



Notice of Public Meeting

With regard to the 2024 Development Charges Background Study and By-law 2019-17

March 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.
Hybrid Format
In-Person AND Virtual/Online

What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting pursuant to *The Development Charges Act, 1997*, regarding proposed development charge rates and policies that will be applied throughout the Town. It is proposed that enactment of a development charges by-law by Council would occur on a date subsequent to the public meeting.

Development charges are levied against new development, and are a primary source of funding for growth-related capital expenditures. The 2024 Development Charges Background Study relates to the provision of all eligible DC Services (i.e., Public Library, Fire Services, Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, By-law, Solid Waste, Road & Related, Water and Wastewater Services).

Council is required under *The Development Charges Act, 1997*, to hold at least one public meeting to allow the public the opportunity to review and provide comments on the 2024 Development Charges Background Study, related staff reports and the proposed development charges by-law.

A copy of the 2024 Development Charges Background Study was made available on the Town's website www.thebluemountains.ca on Friday, February 2, 2024. A copy of the draft development charges by-law will be made available on the Town's website on or before Tuesday, February 27, 2024 (two weeks in advance of the Statutory Public Meeting).

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Sam Dinsmore, Acting Director of Finance; **Phone:** (519) 599-3131 ext. 274; **Email:** directorfit@thebluemountains.ca

Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information provided for, or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record, including resident deputations. This information may be posted on the Town's website. and/or made available to the public upon request.

This document can be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable and upon request.

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the Development Charges Background Study and By-law has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the Development Charges Background Study, By-law and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting.

Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by 9:00 a.m. Friday, March 8, 2024, will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can be faxed to 519-599-7723, or emailed townclerk@thebluemountains.ca.

Any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses.

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber.

Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk if you would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal to:

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk
Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Fax: 519-599-7723
townclerk@thebluemountains.ca