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Weather Alerts

Our weather alerts are now colour-coded to reflect the level of risk. Every Warning, Advisory, and Watch will include a specific colour when issued.

The alert colours transition from yellow to orange and finally to red as the potential risk increases.

What the colours mean

The same weather can have different impacts, depending on timing, location, and population. That's why each weather alert has a colour, to tell you the level of impact possible in your area, so you can prepare appropriately. Here are examples of the different impacts of yellow, orange, and red wind warnings.

In a Yellow Warning - Wind, you may see:

- some short term utility outages
- larger tree branches broken
- risk of injury from flying or falling debris
- hazardous weather may cause damage, disruption, or health impacts

Impacts are moderate, localized and/or short-term

Yellow alerts are the most common

In an Orange Warning - Wind, you may see:

- widespread utility outages
- some roof damage
- small to medium trees snapped
- increased risk of injury from flying or falling debris
- severe weather is likely to cause significant damage, disruption, or health impacts

Impacts are major, widespread and/or may last a few days

Orange alerts are uncommon

In a Red Warning - Wind, you may see:

- long duration, widespread utility outages
- structural damage to homes and buildings
- significant damage to trees including orchards and parks
- high likelihood of injury due to flying or falling debris
- very dangerous and possibly life-threatening weather will cause extreme damage and disruption

Impacts are extensive, widespread, and prolonged

Red alerts are rare



Know the colour.
Know the risk.

Town of The Blue Mountains Council Approves 2026-2027 Corporate Strategic Plan

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce that the 2026-2027 Corporate Strategic Plan was formally approved by Council on February 9, 2026, marking a significant milestone in Our Path Forward.

The approved Plan renews the Town's strategic direction and reinforces Council's commitment to key priorities over the next two years. The plan establishes the Town's vision, mission and values and is organized around four strategic priority areas: Accountable and Transparent Government, Community for Everyone, Resilient Growth, and Strong and Diverse Economy. Each priority is supported by objectives that will be carried out through departmental work plans and supported through the annual budget process. To view the approved 2026 – 2027 Corporate Strategic Plan, visit www.thebluemountains.ca/OurPathForward.

The Corporate Strategic Plan is intended to serve as the Town's "north star," guiding how decisions are made, how projects are planned and how resources are allocated across departments. It complements and strengthens the Town's existing master plans and strategies, helping ensure that day-to-day work, major initiatives and long-term planning are aligned under a shared corporate framework. As the Town moves forward, decisions, projects and initiatives are expected to clearly advance the goals and objectives established in the plan.

The new Corporate Strategic Plan also realigns the Town's strategic planning cycle with each term of Council. Approved as a two-year plan, implementation will happen throughout 2026 and 2027, with a review planned for 2027 to gain input from the next term of Council. This review will provide an opportunity for each term of Council to confirm priorities and make adjustments as needed, while maintaining consistent, long-term direction for the Town. While specific actions and projects may evolve over time, the plan will continue to guide the Town towards a shared vision aligned with the community's long-term goals.

To support transparency and accountability, the Town's leadership team has committed to regular progress reporting. Quarterly updates will be provided to Council to track implementation, along with an annual highlight report to share progress with the community.

Council's approval of the Corporate Strategic Plan marks the culmination of approximately a year and a half of meaningful collaboration and engagement with staff, Council, residents, community organizations and rights-holders. Work began in mid-2024 with the establishment of a task force to help define the scope and guide the direction of the project. In early 2025, Council approved the project work plan, allowing staff to move forward with the Request for Proposals process and ultimately select StrategyCorp to lead the initiative.

The Our Path Forward project was formally launched in May 2025 and included extensive engagement through a public survey, open house, staff and Council interviews, in-person community events, public information sessions and Council workshops. From early consultation and research to refinement and validation, public input gathered throughout the process played a key role in shaping a community-driven plan that reflects local priorities and a shared vision for the future of The Blue Mountains.

To view the final approved Corporate Strategic Plan, learn more about the project, or subscribe for updates as implementation begins, visit www.thebluemountains.ca/OurPathForward

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



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Operations staff have provided additional reminders regarding collection:

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- 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.
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Grey County Council

February 12 Meeting Highlights

Committee of the Whole

Council received a delegation from the Ontario Headwaters Institute (OHI) regarding the need for a county-wide stormwater management plan. OHI is a registered charity that promotes healthy and resilient watersheds.

Council approved a report directing staff to update the Council Compensation By-Law. Council approved minor changes to align the by-law with policy changes since the last review in 2010. The changes do not impact the current process for council salaries (compensated based on a 2023 market review and set at the 50th percentile). Adjustments focused primarily on meeting per diems, reimbursements and allowances, alternates and appointments. Report

Council supported updates to the Fees and Services By-law. This by-law sets rates for county services that require payments such as certain administrative fees, room rentals, paramedic special event services, and much more.

2026 provincial funding amounts for Early Learning and Child Care were received after the passing of the 2026 Grey County budget. Based on the numbers, staff expect a year-end shortfall. Council approved a recommendation to use reserve funding to offset any 2026 funding shortfall. Report

Council discussed the need for reconstruction of a section of Grey Road 17B known as Nicol's Gully. Staff presented council with several reconstruction options which included different designs and associated costs for widening the road and enhancing pedestrian travel and active transportation pathways. Cost estimates ranged from \$837,000 to \$5.9 million. After discussing all the options and required investments, council voted to move forward with reconstructing the road to match the current design at an estimated cost of \$837,000.

Council accepted the minutes of the January 28 Joint Municipal Services Committee meeting. At the meeting the committee received an investigation report on the potential for a regional library system. The committee received the report for information and did not recommend any further exploration at this time. The committee also discussed and supported a shared approach to training and development of municipal staff.

Council received the minutes of the February 5 Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force. At this meeting the committee recommended a motion to Council to transfer urban sections of Grey County roads to the local municipality in exchange for 10 years of annual funding as an adjustment period. Council discussed the transfers and voted to defer the motion until the March 26 meeting.

County Council is working collaboratively with Bruce County and the province to move forward with appointments to a renewed Board of Health. Council passed a motion to rescind current appointments to the board and to begin an application process based on the new skills-based matrix.



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Update from the Special Advisors regarding work with the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit

February 13, 2026 - This week, the Province of Ontario and the Counties of Grey and Bruce took an important step to strengthen public health governance by advancing a renewed Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit.

Together, the Counties and the Province of Ontario are moving into a renewal phase, concluding the terms of the existing Board members and beginning to consider new appointments informed by the jointly developed skills-based matrix.

The skills matrix identifies 16 unique skills that should be represented on the Board. Each partner will propose members who possess one or more of these skills, enabling the Board to provide good governance, strong oversight and effective community relationships.

We join all governance partners in expressing our appreciation to the previous Board members for their service to their communities.

We continue to be encouraged by the strong collaboration and commitment of Grey and Bruce Counties, along with the Province of Ontario, as we work together for the communities of Grey and Bruce.

We want to thank all of those who have made time to meet and work with us to create this constructive path forward together.

Jim Pine and Dr Eileen de Villa

Special Advisors to the Chief Medical Officer of Health

Bay Street East Reconstruction

February 13, 2026 - Utility pole relocations begin between Elgin and Grey Street.

Installation of the new sanitary sewer will continue between Mill Street and McAuley Street following Family Day. Arnott will also be continuing to stockpile gravel in Bayview Park, and will have lane restrictions in effect around 93 and 95 Bay Street as they install a new check valve.

EPCOR will also begin the process of relocating utility poles between Elgin Street and Grey Street. This will include staging, laying out and drilling the new poles. Barriers will be placed to guard the new pole locations and vehicles will have to yield to oncoming traffic in these areas. The road will be signed for Local Traffic Only.

New Craigleith Fire Hall Construction

The LAURIN Group continues to work through the winter weather on the new Craigleith Fire Hall. The current schedule calls for foundation work to continue until mid February. This includes excavating, placing formwork and pouring foundation walls, piers and footings. LAURIN is also progressing with the installation of the water and sanitary services for the building.



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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey, Bruce and West Simcoe Announces 46th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake Fundraiser

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey, Bruce and West Simcoe (BBBSGBWS) is proud to announce its 46th annual Bowl for Kids' Sake, taking place across five dates in April 2026 in Owen Sound and Collingwood. This signature fundraising event supports the organization's no-cost, life-changing mentoring programs for children and youth across the region, with a fundraising goal of \$50,000.

Bowl for Kids' Sake will be hosted at The Bowling Alley in Owen Sound and Georgian Bowl in Collingwood, bringing together community members for multiple bowling events in support of local youth mentorship.

"Bowl for Kids' Sake has been a cornerstone fundraiser for our agency for 46 years, reflecting the ongoing commitment of our communities to supporting young people," said Beth Aubrey, Executive Director. "The funds raised directly support mentoring relationships that help children and youth build confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging."

The event features peer-to-peer fundraising, friendly bowling competition, and opportunities for community connection, all in support of mentoring programs that positively impact young lives across Grey, Bruce, and West Simcoe.

Event Details

The Bowling Alley – Owen Sound

- Wednesday, April 8, 2026 | 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 9, 2026 | 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 12, 2026 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Georgian Bowl – Collingwood

- Thursday, April 16, 2026 | 5:00–6:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 17, 2026 | 5:00–10:00 p.m.

Event Highlights

Peer-to-Peer Fundraising: Participants rally friends, family, and colleagues to support BBBSGBWS mentoring programs, making a direct impact on local children and youth.

Bowling Celebration: Teams celebrate their fundraising success with bowling, prizes, and community spirit. Prizes include:

Top Individual Fundraisers

Top Fundraising Team

Bill Murdoch Highest Score Award

Online Silent Auction: An online silent auction will launch on March 30, 2026, featuring a variety of exciting items and experiences.

Community Connections: Meet like-minded community members who are passionate about helping young people thrive.

Gratitude to Our Partners

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey, Bruce and West Simcoe extend sincere thanks to The Bowling Alley and Georgian Bowl for their continued support.

How to Participate

To register and get more event details, visit <https://bowl-for-kids-sake-2026.raiselysite.com>. Your involvement will help build stronger communities and create brighter futures for young people across Grey, Bruce, and West Simcoe.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey, Bruce and West Simcoe

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey, Bruce and West Simcoe provides one-to-one and group mentorship programs that foster growth, encourage belonging, and build community. Serving a rural region of more than 11,000 square kilometres, the agency supports children and youth ages 6–18, many of whom face significant adversity. Through developmental relationships and upstream supports, BBBSGBWS helps young people unlock their potential and thrive.

Mentorship and Community Engagement Lead
Email: emma.fryday@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
Phone: 519-376-4449

Cola Canada Bottling

From the Office of the Premier

The Ontario government is welcoming a \$141 million investment from Coca-Cola Canada Bottling Ltd. (Coke Canada Bottling) to renovate and expand its flagship manufacturing, distribution and sales centre located in Brampton. The expansion will introduce a new state-of-the-art production line, capable of producing at least 20 million additional cases annually, creating up to 500 good-paying jobs during construction and reinforcing the province's position as a leader in beverage manufacturing and agri-food production.

"I'm thrilled to welcome this historic investment from Coca-Cola Canada Bottling, which is another vote of confidence in Ontario's world-class workers," said Premier Doug Ford. "Our government will continue to protect our workers and support new investments by cutting taxes and red tape so that we create the most competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy in the G7."

The Brampton expansion, which will be built exclusively by Canadian tradespeople and have at least 75 per cent of materials sourced domestically, will be one of the most technologically advanced production lines in the country, helping to increase production capacity and packaging capabilities and enabling the company to bring innovations to market faster. The project follows an \$8 million investment by Coke Canada Bottling in its Hamilton distribution centre last year.

"As one of the largest food and beverage manufacturing jurisdictions in North America, Ontario offers unparalleled access to the talent, resources and business conditions needed to support long-term growth," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "We are thrilled that Coke Canada Bottling has chosen to build on their long-standing legacy in Ontario and look forward to seeing this latest investment advance the strength and resilience of the province's manufacturing supply chains."

Coke Canada Bottling has invested more than \$230 million in its Brampton manufacturing and distribution operations since becoming an independent, family-owned business over seven years ago. The Brampton facility is home to more than 1,300 employees who service more than 7,000 local customers from Kitchener to Oshawa. Beverages made there are distributed across the province and throughout eastern Canada.

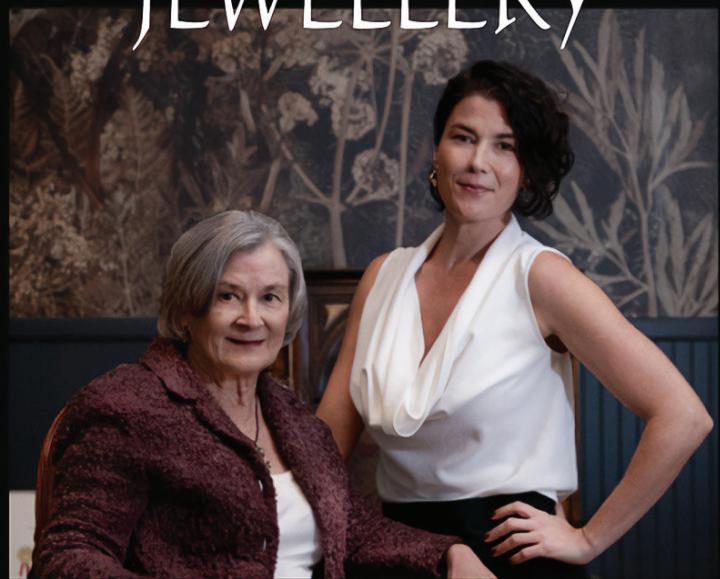
"As a proud Canadian business, we are committed to investing to grow in Brampton, Ontario, and across the country for the long term," said Todd Parsons, Chief Executive Officer of Coke Canada Bottling. "Thanks to the incredible hard work and dedication of our Coke Canada Bottling team, we're very pleased to bring this leading-edge technology to our Brampton facility that will see us tap into digital enhancements to increase the flexibility of our manufacturing capabilities, enabling us to be more agile as we grow and find new ways to serve our customers, ultimately providing Canadians with the beverages they love."

As part of the Ontario government's efforts to build the strongest, most resilient and competitive economy in the G7, the province is cutting taxes and red tape, saving businesses \$12 billion a year. Ontario has attracted over \$213 billion in investment since 2018 and created one million new jobs.

Quick Facts

- The Coca-Cola Company's first Canadian bottling plant opened in Toronto in 1906, marking the first time that Coca-Cola beverages were bottled outside of the United States.
- Coca-Cola Canada Bottling Ltd., an independent, family-owned business, was formed in 2018 when the new owners took over the Canadian Coca-Cola bottling and distribution franchise.
- Ontario is home to more than 800,000 manufacturing workers and 867,000 agri-food workers, with both sectors accounting for more than \$145 billion in GDP annually.

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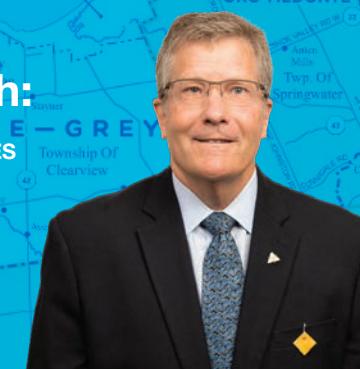
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Notice of Public Meeting

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.

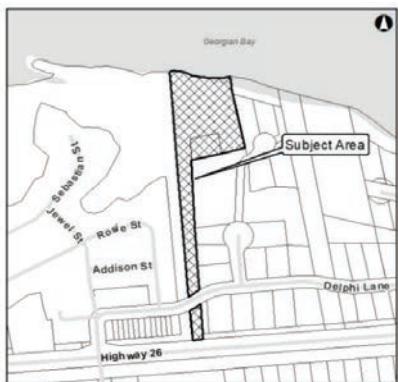
What is being proposed?

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.

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?

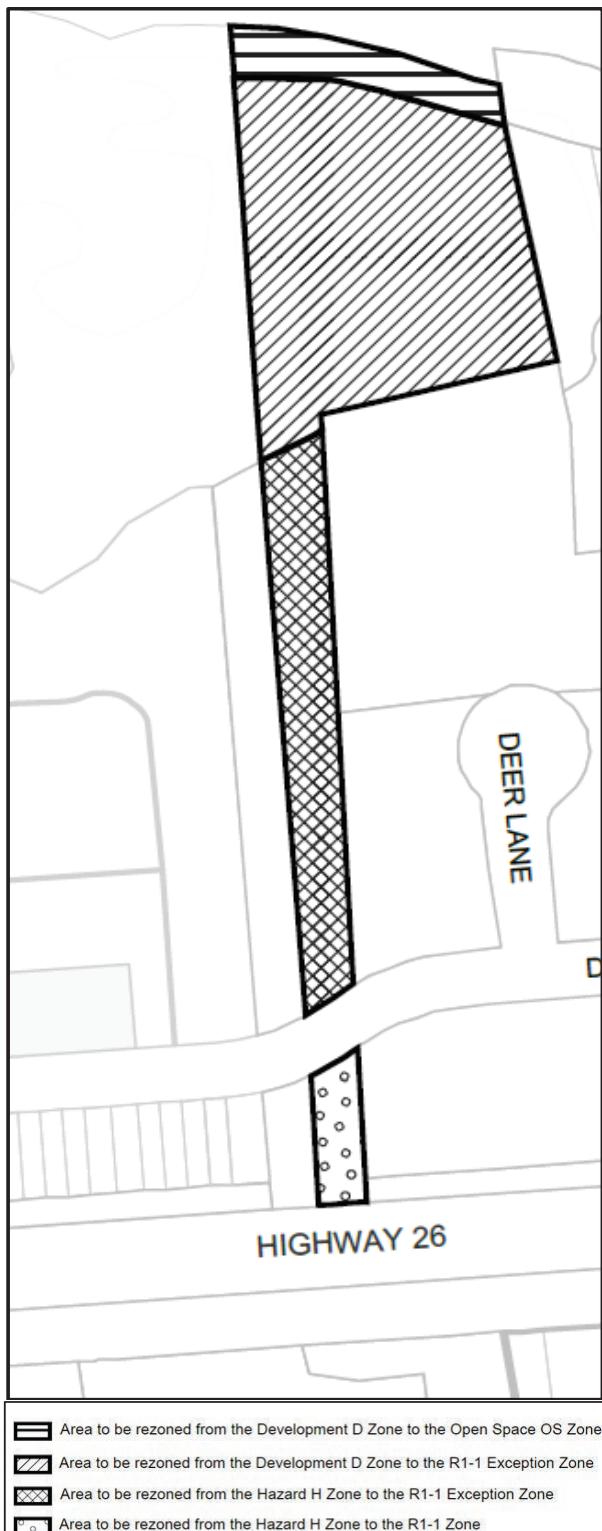
Any of the following may appeal the decision to the OLT: the owner, the applicant, a specified person* or public body*, who before the by-law was passed, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to The Blue Mountains Council. No person or public body shall be added as a party 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.



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Applicant's Proposed Rezoning



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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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The Blue Mountains Fire Department – Fire Prevention Inspections

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Fire Prevention Inspections aren't just a checklist; they're a key part of Community Risk Reduction.

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

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**.

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, 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

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



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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MAY 28-31, 2026



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BMFM is more than a film festival; it's an invitation to slow down, unplug, and lose yourself in great films, fresh mountain air, and meaningful conversation. It's an intimate, immersive mountain weekend where cinema and community connect.

If you've been part of BMFM before, you already know the magic. Early Bird Passes are your first chance to join us for our milestone fifth year and the best way to make the weekend your own. The mountains are calling.

Whether you are planning to grab single tickets, a festival pass, or slope-side lodging, now is the time to book smarter and save. Early Bird rates give you access to more films for less, plus the opportunity to secure accommodations steps from the action before rooms fill up.

From premieres and open-air screenings to parties and industry conversations, BMFM delivers four days of film, connection, and celebration in Blue Mountain.

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Tickets: \$40 Adults; \$25 Students

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Online at graceunitedthornbury.ca through Eventbrite

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Saturday, Feb 21st, 2-4pm



St. Paul's
Presbyterian
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165 Russell Street E., Thornbury

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Tuesday, February 24

8:30am - 10:00am

L.E. Shore Library

173 Bruce St S

Thornbury

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Presented by:

- CRM Lab Archaeological Services
- Tarynn Lennox Real Estate
- Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce



Claire Freisenhausen

Archaeologist

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4th Tuesday

FEBRUARY 24TH AT NOON

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Thursday February 26
6-8pm



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140 Bruce St. S. Thornbury

Saturday, February 28

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Band 7:30 pm



Saturday, Feb 28th, 2026



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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.

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

Ontario Forage Council

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 McIlwee & 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.

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