



Notice of Public Open House and Public Meeting

Official Plan 5 Year Review

Public Open House: September 23, 2024
3:00pm to 6:00 pm
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

Public Meeting: October 1, 2024 at 9:30am
Hybrid Meeting In Person at:
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Virtual / Online Meeting via
Microsoft Teams or Livestream

What is being proposed?

The Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains will be considering revisions to the Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan as part of the 5 year review. The Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan describes Town Council's policies on how land in the community should be used and helps to ensure that future planning and development will meet the needs of the community. An Official Plan deals with issues such as where housing, employment, agricultural, industrial and commercial uses should be located; what services such as roads, sewers and parks will be needed to support growth; and the way in which parts of the community will grow or be protected.

The Official Plan 5 year review was completed over two Phases. Phase 1 revisions were previously presented to Council through a similar Public Open House and Public Meeting process. Phase 2 is now complete and a Draft Official Plan that consolidates the work of Phase 1 and Phase 2 is available in Track Changes and a Clean Version for review and public comment.

The Town of The Blue Mountains is looking for public input on the proposed Draft Official Plan. The Public Open House is an opportunity to ask questions and have general discussions with the Town and its consultants on the proposed revisions. The Public Meeting is held in front of Council to receive your written and verbal comments on the planned changes.

Questions? Want more information? Ask the Planner!

Shawn Postma, Senior Policy Planner

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Virtual Public Meeting Information

This Public Meeting will be held in-person and virtual (online) format. You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk in advance of the Public Meeting. All written comments are circulated to Council for their consideration. Comments received by September 27th will be summarized and read by the Town Clerk at the Meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter at the Virtual Public Meeting is encouraged to pre-register early, and no later than September 24th at 9:00am. For those without a computer, a dial-in number is available.

Anyone wishing to simply view the Public Meeting can do so from the Council Meeting Live Stream section on the Town website.

Written comments can be received by the Town Clerk by email at: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca or by regular mail: Town Clerk, Town Hall, 32 Mill St. Box 310, Thornbury ON, N0H 2P0

Contact the Town Clerk to pre-register for the virtual meeting at: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca or by calling the Town at 519-599-3131 extension 232 or by Fax: (519) 599-7723

What happens at a Public Meeting?

The public meeting is your chance to hear more about the Official Plan 5 Year Review and make your views about it known. You may speak at the meeting or submit written comments. Information from the public will help Council in their decision-making process, so make sure to have your say!

Any person or agency may attend the in-person or virtual Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments either in support or in opposition to the proposed amendments.

When will a decision be made?

A decision on this proposal has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at the Public Meeting.

Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing if you wish to receive a notice of any decision of Council on this proposal.

Where do I find more information about the proposal?

Visit the Official Plan project page on the Town Website: www.tbmblueprint.ca for additional information and regular updates. Posted to the website include:

1. **Policy Recommendation Papers**: Provides a general overview of proposed Official Plan modifications grouped by theme.
2. **Draft Official Plan (Track Changes)**: Provides all details on proposed Official Plan modifications including what text has been added and removed from the original 2016 Official Plan version.
3. **Draft Official Plan (Clean Version)**: Provides the Draft Official Plan in its entirety.

For any other questions or information requests, you may also visit us in Planning Services, at Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or contact the Planner at the contact information at the bottom of this notice.

A Key Map is not provided as the Official Plan 5 Year Review applies to the whole of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

A Note about information you may submit to the Town:

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 upon request.

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