



Staff Report

Community Services – Parks and Trails

Report To: COW- Admin, Corp and Finance, SI, Comm. Services
Meeting Date: September 15, 2025
Report Number: CS.25.035
Title: Report in response to Hazel Milne request
Prepared by: Terry Green,
Manager of Parks and Trails

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.035, entitled “Report in response to Hazel Milne request”;

AND THAT Council approve Option #1 to coordinate with the gateway entrance sign project.

B. Overview

Installation of Canadian flags throughout the town, villages and hamlets that make up the Town of The Blue Mountains.

C. Background

This staff report is being provided to Council in response to the May 2, 2025 Council Meeting, correspondence from resident, Hazel Milne.

Moved By: Paula Hope

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receives the May 2, 2025 correspondence from resident, Hazel Milne regarding Hanging of Canadian Flags throughout the Town of The Blue Mountains, and directs staff to provide a report in response to the request, including costing, implementation and location.

The feasibility of installing Canadian flags in the villages and hamlets across the Town has been examined by staff. The Town currently flies the Canadian flag at Town Hall, BVCC, Craigleith Heritage Depot, Ravenna Park, L.E. Shore Memorial Library, Moreau Park, Riverwalk Lookout, Parks Operation Centre, Cenotaph, Firehall #1, OPP Station, Harbour and seasonally on the Grey County Bridge in Clarksburg and Highway #26 bridge in Thornbury totaling 19 Canadian, 9 Provincial and 11 Town of The Blue Mountains flag locations. Additionally, there are 60 Canadian banners, Pride banners and BIA banners on the lamp posts with 64 hanging flower baskets in Thornbury.

D. Analysis

Option #1

Coordinate with the gateway entrance signs project being suggested for various locations in the Town to incorporate flag poles at each location, this would save funds by not having to acquire separate approvals for locations along MTO and Grey County Road allowances and continue with existing flagpoles and banner locations. The Parks and Trails division will work with the Communications division to determine pole locations for the community entrance signs and flagpoles. The gateway & Community Entrance Sign Program will be phased in over several years pending budget approval, with hamlet signage not expected to be installed until 2028. The entrance signage was not designed to incorporate flagpoles, but flagpoles could be located near the signs. Acquire approvals from Grey County to install flags on the bridge in the village of Heathcote like the ones in Clarksburg.

Option #2

Continue with the existing flag locations and install Canadian flags at Northwinds Beach, Little River Park and Delphi Park instead of TBM flags.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

None.

G. Financial Impacts

Cost to purchase 20' telescoping flag poles and installation \$1,500 per pole

Staff costs for installing flags and maintenance

Cost of purchasing flags \$33.00 per flag on average 2 flags per year per location.

H. In Consultation With

Allan Gibbons, Manager of Communications & Customer Service

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Terry Green, Manager of Parks and Trails parks@thebluemountains.ca.

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J. Attached

1. Current flagpole locations
2. Hazel Milne correspondence

Respectfully submitted,

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Manager of Parks and Trails

Ryan Gibbons
Director of Community Services

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Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

No Signature - Task assigned to Terry Green was completed by assistant Katie Love

Terry Green - Sep 8, 2025 - 3:15 PM

Ryan Gibbons - Sep 8, 2025 - 3:22 PM