

Transportation Advisory Committee

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend that this Committee not be re-established.

Council may wish to consider the establishment of a Task Force in 2025 that is tasked with completing a fulsome review of the successes, actions taken, and outstanding items that are identified in the Town's Transportation Master Plan.

Throughout 2023 and 2024 staff will be responsible for bringing forth reports that provide for clear and transparent monitoring of the Transportation Master Plan to ensure that the great work that the previous Committee completed remains a key strategic focus and priority within our community.

Previous Mandate:

The Mandate of the Town's Agricultural Advisory Committee is to:

1. Review and comment on proposed Official Plan Policy and any Zoning By-law Amendments that affect the agricultural area;
2. Identify key issues of concern for agriculture which can be addressed by local, regional, and provincial governments;
3. Provide advice, comments and recommendations on economic strategies, development plans or studies dealing with agriculture and a wide range of other rural issues;
4. Advise Council of changes and key issues within the agricultural industry;
5. Identify and recommend programs which encourage public awareness, land stewardship, and education of agricultural and rural issues;
6. Work in partnership with staff and local economic development partners to actively assist in fostering and promoting a positive community image and a healthy business environment for existing and prospective businesses.

Previous Composition:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee is comprised of up to nine (9) voluntary members.

Voting Members:

- 1 Member of Council
- 8 Members of the public at large
- Mayor as ex-officio (not counted towards Committee membership)

Previous Meeting Frequency:

Monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair.



Transportation Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. PURPOSE

The Town of The Blue Mountains ("Town") Transportation Committee ("TC") will advise Council regarding matters related to active and vehicular transportation including, but not limited to: transportation needs, transit demand, traffic and parking regulations, development activity, trails, cycling, safety.

2. MANDATE

The Mandate of the Town's TC is to:

1. Support transportation initiatives which encourage economic and environmental sustainability, promote public safety and encourage healthy active living within the community;
2. Liaise with stakeholders in the development of a sustainable transportation network in accordance with established design standards and best practices;
3. Review and/or participate in the development of Town policies, programs and initiatives including, but not limited to:
 - a) Transportation Master Plan Environmental Assessment;
 - b) Parking Strategy Study;
 - c) Comprehensive Speed Limit Review;
 - d) Trails Master Plan.

3. MEMBERSHIP / VOTING

The TC will be comprised of up to six (6) members who are appointed by Council for a term that runs concurrently with Council plus an additional six (6) months post-election. Composition is noted below:

Voting Members:

- 3 members of Council
- 3 members of the public at large
- Mayor as ex-officio (not counted towards Committee membership)

Openings for the membership shall be publicly advertised as appointment opportunities arise. Councillor Abbotts was appointed by Council as the third Council member on the Committee on March 28, 2022.

Non-Voting Members:

- Chief Administrative Officer as ex-officio
- Director of Operations
- Administrative Assistant
- Department Directors/Managers, as requested by the TC

Members will:

1. Demonstrate a strong interest in passive and active transportation opportunities;
2. Hold qualifications or expertise through work/life experience and/or academic qualifications, or other means sufficient to understand the general technical nature of transportation systems;
3. Commit to full participation in regularly scheduled day-time meetings;
4. Commit to significant preparation for meetings via agenda review including previous minutes and all documentation;
5. Participate as a leader, capable of taking an ambassador role within the community in support of all decisions made by the TC and by Council.

4. QUORUM

Quorum for the TC, per the standards of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, is 3 voting members, which must include at least one (1) Council representative, regardless of the number of members in attendance.

The Council representatives appointed to the TC count towards quorum. The Mayor as ex-officio does not count towards quorum. However, the Mayor as ex-officio does have the right to vote and make motions.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES

Should the TC feel a sub-committee is required to deal with specific issues, such sub-committees shall be ad hoc in nature, with specific, clearly articulated mandates.

Membership on sub-committees may include additional individuals with specific expertise who are not Council-appointed TC members. Sub-committees must include a member of Council in their composition and shall be composed such that a quorum of the membership is not met (maximum sub-committee membership of quorum minus 1). Sub-committees will not have the support of the Administrative Assistant and will provide an accessible report on sub-committee matters to the Transportation Committee on a minimum of a quarterly basis.

6. REMUNERATION

No compensation shall be provided to members of the TC for their participation.

7. MEETING DETAILS, AGENDA, MINUTES & PROCEDURE

The Committee will meet on the second Thursday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. Additional meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chair.

The Administrative Assistant shall send out meeting invites to all Committee members and post notice of the meeting to the Town's website.

The Call for Agenda Items will be sent out with the meeting invitation along with a deadline for quorum to be obtained. Agenda items shall be set by the Committee Chair, in consultation with and under approval of the Director of Operations. Members who wish to include an item on the Agenda shall contact the Chair for consideration. If quorum is not obtained by the deadline indicated, the meeting shall be cancelled. In the event quorum is obtained by the deadline but the TC does not have quorum the day of the meeting within fifteen (15) minutes after the hour appointed the meeting shall be cancelled.

All Council and Public Committee Members shall participate electronically in Committee Meetings. The Chair of the Committee of Council shall have their camera turned on for the duration of the meeting. When possible, all other Committee of Council Members shall endeavor to have their cameras turned on for the duration of the meeting. All members participating electronically in a Committee of Council meeting will be counted in determining a quorum in open and Closed Committee of Council meetings.

Committee Chairs shall be appointed for a term of eighteen (18) months for a total of 3 Chair appointments for the 2018-2022 Term of Council. The final term cannot be Chaired by a member of Council.

Committee meetings will be recorded and published for public view after the meeting.

Minutes will be kept by the Administrative Assistant who will distribute the minutes to all of Council in accordance with Town practice. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Town's Procedural By-law 2021-76.

The Terms of Reference is a living document and will be reviewed once per term of Council at a minimum and may be revised as required by approval of Council.

RELATED POLICIES & TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

POL.COR.07.07 Code of Conduct for Members of Council

POL.COR.17.04 Accessibility Standards for Customer Service

POL.COR.18.04 Protocol Policy for Complaints Related to Council Members and Local Boards

POL.COR.18.08 Workplace Violence & Harassment Policy

POL.COR.18.10 Social Media Policy

POL.COR.19.02 Council Staff Relationship Protocol

[Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, S.O. 2005, c.11](#)

[Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990](#)

[Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990](#)