, 1 absent)

#### A.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* Business Improvement Area Directors must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

## A.5 Previous Minutes (Wednesday, April 2, 2025)

Moved: Lesley Fisher Seconded: Kelly Gale

Yay (6): Renee Desrochers, Lesley Fisher, Kelly Gale, Councillor Shawn McKinlay, Joe Halos, and Chair Smith

Absent (1): Marco Santaguida

The motion is Carried (6 to 0, 1 absent)

# B. Deputations and Public Comment Period

#### B.1 Deputations, if any

None

#### **B.2** Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

None

### C. Matters for Discussion

# C.1 Council Update – Councillor, Shawn McKinlay

Councillor McKinlay relayed that the request to move the BIA reserve into an interest incurring account was carried.

### C.2 Community Safety- Sgt. Mark Stadig (OPP)

Sgt. Mark Sadig provided an update about what's going on in the Town of The Blue Mountains and Collingwood. He requested input from businesses in the area as to how they've been affected by theft in the downtown area. He is working on putting crime prevention strategies in place.

### C.3 MAT Committee Update – Joe Halos

Joe provided an overview of who sits on the MAT committee, comprised of tourism and accommodations operators. The Town receives 50% of MAT and 50% goes to the Blue Mountain Village Association and the Destination Marketing Organization.

Tim Hendry noted until the full amount is known, it's difficult to plan. This year will be focused on maintaining what's already happening in the community and building the strategy. He spoke about the tourism strategy that's been in development. There will be a new organization to market and drive visitors across the entire Town of The Blue Mountains. Tim explained that one of the goals is to open a granting stream for the BIAs to apply to access funding to enhance investments.

#### C.4 Draft 2025 Budget

Chair Smith explained the levy will not be increased this year. The BIA is still waiting for the 2024 audit which will be approved at the AGM. Niki said that the draft budget was circulated to membership in the agenda package with a call for comments. No comments were submitted by the deadline.

## **C.5** Sub-Committee Updates

### 1. Budget & Administration Sub-Committee: Doug, Renee, Joe

Chair Smith thanked the committee for helping form the 2025 draft budget.

## 2. Marketing Sub-Committee: Kelly, Shawn, Andrea

Niki provided updates about the BIA's first session with Town + County Collective, mycollingwood.ca annual listing, social media campaigns, attending the OBIAA weekly video meetings.

Niki presented information about the QR code project and detailed the options for consideration. Andrea from Soma Leaf has consulted on this project. Niki detailed a free QR code, a paid QR code, Whisp, which provides back-end data through contesting, Mapme, an interactive map of businesses, and the recommended option, Driftscape.

Niki explained Driftscape provides the opportunity to create immersive and interactive experience like audio tours, walking tours, scavenger hunts, contests, and a full business listing that is mapped and pulls information from each business' Google listing. A discussion about Driftscape ensued. Chair Smith requested a quote without the contest element.

#### Driftscape

Moved: Lesley Fisher Seconded: Kelly Gale

THAT the Thornbury BIA goes ahead with the Driftscape QR code.

Yay (5): Lesley Fisher, Kelly Gale, Councillor Shawn McKinlay, Joe Halos, and Chair Smith

Absent (2): Marco Santaguida and Renee Desrochers (left meeting at 9 a.m.)

The motion is Carried (5 to 0, 2 absent)

#### 3. Beautification Sub-Committee: Lesley, Renee

Renee asked for an update on the lamp posts on Bruce St S and for an update on the GFIs. Ryan Gibbons indicated an electrician was on site working on the issue.

Renee asked Tim for an update about repairing the rainbow crosswalk. Tim explained that the Town is working with a contractor on the issue. All three painted crosswalks need repair in the Town of the Blue Mountains. Staff recommendation is to remove it and look for other options of Pride recognition.

Renee asked for an update as to when the spring banners would be put up. Ryan responded that Terry would reach out to Niki about the timing.

### 4. Events & Cultural Tourism Sub-Committee: Renee, Kelly, Shawn

Niki provided an update about the recent Meet & Greet.

Niki provided an update about the upcoming Flower Market taking place on May 31. She is looking for someone with a truck to help set up and take down a tent and tables. Joe offered to help.

Niki provided an update about participating in the Volunteer Fair. People were most interested in volunteering with Wag-o-ween.

Niki provided an update about musicians playing in the parkette.

Niki provided an update about Canada Day. Bruce Wine Bar would like to provide food. Ryan mentioned he would like to have a Canada Day logistics meeting soon.

Niki provided an update on the Arts Walk. Clarksburg Village Association is going forward with organizing the event on Saturday, July 12 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. The BIA will support with communicating to the Thornbury businesses, coordinating the map design with the Town, and other marketing tasks.

## C.6 Signage Update – Niki Hilton

Niki showed the designs for the new directional banners.

# D. Correspondence

#### **D.1** (none)

# E. New and Unfinished Business

#### E.1 Additions to the Agenda

Tim recapped the exterior work happening on The Corner Café & Grill building.

#### E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

#### 1. Annual General Meeting

Chair Smith explained that the requirements of the AGM require us to move the next meeting to June 11, 2025. Joe mentioned he will not be in attendance.

#### **AGM**

Moved: Lesley Fisher Seconded: Kelly Gale

THAT the Thornbury BIA moves the Annual General Meeting and BIA Board Meeting by a week to Wednesday, June 11 at 8 a.m. at Town Hall, Council Chambers in person.

Yay (5): Lesley Fisher, Kelly Gale, Councillor Shawn McKinlay, Joe Halos, and Chair Smith

Absent (2): Marco Santaguida and Renee Desrochers

The motion is Carried (5 to 0, 2 absent)

# F. Notice of Meeting Dates

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – BIA AGM Meeting Town Hall, Council Chambers (in-person)

# G. Adjournment

Moved: Councillor McKinlay Seconded: Lesley Fisher

THAT this meeting does now adjourn at 9:51 a.m. to meet again on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at Council Chambers, Town Hall or at the call of the Chair.

Yay (5): Councillor Shawn McKinlay, Joe Halos, and Chair Smith

Absent (2): Marco Santaguida and Renee Desrochers

The motion is Carried (5 to 0, 2 absent)



# **NVCA June 2025 Board Meeting Highlights**

Next Meeting: September 26, 2025, held in person at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation

For the full meeting agenda, including documents and reports, visit NVCA's website.

# **Permits Approvals under the CA Act**

NVCA reports permit application processing timelines against Conservation Ontario's Best Practices timelines, which recommend conservation authorities to follow these timelines:

- Major permits processed within 90 days
- Minor permits processed within 30 days
- Notify applicants of the status of their applications within 21 days.

Between January 1, 2025, and May 31, 2025, 211 permits were issued by NVCA

On average, NVCA issued minor and major permits within 18 days of a complete application.

Major permits were issued within 90 days 98% of the time, and Minor permits were issued 100% of the time. Applicants were notified about the status of their applications within 21 days, 91% of the time.

#### **Process improvements**

In the Spring of 2024, NVCA staff began to prescreen applications. Since then, staff have noticed a decrease in review timelines, as most applications did not require further technical information and are contenders for direct issuance.

This change in the permitting process has allowed NVCA's technical staff to focus efforts on more complex files.

# **Regulations Mapping Update**

As part of the update to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and Ontario Regulation 41/24,

conservation authorities must review regulation

mapping and determine if updates to the maps are required at least once each year.

Staff have been actively updating and developing draft mapping since late 2024 by using the best available information and collection techniques.

With higher resolution data and modelling advancements, NVCA staff decreased regulated lands by more than 32,000 ha; a reduction of approximately 18% of the total regulated area within NVCA's jurisdiction.

Below is a summary of changes:

- Wetlands: 5,852 wetland boundaries were updated
- Slopes: Updated using newly acquired LiDAR elevation data.
- Flood: 2,121 hectares of floodplain mapping were updated in the Upper Mad River subwatershed and the Lower Nottawasaga River reach.
- Shoreline: Updated 42 km of shoreline hazard mapping

Through the stakeholder engagement process, NVCA received 32 comments from municipalities and property owners in the Nottawasaga Watershed.

# **Administrative Review of Programs** and Services

As per the changes to the *Conservation*Authorities Act in 2023, NVCA's programs and services are categorized under Categories 1, 2, and 3. Programs and services related to hazard management or mitigation are generally considered Categories 1 or 2.

NVCA's stewardship and restoration services programs were identified exclusively as 'Category 3' based solely on whether activities occur on NVCA or private lands.

Upon review, this categorization may not reflect the broader watershed-scale benefits of many projects, particularly those related to natural hazard mitigation, regardless of property ownership.

The Board of Directors approved NVCA staff to review these services and recommend any classification changes to better align with regulatory definitions and the multi-functional benefits of these services, particularly as they relate to flood, erosion, and hazard management.

# **2024 Customer Satisfaction Report**

In 2013, NVCA adopted a Customer Service Charter and Strategy that sets out the authority's commitment to providing excellence in customer service. Continuous improvement is a key element of the charter.

Each year, NVCA publishes a Customer Satisfaction Report that summarizes data collected through surveys and client reviews.

<u>Please visit NVCA's website to view the 2024</u> <u>Customer Service Satisfaction Report.</u>

#### Regulations

Of 523 permits issued in 2024, 30 individuals and organizations completed a client survey on the NVCA permit application process.

In general, 90% of the responses ranked NVCA's permitting process as good or excellent in 2024, signalling that respondents were more satisfied with NVCA's permitting process than in 2022 (68% satisfied) and 2023 (73% satisfied).

#### Stewardship

NVCA's stewardship services include the Nottawasaga River Restoration Program, the Healthy Waters grant program, and other projects to protect and enhance our watershed.

Through working with funders, landowners, volunteers and local partners, over 16,000 trees and 7.6 km of rivers and streams were restored by the stewardship services team!

Comments received from funders and landowners generally applaud the expertise and results achieved by NVCA's stewardship staff.

#### Lands

NVCA's conservation areas received 85 reviews on Google's business listings in 2024. Eighty-eight percent (88%) of the reviews were 4-star or 5-star reviews.

The conservation areas that received the most reviews were Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area, New Lowell Conservation Area and Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area.

#### **Education**

NVCA's environmental education program provides hands-on, curriculum-aligned programs for JK to grade 12 students. In 2024, NVCA's Environmental Education program saw over 14,000 participants, from toddlers to seniors.

Both students and teachers were highly engaged and enthusiastic throughout the environmental education programming. Multiple teachers remarked on the unprecedented level of student interest in the programs. Students enjoyed exploring natural areas around their schools and comparing them to their urban environments, often discovering animal tracks and signs of wildlife.

# **Events/Public Programming/Facility Rentals**

NVCA hosted the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival and the Festival at Fort Willow in 2024.

Approximately 2,500 visitors came to the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival to learn past and present methods of maple syrup production. They also interacted with exotic animals, took a tractor wagon ride, watched a dog agility demonstration and more!

Reenactor groups at the Festival at Fort Willow were thrilled to share the history of the local area.

Organizations that rented facilities at NVCA commented that NVCA staff provided excellent customer service and that the properties were well maintained.

#### **Weddings**

In 2024, the Tiffin Centre for Conservation hosted 25 wedding celebrations. Eleven of these couples responded to a wedding feedback survey.

Of those responding, 100% rated NVCA's customer service as excellent, and 100% said they would recommend the Tiffin Centre as a wedding venue to others.

# Chloride concentrations and road salt issues in the Nottawasaga watershed

Despite years of guidance and consultation efforts from conservation authorities, private road salt usage continues to rise, driven primarily by liability concerns faced by contractors and property owners.

Data published by the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks in 2022 implicates road salting activities for winter safety as a primary contributor to elevated chloride concentrations, particularly in southern Ontario.

NVCA data shows a similar increasing trend in chloride concentrations.

Although chloride concentrations in NVCA watercourses are below the long-term concentration Canadian Water Quality Guideline of 120 mg/L, forecasting based on current trends suggests exceedances could become regular in the next decade.

NVCA's Board of Directors passed a resolution urging the Province of Ontario to adopt legislation to limit liability for certified snow and ice contractors following provincially endorsed best practices; and to create a provincial advisory committee to guide salt reduction strategies and protect Ontario's freshwater resources.

## **Upcoming Events**

# River restoration and tree planting events

The stewardship team will be hosting volunteer river restoration and tree planting events this summer. Dates and locations will be posted on NVCA's website as soon as they are available.

Date: June, July, August

Location: Throughout the Nottawasaga

Watershed