



**Information on
Council and
Committee of the Whole Meetings:
Deputation and Procedure**

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This brochure explains the procedure for making a presentation at The Blue Mountains Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings. We encourage delegates to make their requests to speak in writing to the Clerk's Office and to address issues at the Committee of the Whole level first.

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Deputation Form - Request to make a Deputation

To speak at a meeting of Council or Committee of the Whole, you must complete this form and submit it to the Town Clerk to ensure that your name and address are accurately noted. Agendas are finalized the Wednesday prior to the Council/Committee of the Whole meetings, and if a Request Form is received after 10:00 am on Tuesday or if the Agenda is deemed full, the Request Form shall be considered at the next appropriate meeting.

Subject / Application: _____

- I wish to address Council
- I wish to address Committee of the Whole
- I request future notification of meeting

Related or background information **shall be** attached for circulation to Council

Name:

Firm / Organization (if any):

Address:

Postal Code: _____ Email: _____

Residential Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____

Signature: _____

How to Make a Deputation:

1. Please submit this completed form to the Clerk
2. Please state your name and address prior to speaking, and
3. Please provide a digital copy via email to townclerk@thebluemountains.ca (**memory sticks will not be accepted**) or a hard copy of materials used in your presentation, if any, to the Clerk for the official record of the Town. Material provided prior to the meeting will be circulated to Council for their review before the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PRESENTATIONS BE PREPARED WITH BLACK LETTERS ON WHITE BACKGROUND. Thank you

Decorum dictates respect for all opinions and individuals are reminded there is zero tolerance for coarse language and inappropriate behaviour. By submitting this Form you have indicated agreement with this requirement.

How can I speak at a Council or Committee of the Whole meeting?

If you wish to make a presentation to Council or Committee of the Whole at a regularly scheduled meeting, please complete the Deputation Form on the back of this flyer and return it to the Town Clerk.

Please note: We encourage delegates to make their presentation at the Committee of the Whole level, where possible.

Council routinely refers matters to the Committee of the Whole for detailed review and recommendation back to Council and contact first with the Committee of the Whole would expedite any process requiring a decision to be made by Council.

How long may I speak?

The Town's Procedural By-law allots deputations up to ten minutes to address the members.

What is the procedure?

All comments are directed to and through the Meeting Chair. Members of Council or Committee of the Whole may, through the Chair, direct a response or question where appropriate. No more than one person shall speak at one time and at all times, proper language, speech and decorum shall be maintained. The Chair may direct that any person in violation of proper decorum be expelled from the meeting location.

What happens after I speak?

After you have spoken and answered any questions, please return to your seat and remain silent being cognizant of the fact it is now time for Members of Council/Committee of the Whole to debate the issue and make their decision or defer a decision pending additional information. Although the Mayor and Members of Council encourage the public to present their opinions, necessary decorum dictates that all opinions must be respected and outburst from the gallery cannot and will not be tolerated.

When does Council meet?

Council meetings are generally every third **Monday**. The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the Town Hall, Council Chambers unless otherwise indicated. Deputations are scheduled at the beginning of the meeting.

Where can I get a copy of the meeting agenda?

Copies of Council agendas are available from the Clerk's Office on the Wednesday afternoon preceding the Council meeting after 3:00 p.m., on the Town's website, or at the meeting.

What is Committee of the Whole?

Committee of the Whole discusses issues in detail before making recommendations to Council. Committee of the Whole reports directly to Council. Committee of the Whole meetings are open to the public.

Who are the current members of Council? How can I reach them?

Members of The Blue Mountains Council for the December 2014 to November 2018 term are listed below. All members can be reached through the **indicated** telephone numbers.

Mayor

John McKean 519-599-3131 x400
mayor@thebluemountains.ca

Deputy-Mayor

Gail Ardiel 519-599-3131 x401
gardiel@thebluemountains.ca

Councillor

R.J. (Bob) Gamble 519-599-3131 x236
bgamble@thebluemountains.ca

Councillor

Joe Halos 519-599-3131 x402
jhalos@thebluemountains.ca

Councillor

Michael Martin 519-599-3131 x251
mmartin@thebluemountains.ca

Councillor

John McGee 519-599-3131 x298
jmcgee@thebluemountains.ca

Councillor

Michael Seguin 519-599-3131 x297
mseguin@thebluemountains.ca

For further information about Council or Committee of the Whole Meetings, or for meeting dates and times, please contact the Clerk's Department at 519-599-3131 x232 or visit the Town's website at www.thebluemountains.ca
