

# The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains

## By-Law Number 2026 –

### Being a By-law to designate the municipally owned lands known as Block 27, Plan 16M14, Town of the Blue Mountains, to be of cultural heritage value or interest

Whereas the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.1990, C. O.18 (the “Act”) authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, or portions thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And Whereas the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains has caused notice of its intention to designate the Sugar Maple (*Acer Saccharum*) located on the municipally owned lands known as Block 27, Plan 16M14 to be served and published in accordance with the provisions of the Act;

And Whereas the Clerk of the municipality has not received any notice of objection to the proposed designation with the time prescribed in the Act;

And Whereas a Statement of Cultural Value or Interest is set out in Schedule “B”;

And Whereas a description of Heritage Attributes is set out in Schedule “C”;

And Whereas the Council for the Town of The Blue Mountains considers it desirable to designate the said Sugar Maple (*Acer Saccharum*) as being of cultural heritage value and interest;

Now Therefore Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the Sugar Maple (*Acer Saccharum*) located on the municipally owned property known as Block 27, Plan 16M14, and more particularly described in Schedule “A”, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Act.
2. That the Town’s legal representative is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule “A” in the proper land registry office.
3. That Town staff are hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town.

And Further that this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the enactment thereof.

Enacted and passed this                      day of                      , 2026.

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Andrea Matrosovs, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

**Schedule "A"**  
**Property Description**

Located on the southeast corner of the intersection of the 10th Line and High Bluff Lane, north of and adjacent to the Georgian Trail, a 0.42 acre municipally owned property, known as Roll Number 4242000015008450000, High Bluff Lane, Plan 16M14, Block 27, Town of The Blue Mountains.

**Schedule “B”**  
**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The property is considered for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 as amended, as representing a site of cultural heritage and interest within the Town.

A 152-year-old sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) located on the above-described property possesses significant cultural heritage value under Ontario Regulation 9/06 due to its historical, aesthetic, and contextual significance

**Historical:** The tree, estimated to be 152 years old, is a rare and enduring example of the natural heritage of the region, predating significant settlement and development in the area. It represents a living link to the pre-settlement landscape and the ecological history of the region, reflecting the prominence of sugar maples in Ontario’s early agricultural and maple syrup production traditions.

**Aesthetic:** The sugar maple exhibits exceptional visual qualities, with its expansive canopy, vibrant seasonal foliage, and robust form, making it a striking and iconic feature in the landscape. Its aesthetic appeal enhances the scenic quality of the Georgian Trail, a significant recreational corridor.

**Contextual:** The tree serves as a prominent landmark along the Georgian Trail, a key recreational trail connecting communities and attracting visitors for its natural beauty. Its highly visible location from the public road right-of-way establishes it as a defining element of the local landscape, contributing to the area’s sense of place and community identity.

**Schedule "C"**  
**Description of Heritage Attributes**

The following attributes embody the cultural heritage value of the sugar maple:

- Its age, approximately 152 years, as determined by measurement, visual assessment and historical photography.
- Its physical form, including its height, trunk diameter, and expansive canopy demonstrate its maturity and health.
- Its vibrant seasonal foliage, showcasing brilliant red, orange, and yellow hues characteristic of the species.
- Its specific location adjacent to the Georgian Trail and near the public road right-of-way, ensuring high visibility and accessibility.
- Its ecological role as a native species, supporting local biodiversity and reflecting the region's natural heritage.