



Notice of Public Meeting

With regard to amendments to By-law 2024-74 to establish a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) and a Municipal Accommodation Tax Reserve Fund

March 31st, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format

In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to By-law 2024-74 to establish a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) and Municipal Accommodation Tax Reserve Fund.

A summary of the proposed changes include:

- Reporting and payment deadline, both within 15 days following the end of each quarter;
- Outlines a process for non-compliance;
- Adds a \$50 administrative fee for adding the MAT to the property tax account when the owner is non-compliant;
- Non-compliant properties where the manually calculated MAT has been added to the tax roll will only be removed from the tax account if the MAT is **reported and paid** within 30 days of adding the charge to the tax account.

It is proposed that Council will consider enactment of this revised By-law at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, April 20th, 2026.

For additional information, refer to Staff Report [CFS.26.012 Municipal Accommodation Tax By-law Update](#), which is available through the Town's website.

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Monica Quinlan, Director of Corporate & Financial Services

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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 this by-law has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the 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 **Friday, March 27, 2026**, 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 **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026**.

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

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