



# Agenda

## The Blue Mountains, Council Meeting

**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2026  
**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 Singing of the National Anthem

#### A.2 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.3 Approval of Agenda

##### Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT the Agenda of April 20, 2026, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

#### A.4 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.5 Previous Minutes

##### Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT the Council minutes of March 30, 2026 and the Special Meeting of Council minutes of April 2, 2026 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

### 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.

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**B.1 Jeffrey Abrams, Integrity Commissioner, Principles Integrity** 36  
**Re: Integrity Commissioner's Annual Report**

**B.2 Lynn Keays, Chair BVO Board of Directors and Carolyn Letourneau, BVO** 43  
**Executive Director**  
**Re: Update on BVO Activities, Expansion of 54 King St. E. and Request for Support**

**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.1.4, 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 Niki Hilton, General Manager, Thornbury Business Improvement Area** 60  
**Board (BIA)**  
**Re: Request to Appoint New BIA Board Members**  
**(For Council Consideration)**

**D.1.2 Lynn McClellan, President, The Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario** 64  
**Command**  
**Re: Military Service Recognition Book**  
**(For Council Consideration)**

**D.1.3 Laura and Michael Lucas, Residents** 66  
**Re: Ontario Heritage Tree in Ravenna**  
**(Receive For Information)**

**D.1.4 Barbara Finlay, Acting Ombudsman of Ontario** 69  
**Re: Closed Meeting Complaint**  
**(Receive For Information)**

**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 April 20, 2026, Council Agenda, for information, less any items pulled for separate discussion.

**D.2.1 Thornbury Business Improvement Area Board Minutes dated  
February 4, 2026**

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**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 April 20, 2026, 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 April 7, 2026**

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**D.3.2 Committee of the Whole Report dated April 13, 2026  
Please Note: This Committee Report will be available April 14, 2026**

**E. Motions and Staff Reports**

**F. By-laws**

**F.1 By-law to Designate the municipally owned lands known as Block 27, Plan 16M14, Town of The Blue Mountains, to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

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**Recommended (Move, Second)**

THAT By-law No. 2026-16, being a By-law to Designate the Municipally Owned Lands known as Block 27, Plan 16M14, Town of the Blue Mountains, to be of Cultural Heritage, Value or Interest be enacted as passed this 20th day of April 2026.

**F.2 By-law to Permanently Close a Portion of Lansdowne St. S. Unopened Road Allowance**

**Recommended (Move, Second)**

THAT By-law No. 2026-17, being a By-law to Permanently Close a Portion of Lansdowne St. S. unopened road allowance between Alfred St. W and the intersection of Alice St. W. and Beaver St. S., be enacted as passed this 20th day of April, 2026.

**G. New and Unfinished Business**

**G.1 Grey County Council Update (Mayor, Deputy Mayor)**

**G.2 Notice of Motion (Council)**

**G.2.1 Councillor Porter Notice of Motion regarding the Accountability & Transparency Committee Discussion Paper "Guardian Layer and Strategy Plan Alignment"**  
Councillor Porter provided the following Notice of Motion at the March 30, 2026 Council Meeting. This Notice of Motion will be included on the April 20, 2026 Council Agenda, for Council consideration. In accordance with the Procedural Bylaw, this Notice of Motion requires a mover and a seconder to be considered by Council.

**Recommended (Move, Second)**

THAT Council acknowledges the Accountability and Transparency Committee's Discussion Paper, *Guardian Layer and Strategy Plan Alignment*, as a constructive set of recommendations intended to strengthen accountability, transparency, and evidencebased decisionmaking across the organization.

AND WHEREAS the Discussion Paper identifies specific tools and measurable outcomes including a Three-Filter Test (Stop, Synergy, KPI), report tagging, standardized templates, notices of motion and delegations to be aligned with the Strategic Plan and KPI audits as necessary to ensure strategic alignment and evidence-based decision-making

AND THAT Council directs staff to give serious consideration to the Discussion Paper's recommendations, including how these tools could potentially benefit staff reports and business plans for the 2027 budget cycle.

**G.2.2 Councillor Porter Notice of Motion regarding Community Safety Zone in Redwing**  
Councillor Porter provided the following Notice of Motion at the March 30, 2026 Council Meeting. This Notice of Motion will be included on the April 20, 2026 Council Agenda, for Council consideration. In accordance with the Procedural Bylaw, this Notice of Motion requires a mover and a seconder to be considered by Council.

**Recommended (Move, Second)**

WHEREAS this Notice of Motion aligns with the new Strategic Plan, specifically the pillar: Community for Everyone, which aims to foster a safe, inclusive, and accessible community where people of all ages and stages of life can thrive through the initiative to continue to enhance safety for all road users;

AND WHEREAS on April 22, 2025, a public deputation was made to Council, supported by fifteen local residents, requesting a Community Safety Zone designation for Redwing;

AND WHEREAS Council subsequently directed staff on November 18, 2025 (via Staff Report OPS.25.047) to hold a public meeting regarding

a new Community Safety Zone Policy;

AND WHEREAS Council approved the recruitment of a Traffic Technologist during the 2026 Budget process to provide the technical expertise required to advance these safety initiatives;

AND WHEREAS nearly a full calendar year has passed since the initial community request without a formal policy update or a public meeting date being established;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to provide a staff report to Council by May 11, 2026, outlining the current status of the Traffic Technologist recruitment;

AND FURTHER THAT should the recruitment be unsuccessful or delayed, staff also provide an alternative work plan or interim strategy in the May 11, 2026 staff report to ensure the Community Safety Zone Policy and the Redwing request continue to progress in a timely manner.

- G.2.3 Councillor Ardiel Notice of Motion regarding an Invitation to the BWDSB Trustee to attend a Council Meeting**  
Councillor Ardiel provided the following Notice of Motion at the March 30, 2026 Council Meeting. This Notice of Motion will be included on the April 20, 2026 Council Agenda, for Council consideration. In accordance with the Procedural Bylaw, this Notice of Motion requires a mover and a seconder to be considered by Council.

**Recommended (Move, Second)**

Whereas, the Council of The Blue Mountains invites Fran Morgan, our Bluewater District School Board Trustee, to a Council meeting in the very near future so members of Council can have a discussion regarding matters that have been in the public forum, regarding a new school, or the expansion of Beaver Valley Community School;

Also, the possible elimination of elected trustees by the Provincial government.

**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. 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 in regard to contract negotiations

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

Council, Public Meeting, April 21, 2026  
Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

Committee of the Whole Meeting, Administration, Corporate & Financial Services,  
Strategic Initiatives, and Community Services, April 27, 2026  
Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

Committee of the Whole Meeting, Operations, and Planning & Building Services, April  
28, 2026  
Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

Council Meeting, May 11, 2026  
Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual

### J. Confirmation By-law

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#### **Recommended (Move, Second)**

THAT By-law No. 2026-18, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on April 20, 2026, be hereby enacted as passed this 20th day of April, 2026.

### K. Adjournment

#### **Recommended (Move, Second)**

THAT this Council does now adjourn at (time) p.m. to meet again May 11, 2026, Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual, or at the call of the Chair.