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*Wishing you a safe and happy
Family Day!
Monday, February 15*

Town Now Accepting External Applications for Municipal Accommodation Tax Funding

The Town of The Blue Mountains is now accepting external applications for funding through the Town's share of the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT).

The MAT funding program is intended to support community-based projects, initiatives, and requests that align with Town priorities, including the Destination Strategy, Corporate Strategic Plan, and Economic Development Strategy, with a focus on delivering benefits for both residents and visitors.

The evaluation criteria reflect the Town's commitment to using tourism-generated revenues to help enhance public amenities and spaces, support local businesses, and strengthen tourism-related infrastructure, while reducing reliance on additional taxation for residents. By reinvesting MAT revenues locally, the program supports a positive cycle where visitor spending contributes to further economic activity and sustainable community growth.

"This new funding program will help ensure that MAT revenues are invested in a way that strengthens our community, supports the visitor economy, and delivers value for residents," explained Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "Council's evaluation criteria supports a consistent, accountable approach to funding decisions and will help applicants understand how proposals will be assessed."

Who Can Apply

Applications may be submitted by external organizations, including not-for-profit organizations, registered charities and Council-established Committees, Working Groups, and Task Forces.

Deadline

Completed applications must be received by Wednesday, March 4th.

How to Apply

The application form and program information are available online at: www.thebluemountains.ca/MAT

For more information, please contact:

Tim Hendry, Director of Strategic Initiatives
(519) 599-3131 ext. 282

Waste Collection

Curbside waste collection will occur as usual on Monday, February 16, and for the remainder of the week. Operations staff have provided additional reminders regarding collection:

- Weekly bag limit: the first garbage bag is free, the second bag requires one tag, and the third bag requires two tags. Each tag costs \$5.00.
- If you are placing your bins out the night before collection day, they must be placed at the curb after 7:00 p.m.
- All garbage, organics and recycling must be on the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.
- The cardboard is to be flattened, cut into 18" x 24" pieces and placed next to your recycle boxes.
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A Mid Winter Afternoon with Cello and Piano

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Both these acclaimed musicians make their home in the Blue Mountains.

Kerri McGonigle is a cellist and artistic leader whose work is rooted in historically informed practice and a deep love of expressive story telling. Equally at home as a soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral cellist, she is known for her collaborative spirit, warmth of sound, and musical curiosity. Kerri serves as Artistic Director of CBET and the Academy Concert Series, and is the newly appointed Principal Cellist of the Georgian Bay Symphony.

Christopher Burton is a native of Ottawa, where he began piano lessons at age 4, with early training in violin. He is currently music director at Grace United in Thornbury for the past 7 years. He too is equally at home performing solo or collaborative piano, and has conducted choirs, opera, musical theatre, and oratorio. He also had a brief career, as a professional violinist performing with Smokey Robinson. His experience with violin has given him special affinity to music for piano and strings.

Tickets for this special event \$40 and Students \$25, are available through Eventbrite, Church Office 519 599 2438, Thornbury Pharmasave, or at the Door.



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Bev 705-507-0563 or
Dorothy 519-599-5044

Call for Volunteers to participate on the Destination Advisory Committee

The Town of The Blue Mountains is seeking applications from members of the public for appointment to the new Destination Advisory Committee ("DAC").

The DAC will play a pivotal role in providing tourism management and destination development advice and recommendations to Council and Town staff. In addition, the DAC will work closely with Town staff to guide the implementation of the 2025 – 2030 Destination Strategy.

The mandate of the Destination Advisory Committee includes:

- Supporting implementation of the 2025 – 2030 Destination Strategy
- Reviewing opportunities and challenges to strengthen the Town's position as a leading tourism destination in Ontario
- Making recommendations to Council regarding the use of the Town's share of Municipal Accommodation Tax funds
- Acting as ambassadors and representatives of tourism to increase awareness of the economic and social benefits of tourism
- Supporting efforts to enhance, develop and retain a professional tourism workforce
- Advising on initiatives to attract investment and develop/ enhance tourism products and experiences
- The DAC will work closely with Town staff and provide regular updates to Town Council on its progress and present well-considered recommendations for Council's action.

The membership will represent the general interests of the Town's local tourism sector and community through a variety of appointed and at-large membership seats.

Applications are being accepted for the following positions:

- Two (2) at large tourism sector members, representing a range of tourism-related businesses and services, including but not limited to accommodation, retail and hospitality
- Two (2) at large general resident members
- One (1) at large agri-tourism sector member
- One (1) at large general agricultural member

Interested individuals are encouraged to complete the Application Form and include a resume, cover letter or any other background information and any special qualifications or interests related/applicable to the mandate. Please reference which position(s) you are interested in. All Applications should be submitted no later than Friday, March 6, at 1:00 pm to

Town of The Blue Mountains, Attention: Town Clerk
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, Ontario N0H 2P0
townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Shortlisted applicants will be confirmed on Tuesday, March 10, and will be invited to participate in an informal interview.

NOTE: Applicants shall be qualified electors within the Town of The Blue Mountains.



Grace United Church
140 Bruce St. S., Thornbury

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Saturday, Feb. 14

1:00-2:00pm

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Seniors Matters Today

Renewing Driver's Licenses,

Age 80 and over – There are often discussions among seniors or with seniors' family members, about renewing your driver's license when you reach 80 years of age. From then on, licenses need to be renewed every 2 years. The full requirements are clearly described on the website, Renew a G driver's licence: 80 years and over | ontario.ca If you don't have access to the internet, you could ask staff at your local library to help you find the website or talk with the staff at your nearest Service Ontario office.

At this time, (February 2026) the closest Service Ontario sites to renew your license are in Meaford and Collingwood. The Meaford location is 150 Sykes St N open 10 – 1 and 2 – 5 and the Collingwood office open 9 – 5 at 191 Hurontario St., Unit 6. (small plaza located between Hurontario and Ste. Marie Streets alongside the Giant Tiger store.) Both sites are fully equipped to do the driver's license renewal for those 80 and over, including the testing that is necessary. No appointments are necessary but there might be a wait.

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Nominations Open for 2026 Volunteer Awards

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce that the nomination period for the Town's 2026 Volunteer Recognition Awards is now open. Nominations will be accepted from **February 2 to March 6, 2026**.

Launched in 2022, the Town's annual Volunteer Recognition Awards event celebrates the outstanding residents and organizations that make The Blue Mountains a welcoming and vibrant community. This year's awards ceremony will be held at the Beaver Valley Community Centre on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** as part of National Volunteer Recognition Week.

The Volunteer Recognition Awards will feature six categories that aim to recognize individual volunteers and community groups for their contribution to the local community:

- Arts & Culture Award
- Blue Mountains Community Builder Award (Youth under 26 and Adults 26+)
- Heritage Award
- Outstanding Community Group Award
- Sports and Recreation Award
- Sustainability Award

To nominate an individual or group for their dedication to the community, please complete the online nomination form by visiting the Volunteer Recognition Awards web page.

In addition to the **Awards Ceremony**, the Town will host a Volunteer Fair from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. where local community groups can meet with the public and discuss local volunteer opportunities. An application form is available for interested groups.

To register your community group for the Volunteer Fair, or for more information regarding the Volunteer Recognition Awards, please contact:

Community Services Department

Town of The Blue Mountains (519) 599-3131 ext. 254

www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards

Seniors Matters Today

Seniors Income Tax Benefits and Credits – March 12, 2026, 12 noon – 2:30 p.m. New Territory4Seniors Beaver Valley Outreach Lunch and Learn. Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) representative Sheena Barnett, Volunteer and Benefits Outreach Program, will explain the Canadian benefits and credits for your income tax filing. It will be a virtual presentation through Zoom.

Ms. Barnett will appear on the wall screen in The Gallery of L.E. Shore Library. She will be able to answer questions from the audience as well as present the most up to date information about the tax filing for the taxation year 2025. She will also provide contacts at CRA for individuals who want to discuss their specific situations. She will be present from 12 noon until 1:15 p.m. and a light lunch will follow. Handouts will be available as well.

Senior's income levels, CPP, etc. 2026

In 2026, seniors can expect an increase in their CPP and OAS payments due to the standard inflation adjustment. The maximum monthly CPP payment will be \$1,507.65, up from \$1,433.00 in 2025. OAS payments will remain the same for the January to March 2026 quarter at \$742.31 for those aged 65-74 and \$816.54 for those aged 75 and over..

Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) coverage requires annual renewal to confirm eligibility. Everyone applying must have filed their income tax for the previous tax year. This year that means, you must have filed your income tax return for 2025 by April 30, 2026. Renewals can be completed online via My Service Canada Account, by phone at 1-833-537-4342, or through the official portal on the internet.

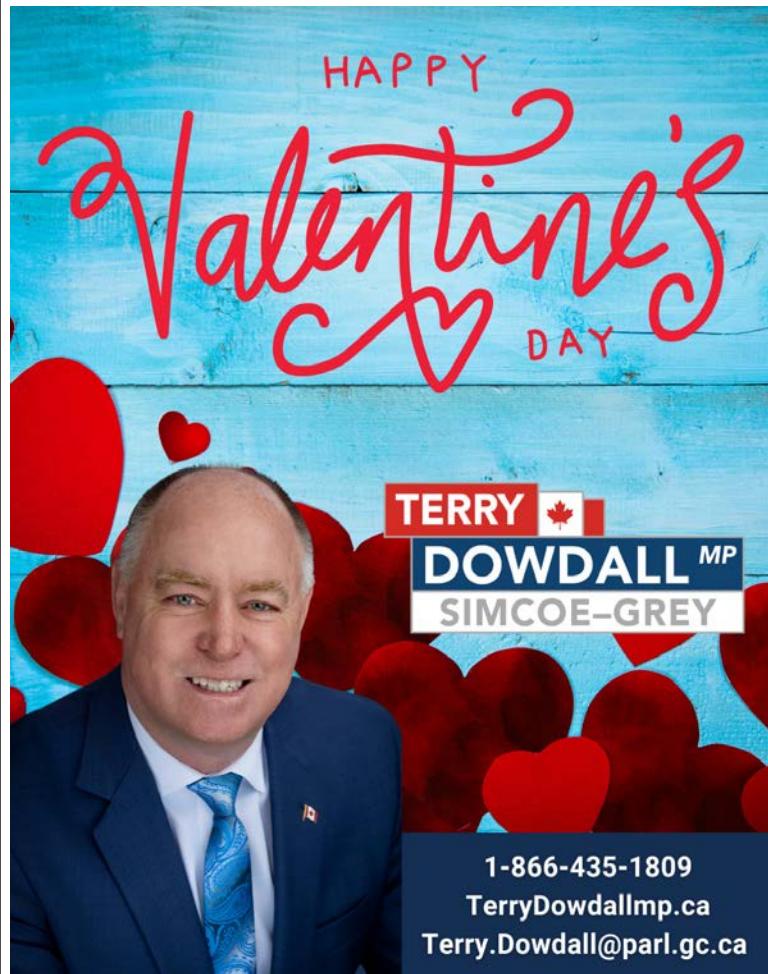
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Grey-Bruce Residents Invited To Take Survey Exploring Link Between Childhood Experiences And Health

Grey-Bruce residents can help strengthen public health programs and services in Ontario communities by participating in a pilot project aimed at exploring how childhood experiences affect health and well-being later in life.

Grey Bruce Public Health is collaborating with Public Health Ontario (PHO) on a Community Well-Being Survey.

Survey results will assist PHO and public health units to better understand the link between early life experiences and adult health, so they can design more effective, evidence-informed programs and services that support healthier communities over the long term.

"We are happy to support this Public Health Ontario-led project in Grey-Bruce," says GBPH Physician Consultant Dr. Brittany Graham.

"Grey-Bruce is made up of a diverse population with varied childhood experiences. These are the types of stories public health is hoping to learn from as part of this project. When we get a better understanding of the challenges people face early in life, we can break down barriers to health and build systems that support every person, every family, every community."

Beginning this month, many homes throughout Grey-Bruce will receive a postcard in the mail with a unique passcode and instructions to complete the Community Well-Being Survey online. Households have been randomly selected to receive a postcard, using a Canada Post mailing list, to ensure a fair and representative sample.

The survey is designed to be quick and confidential, taking about 20 minutes to complete.

All responses will be confidential and used solely for research and public health planning. The survey will remain open until Feb. 27, 2026.

Grey-Bruce residents who do not receive a postcard in the mail can still complete the survey by visiting publichealthontario.ca/childhoodsurvey.

Everyone who completes a survey will be entered into a draw for a chance to win 1 of 10 \$100 gift cards.

"At Public Health Ontario, our work is grounded in evidence that reflects the realities of people's lives. By participating in this survey, Grey-Bruce residents are helping to build a clearer picture of how childhood experiences influence adult health. This knowledge will inform more effective, equitable public health programs that support individuals and families now and for years to come," says Michael Sherar, President and CEO, Public Health Ontario.

For information, visit www.publichealthontario.ca/childhoodsurvey



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Ontario Releases 2025–26 Third Quarter Finances

Government remains focused on protecting Ontario by building a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy

The Ontario government released the 2025–26 Third Quarter Finances, to provide an update on the province's economic and fiscal outlook since the release of the 2025 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: A Plan to Protect Ontario.

Despite global economic uncertainty, the results reflect the government's responsible path to balance while continuing to make strategic investments to protect workers, support growth and keep costs down for families.

Ontario's real gross domestic product (GDP) increased by 0.5 per cent in the third calendar quarter, supported by gains in net trade. Ontario's real GDP rose by an estimated 1.2 per cent in 2025, and net debt-to-GDP is now projected to be 36.9 per cent, a decrease of 0.8 percentage points. Both of which are stronger than expected at the time of the 2025 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review showing Ontario's economic resilience in the face of U.S. tariffs.

As of the 2025–26 Third Quarter Finances, the province's 2025–26 deficit is now projected to be \$13.4 billion, while revenues are also projected to improve to \$223.7 billion, \$0.6 billion higher than expected in the 2025 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review.

The government will provide its next update by March 31, 2026 as part of the 2026 Budget.

Fiscal Review.

Interest and debt servicing charges are projected to be \$16.2 billion, consistent with the forecast in the 2025 Budget and 2025 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. Ontario's cost of borrowing for 2025–26 remains unchanged at 4.0 per cent.

The 2025 Ontario Budget included a \$2.0 billion reserve in 2025–26 to protect the fiscal outlook against any unforeseen changes in the province's revenue and expense forecasts, which has been drawn down to \$1.0 billion as part of the current fiscal outlook.

PROFITABLE PASTURES Webinar Series

TUNE IN AT 7:30PM EST EACH NIGHT



MARCH 3 Growing grass, supporting livestock: Nitrogen in pasture systems with Caroline Reisiger

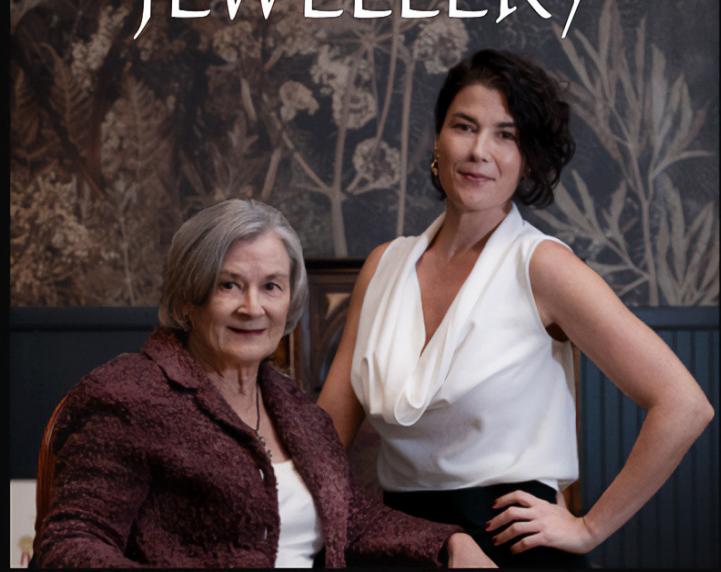
MARCH 4 Impact of grazing management on pathogen presence in livestock and the environment with Dr. Heather Murphy

MARCH 5 Watering systems on pasture Panel Discussion with Amadou Thiam, Steve Sickle & Tom Cunningham



This popular webinar series focuses on best management practices for pasture and grazing managers. Registration is required but there is no cost to attend. CEU's will be available for Certified Crop Advisors. onforagenetwork.ca/ontario-forage-council/profitable-pastures/

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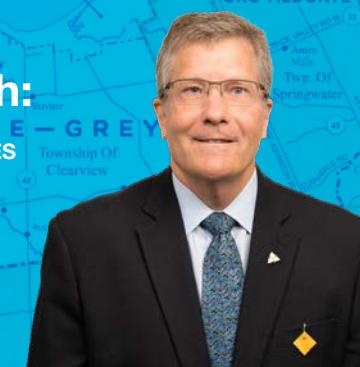
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Notice of Public Meeting

Application For Zoning By-Law Amendment

March 10, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

The application was deemed complete as of January 15, 2026.

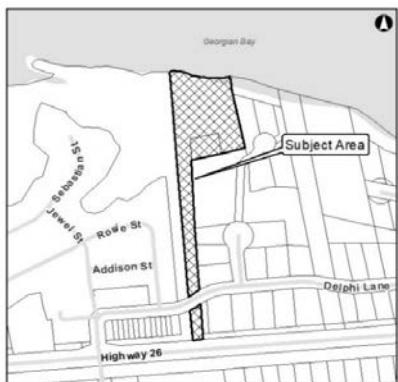
What is being proposed?

This proposal involves rezoning two properties located north and south of Delphi Lane.

The property north of Delphi Lane is currently zoned Development (D) and Hazard (H). It is proposed to be rezoned to Open Space (OS) and Residential One (R1-1-X) Exception Zone to facilitate the construction of a replacement dwelling, as well as an addition to the existing dwelling.

The property south of Delphi Lane is currently zoned Hazard (H) and is proposed to be rezoned to Residential One (R1-1) Zone to allow for the future construction of a dwelling.

Key Map



Where do I find more information?

Additional information regarding this proposal is available for viewing at www.thebluemountains.ca/DelphiLaneZBA or by scanning the QR code.

Alternatively, visit the Planning Services Department located at Town Hall during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or contact the planner for this file.



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When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on this topic has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations on this project to a future council meeting.

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Diksha Marwaha, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services, 519-599-3131 ext. 262 or planning@thebluemountains.ca

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.

What happens at the Public Meeting?

The Public Meeting is your chance to hear more about the proposal and make your views about it known. 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 6, 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 also be faxed to 519-599-7723 or emailed to 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 who 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 3, 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:

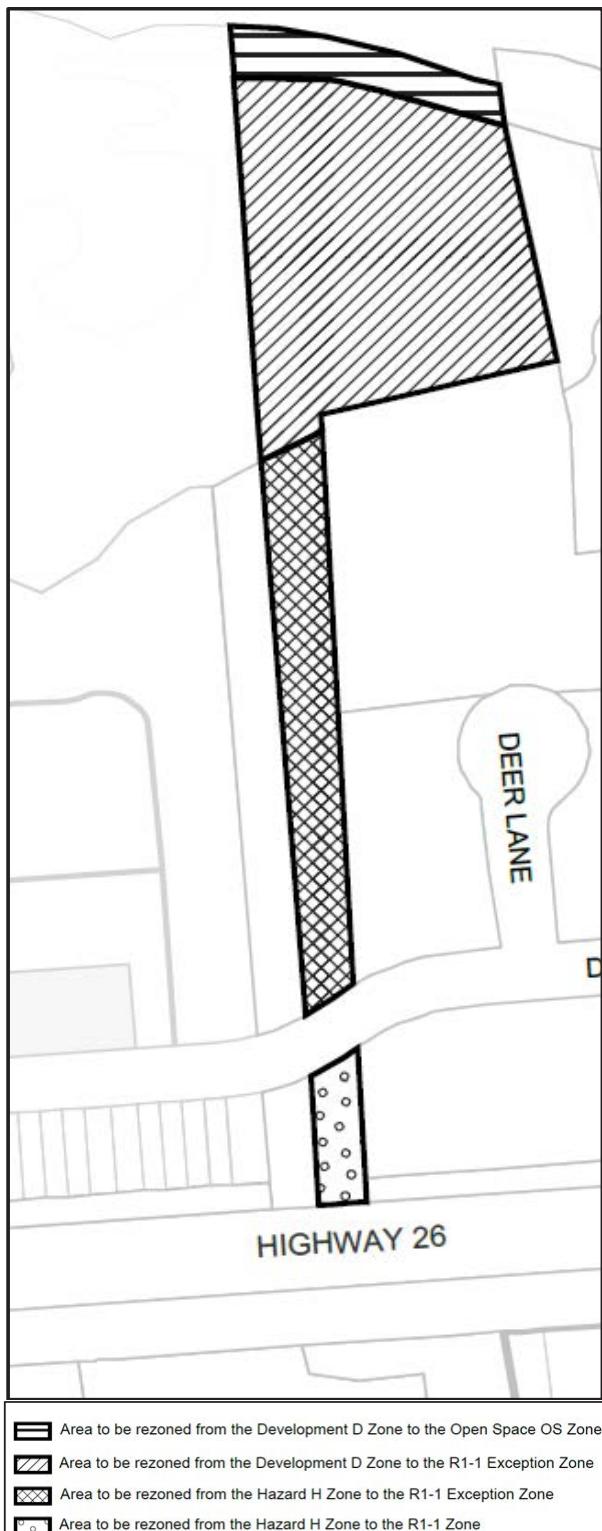
Corrina Giles, Town Clerk
Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Fax: 519-599-7723,
townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Who Can File an Appeal?

Any of the following may appeal the decision to the OLT: the owner, the applicant, a specified person* or public body*, who before the by-law was passed, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to The Blue Mountains Council. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

*As defined under Section 1(1) of the Planning Act.

Applicant's Proposed Rezoning



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This document can be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable and upon request.



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Notice of Intention to Designate A Property under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains intends to designate the property municipally known as Roll Number 4242000015008450000, High Bluff Lane, Plan 16M14, Block 27, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 as a property of cultural heritage value or interest for the purpose of designating a Heritage Tree located on that property.

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. 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.

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.

Notice of Objection: Any person may object to the proposed designation by serving a Notice of Objection to the Town Clerk within 30 days of the publication of this notice. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection and must be served by mail or delivered to:

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk,
Town of The Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0.

Dated at the Town of The Blue Mountains, this 2nd day of February, 2026.

Future 2026 Council and Committee Meetings:

- Committee of the Whole, February 2, 2026
- Committee of the Whole, February 3, 2026
- Council, Public Meeting, February 10, 2026
- Council Meeting, February 17, 2026
- Committee of the Whole, February 23, 2026
- Committee of the Whole, February 24, 2026

All meetings are at the Town Hall, 32 Mill Street and Virtual. Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings are live-streamed on the Town's website, and the meeting recording is posted to the Town website following the meeting.

For meeting times, please call (519) 599-3131 Extension 232 or check the Town website at www.thebluemountains.ca



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TBM Fire Prevention visits businesses and properties on request, proactively, for licensing requirements, and on referral or complaint. The inspections are aimed at ensuring life safety systems are working, they are maintained, impairments and hazards are addressed and corrected, and risks are effectively mitigated before an emergency happens.

Fire Prevention inspections help to protect you, your property and our firefighters.

Fire Prevention and Education is the first step to saving lives!

If you have questions or concerns regarding fire safety, please reach out to TBM Fire Prevention at firepreventio@thebluemountains.ca. TBM Fire Prevention phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 9016



**February 13, 2026 - 10am to 12pm
L.E. Shore Library**

thebluemountains.ca/special-events

Volunteer Recognition Awards & Fair

April 22, 2026

Nominations for the Volunteer Recognition Awards and applications to have a booth at the fair will be open until March 6, 2026.

www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards



TOWN NEWS & NOTICES

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Moreau Park Revitalization Design Open House

With the support of the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club and other community organizations, the Town plans to revitalize Moreau Park in Thornbury. Proposed elements include a new skate park for all ages and abilities, a year-round walking path, new plantings and an accessible playground.

Come see the preliminary designs, ask questions and provide feedback at our Design Open House.

Unable to attend in person?
View the designs online as of February 12
and provide feedback at:
www.thebluemountains.ca/MoreauPark



Event Details

Thursday, February 19, 2026
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Beaver Valley Community
Centre - Large Hall





2026 WINTER COURSES

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

- Preparing for Calving (Feb 12)
- Chronic Diseases of Sheep (Feb 17)
- Economics of Dairy Goat Farming (Feb 25)
- Conditions of the Equine Foot (Feb 26)
- Building for the Future: Considerations for New Dairy Barns (Mar 9)
- Separating the Grain from the Chaff – Soil Health (Mar 10)
- Modernizing Your Dairy Barn (Mar 23)
- Economics of Feeding Beef Calves (Mar 24)
- Starting a Cut-Flower Business (Apr 9)

HOMESTEADING

- Composting: From Scraps to Soil (Feb 24)
- Hand Stitches for Mending & Sewing (Mar 11)
- Raising Rabbits (Mar 14)
- Gardening: Small Space, Big Impact (Mar 31)

COMMUNITY & WELLNESS

- Scamdemic: Fighting Fraud (Feb 10)
- In The Know – Mental Health (Mar 26)

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Winter Woolies Workshops at L.E. Shore Public Library with Kimber Valley Farms!



Felted Gnomes
January 30th
1:00 - 4:30pm



Felted Bunny
February 13th
1:00 - 4:30pm



Learn to Knit
February 27th
1:00 - 3:30pm

BOOK ONLINE: kimbervalleyfarms.ca/workshops

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We provide all materials, tools and instruction and wool is provided compliments of our sheep, of course! You will make a one-of-a-kind item to take home.



FRIDAY LUNCHES

On these cold winter days, The Legion is, once again, running its Friday Lunches. Drop in for a **hot bowl of soup or chili, bread roll, dessert for \$10,** Friday at Noon through February & March, while stock last.



VETERANS' COFFEE/LUNCH

Starting on **Thursday March 19th from 11:00am**, Branch 281 will host a coffee/lunch, monthly, free of charge, for veterans. All veterans are welcome, whether or not you are a Legion member. Come out for a chat and comradeship. 202 Marsh Street, Clarksburg

COUNCIL CAFÉ

Join the Mayor and members of Council for coffee, tea and casual conversation.

February 13, 2026 - 10am to 12pm
L.E. Shore Library

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



FEBRUARY 17TH (5-7PM)
**BEAVER VALLEY
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FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

**(DONATIONS WELCOME!)
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CHASING THE STARS

Light Pollution & What We Can Do
with AstroGeoGuy Chris Vaughan

THURS FEB 19 | 6 PM
L.E. SHORE LIBRARY
REGISTRATION REQUIRED



L.E. Shore Memorial Library
519-599-3681
thebluemountainslibrary.ca
173 Bruce St S, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

EVENT IN SUPPORT OF TOMORROW'S HOSPITAL

The CGMH Foundation is excited to highlight the upcoming event that gives the community an opportunity to come together in support of Tomorrow's Hospital. Proceeds from this event will contribute to the Foundation's \$100+ million campaign to build a new, state-of-the-art facility for South Georgian Bay. Backspin will perform live at Side Launch Brewing Company on **Friday, February 20th, at 7:30pm**. Guests can enjoy craft beer from the cash bar and bites from Mamacita Tacoria's food truck. Tickets are \$25 per person, must be purchased in advance, and the event is open to all ages.

For tickets visit cgmhf.com/events.on.ca 705-444-8645



TODDLERS Take Over the Library

A fun-filled afternoon for toddlers
to learn, play, and grow!

Language skills

social skills

Physical skills.

FEB
20th



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Blue Mountain Public Library



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70th Annual
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Tea and Bake Sale

Saturday, Feb 21st, 2-4pm



St. Paul's
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Church



165 Russell Street E., Thornbury

Bring re-usable bags for baking!



Music at Grace presents a Mid-Winter Concert

featuring local talent
Christopher Burton & Kerri McGonigle



Sunday February 22nd, 3:00pm

Grace United Church
140 Bruce St. S., Thornbury

Tickets: \$40 Adults; \$25 Students

Available at the church office Tues. and Wed.
Online at graceunitedthornbury.ca through Eventbrite
Thornbury Pharmasave
and at the door

LUNCH BUNCH

4th Tuesday

FEBRUARY 24TH AT NOON

Come for lunch and bring a friend. Min. \$10 donation
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 165 Russell St. E., Thornbury



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10:00 AM- 12:00PM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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OPENING TO THE MYSTERY

A stage performance with author Jake McArthur with music by Violet Roseman on loss, love, spirits, and the quiet moments that still connect us

Thursday February 26
6-8pm

Admission is Free
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Saturday, Feb 28th, 2026

Advance \$45 Door \$50

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International Women's Day TRIBUTE CONCERT

MARCH 8TH, 1PM AT THE MARSH

KRISTA BLONDIN'S TRIBUTE TO CANADIAN WOMEN IN MUSIC

doors: 1pm showtime: 2pm

Kick-off concert to "Women of Distinction" Speaker Series

BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY Blue Mountains CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARSH STREET CENTRE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH (doors open at 6:30) the Documentary called ***We Lend a Hand: The Forgotten Story of the Ontario Farmerettes*** will be shown at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg - brought to you by the Meaford Theatre Company- accompanied by the author (Bonnie Sitter) Tickets \$20 available at the Book Hive in Meaford or on line at: www.3common.com/farmerette or at the door



INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY SPEAKER SERIES

Lead Like Her



Lead Like Her – Celebrating International Women’s Day in The Blue Mountains

They didn't set out to break barriers, though many of them did. They followed their curiosity, pursued their passions, and built careers doing work they love.

Lead Like Her brings together a group of remarkable women who are sharing their stories of challenge, growth, and success in non-traditional careers. Through honest conversation and lived experience, these women offer insight, inspiration, and encouragement for the next generation of leaders.

Presented in celebration of International Women's Day and Women's History Month, Lead Like Her is a partnership between the Blue Mountains Public Library, the Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce, and the Marsh Street Community Centre.

The series begins on International Women's Day, Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m., with an afternoon concert at the Marsh Street Community Centre: **A Tribute to Canadian Women in Music**, featuring Krista Blondin. Tickets: Students \$20; Adults \$30

The celebration continues with four speaker events on consecutive Thursday evenings:

March 12 – Mary Hindle, Firefighter

L.E. Shore Library | 6:00 p.m.

March 19 – Dr. Barbara Zimmerman, Naturalist & Researcher

Marsh Street Centre | 7:00 p.m.

March 26 – Local Business Leaders: Morgan Anderson, Meredith Brown, Heather McIlwhee & Diane Scott

L.E. Shore Library | 6:00 p.m.

April 2 – Major Deanna Brasseur (Ret'd), Fighter Pilot

Marsh Street Centre | 7:00 p.m.

Speaker events are \$15 per event or \$45 for all four, with discounted student pricing available.

Tickets for the concert and speaker series are available at www.marshstreetcentre.com

Proceeds from Lead Like Her will support My Friend's House, a women's shelter in Collingwood, and the Marsh Street Centre, a self-funded not-for-profit organization.

These speakers are groundbreakers. Women who have forged their own paths and are ready to share what they've learned along the way.

Join us. Listen. Learn. And get inspired to lead like her.

Lead Like Her is generously sponsored by Trueland Wealth Management and Normerica Timber Homes.



THE MARKET ON MARSH UPCOMING EVENTS

188 MARSH ST, CLARKSBURG

FEB
4-22

CHEER ON TEAM CANADA

WE'LL BE PLAYING THE WINTER GAMES IN STORE (DURING OPEN HOURS)

FEB
21

ENDURO ESPRESSO'S ROMANCE BOOK SWAP

10 AM - 12 PM BRING A BOOK, TAKE A BOOK

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Ski, ride, and compete in team challenges, then keep the celebration going with live entertainment and Village nightlife.

All proceeds support Special Olympics and local charities through the Blue Mountain Village Foundation.

Join the Movement & Register Now!



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