

August 20, 2024

**RE: Permission to Digitize “An Illustrated History of Collingwood Township”**

Dear Mayor Matrosovs, Deputy Mayor Bordignon, and Members of Council:

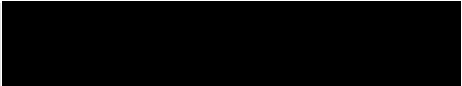
I am writing on behalf of the Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) to request permission to digitize the 1979 local history book titled “An Illustrated History of Collingwood Township” written by Bill Shannon. This text’s copyright, once held by the Municipality of Collingwood Township (Copyright No. 297947), is now under the ownership of the Town of The Blue Mountains following amalgamation, as outlined in paragraph 9 of the Amalgamation Order, which states:

“All assets and liabilities, rights and obligations including employees of the former municipalities become the assets and liabilities, rights and obligations including employees of the new [Town of The Blue Mountains].”<sup>i</sup>

“An Illustrated History of Collingwood Township” is a rare book that provides valuable, authoritative information about the area’s history. It is within the Library and Museum’s mandate to acquire materials, preserve knowledge, and make content more readily available to the public. Digitizing the text is crucial for preservation and offers additional benefits like increased accessibility and enhanced searchability for research purposes.

If granted permission to digitize “A History of Collingwood Township”, the BMPL will cover the associated costs and proceed with a local print shop.

Thank you for your consideration,



**Jennifer Murley (she/her)**  
CEO, The Blue Mountains Public Library

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<sup>i</sup> Order Made Under the Municipal Act R.S.O. c.M.45 Township of Collingwood, Town of Thornbury (1997)