



Committee Report

The Blue Mountains

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: Monday, April 13, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual Meeting
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

B. Staff Reports, Deputations, Correspondence

Administration, Corporate & Financial Services - To be chaired by Deputy Mayor Bordignon

B.1 Deputations, if any

B.1.1 Jennifer Murley, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Mountains Public Library Re: Blue Mountains Public Library Board's 2025 Annual Report

THAT Council receives the deputation of Jennifer Murley, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Mountains Public Library, providing the Blue Mountains Public Library Board's 2025 Annual Report **CARRIED**

B.1.2 Jarvis Strong, Executive Director, Escarpment Corridor Alliance Re: Request for Support and Endorsement

THAT, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the deputation of Jarvis Strong, Executive Director, Escarpment Corridor Alliance providing the request for support and endorsement regarding "The Emerging South Georgian Bay Ecological Corridor";

AND THAT Council recognizes the importance of broad ecological connectivity as a foundation of resilient growth, ecosystem services and climate resilience;

AND THAT Council acknowledges that lands within the Town form part of an emerging ecological corridor across the South Georgian Bay region;

AND THAT Council endorses the work of the Escarpment Corridor Alliance as a collaborative partner in strengthening ecological connectivity, stewardship, nature-based recreation opportunities and long-term protection of natural systems;

AND THAT staff be directed to consider opportunities to integrate ecological connectivity objectives into relevant Town initiatives, including the Natural Asset Inventory, Natural Heritage Review, land use planning, and strategic partnerships **CARRIED**

B.3 Correspondence, if any

B.3.1 Paul Reale, President, Blue Mountains Historical Society Re: Support for the Designation of the 152-Year-Old Sugar Maple at 10th Line and the Georgian Trail, ADM.26.016 (Receive For Information)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the April 13, 2026 correspondence from the Blue Mountains Historical Society regarding "Support for the Designation of the 152 Year Old Sugar Maple at 10th Line and the Georgian Trail, ADM.26.016" **CARRIED**

B.4 Staff Reports

B.4.1 Facilities Capital Projects Status Update - 02, CFS.26.023

THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.26.023, entitled "Facilities Capital Projects Status Update - 02";

AND THAT Council approves the Single Source award for the design, tender and contract administration effort for the Roads and Drainage Facilities Expansion to Tatham Engineers for \$187,500. **CARRIED**

B.4.2 Follow Up Report to March 31 Public Meeting: Changes to Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) By-law, CFS.26.026

THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.26.026, entitled "Follow Up Report to March 31 Public Meeting: Changes to Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) By-law";

AND THAT Council approve the proposed amendments to the Municipal Accommodation Tax By-law, including the implementation of a modified reporting structure based on accommodation provider size;

AND THAT staff be directed to update the By-law and implement the revised process. **CARRIED**

B.4.3 2025 Annual Fire Department Report, ADM.26.021

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.26.021, entitled "2025 Annual Fire Department Report" for information **CARRIED**

B.4.4 Emergency Turbo Repairs to Rescue 281, ADM.26.023

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.26.023, entitled "Emergency Turbo Repairs to Rescue 281";

AND THAT, as is required under section 11 of the Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy (POL.COR.07.05), Council acknowledges receipt of Staff Report ADM.26.023 for

information purposes as notification of the emergency purchase for turbo repairs to Rescue 281, funded through the Fire Department Operating Budget. **CARRIED**

B.4.5 Follow Up to Proposed Updates to Council Staff Relationship Protocol Policy, ADM.26.017

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.26.017, entitled “Follow Up to Proposed Updates to Council Staff Relationship Protocol Policy”;

AND THAT Council direct CAO Smith to provide a staff report directly to the April 20, 2026 Council Meeting, noting the revisions to the “Council Staff Relationship Protocol Policy, POL.COR.26.xx” as recommended at the April 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting;

AND THAT Council will provide recommendations for the revised Policy, further to the discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting, to CAO Smith by end of day, April 14, 2026 **CARRIED**

B.4.6 Notice of Intention to Designate a Heritage Tree, 152 Year Old Sugar Maple, 10th Line Georgian Trail, ADM.26.016

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.26.016, entitled “Notice of Intention to Designate a Heritage Tree, 152 Year Old Sugar Maple, 10th Line Georgian Trail”;

AND THAT, as no objections have been served on the Clerk of the municipality in response to the “Notice of Intention to Designate a Property Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18”, Council directs staff to include the “By-law to Designate a Property Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18” on the April 20, 2026 Council Agenda, for enactment;

AND THAT following enactment of the “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” Town staff will cause a copy of the By-law to be served upon the owner of the property (Town of The Blue Mountains), 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. **CARRIED**

B.4.7 peopleCare Long-Term Care Agreement, ADM.26.029

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.26.029, entitled “peopleCare Long-Term Care Agreement”;

AND THAT Council approves the conditional sale of land legally described as Part of PIN 37313-0528 (LT) and identified in Figure 1 for \$400,000 per acre with the total acreage to be confirmed following the completion of a survey plan;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, and all associated documentation to effect the sale of the subject lands;

AND THAT, if required, Council delegates authority to the Chief Administrative Officer, in coordination with the Director of Corporate & Financial Services, to effect the disposition of the subject lands during the “Restricted Acts Period After Nomination Day” period as set out in section 275 of the *Municipal Act*, regarding the disposition of any real or personal property of the municipality which has a value exceeding \$50,000 at the time of disposal, as the subject disposition was not included in the most recent budget adopted by Council;

AND THAT Council waives the provisions of the “Provision of Notice and Manner of Giving Notice to the Public Policy, POL.COR.24.04” as it relates to the requirement to hold a public meeting regarding the potential disposition of municipal land, it being noted that the disposition of the subject lands is conditional on a full public planning process as is required under the *Planning Act*, that requires a Public Meeting;

AND THAT Council waives the provisions of the “Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy, POL.COR.07.02” as it relates to the requirement to give notice to the public of the proposed sale for two successive weeks in a local newspaper, it being noted that the disposition of the subject lands is conditional on a full public planning process as is required under the *Planning Act*, that requires a Public Meeting, and through the *Planning Act* processes, the public will receive notice of the potential disposition

CARRIED

Strategic Initiatives - To be chaired by Councillor Porter

B.6 Deputations, if any

B.6.1 Pamela Spence, Resident Re: Agenda Item B.9.1 MAT Evaluation Results and Funding Recommendations, SI.26.013 and the View from Craigleith

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the deputation of Pamela Spence, Resident, Re: B.9.1 MAT Evaluation Results and Funding Recommendations SI.26.013 and the View from Craigleith; **CARRIED**

B.9 Staff Reports

B.9.1 MAT Evaluation Results and Funding Recommendations, SI.26.013

THAT Council receive Staff Report SI.26.013, entitled “MAT Evaluation Results and Funding Recommendations”;

AND THAT Council approves the following application for funding through the Town’s portion of Municipal Accommodation Tax:

- Application 1: Destination Marketing Organization - Tourism Branding: \$25,000
- Application 2: Thornbury Business Improvement Area - Downtown Beautification, Infrastructure and Placemaking: \$100,000
- Application 3: Blue Mountain Village Association – Winter Lights: \$169,300

- Application 4: Clarksburg Village Association – Public Washrooms and Beautification: \$140,000
- Application 5: Blue Mountain Chamber of Commerce – Refill and Recharge Project: \$40,000
- Application 6: TBM Tree Trail – Town of The Blue Mountains Tree Trail: \$8,350

AND THAT Council directs staff to prepare agreements related to the following projects and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreements based on the performance deliverables as outlined within this report. **CARRIED**

THAT, with respect to Staff Report SI.26.013, entitled “MAT Evaluation Results and Funding Recommendations”, Council approves the following application for funding through the Town's portion of the Municipal Accommodation Tax:

- Craigeith Community Working Group - Pedestrian Safety Improvements: \$70,000

AND THAT Council directs staff to prepare an agreement related to the above noted project and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement based on the performance deliverables as outlined within this report **CARRIED**

B.9.2 Sale of Explore Blue Brand Assets, SI.26.012

THAT Council receive Staff Report SI.26.012, entitled “Sale of Explore Blue Brand Assets to Destination Marketing Organization”;

AND THAT Council approves the sale of the Explore Blue brand assets, inclusive of the Explore Blue name, logo rights, social media handles and website URL (www.exploreblue.ca) for \$1.00 to the Blue Mountain Village Association for use by the Destination Marketing Organization in a manner consistent with the terms of the Municipal Accommodation Tax agreement between the Town of The Blue Mountains and the Blue Mountain Village Association;

AND THAT Council approves the preparation of an agreement based on the terms outlined in this report and directs the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement with the Blue Mountain Village Association. **CARRIED**

Community Services - To be chaired by Councillor Ardiel

B.11 Deputations, if any

B.11.1 Robert Ketchin, Georgian Hills Vineyards Re: Response to Report CS.26.016 Amendment to Request CS.26.015

THAT, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains, receives the deputation of Robert Ketchin, Georgian Hills Vineyards regarding "Staff Report CS.26.016 Followup Report to the Request of Georgian Hills Vineyard, to Amend Noise By-law Relief for the 2026 Year" **CARRIED**

B.11.2 Peter Franklyn, Resident Re: Georgian Hills Request for Variation of Exemption from Noise Bylaw, CS.26.016

THAT, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains, receives the deputation of Peter Franklyn, regarding "Staff Report CS.26.016 Followup Report to the Request of Georgian Hills Vineyard, to Amend Noise By-law Relief for the 2026 Year" **CARRIED**

B.14 Staff Reports

B.14.2 St. George's Anglican Church Sign Requests, CS.26.013

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.26.013, entitled "St. George's Anglican Church Sign Requests";

AND THAT Council directs staff to proceed with Option #3 "Site Specific Exemption" as further described within the analysis section of Staff Report CS.26.013. **CARRIED**

B.14.3 Follow-up Report to the Request of Georgian Hills Vineyard, to Amend Noise By-law Relief for the 2026 Year, CS.26.016

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.26.016, entitled "Follow-up Report to the Request of Georgian Hills Vineyard, to Amend Noise By-law Relief for the 2026 Year".

AND THAT, in response to the requested amendment, Council selects "Option #1 - Approve the Requested Amendments" as further described in the within Staff Report CS.26.016;

AND THAT Council continues to monitor outdoor sound levels compliance on an annual basis before the end of Q4 to ensure the maximum sound level remains below 45 decibels with a responsible person process in place. **CARRIED**

B.14.4 Parks, Trails, Open Space Master Plan, Overview, CS.26.021

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.26.021, entitled "Parks, Trails, Open Space Master Plan – Overview";

AND THAT Council approve a budget request of \$100,000 to complete the Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan and to refresh the Leisure Activities Plan, with final deliverables anticipated in early 2027;

AND THAT Council recognize this work as a foundational step in guiding the coordinated planning and long-term management of the Town's parks and trails system. **CARRIED**