



Notice of Public Meeting

Proposed Changes to Procedural By-law 2018-20 regarding the Use of Cell Phones/Recording Devices at Council Meetings

October 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to receive comments on the proposed changes to the Procedural By-law. The Procedural By-law sets out the rules and regulations for the proceedings of Council, Committees and Local Boards.

At the September 5, 2018 Council Meeting, Council provided the following direction to Staff:

...THAT Council direct staff to proceed to a public meeting to receive comments on the proposed changes to the Procedural By-law directing that members of Council shall turn off all cell phones and pagers during Committee of the Whole and Council meetings;

AND THAT during a meeting that is closed to the public, no member of Council or staff shall be permitted to have in their possession, any cell phone or electronic device that has the ability to record, **CARRIED**.

The "Provision of Notice and Manner of Giving Notice to the Public" Policy, POL.COR.07.03 specifies that amendments to the Procedural By-law require a minimum 21 days' notice to the public, and include a Public Meeting to receive comments. In addition, a followup staff report compiling the comments will be provided to Council. Council will then consider a by-law to revise the Procedural By-law.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains, at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on November 19, 2018 intends to consider a By-law to revise the Procedural By-law regarding the use of cell phones/recording devices at Council Meetings.

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

519-599-3131 ext 232

townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

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

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the proposed changes to Procedural By-law 2018-20 regarding the use of cell phones/recording devices at Council Meetings 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 to Council at a future Council Meeting.

How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Comments at the Public Meeting aid the Town and Council in their decision making process, so be sure to have your say!

Any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments regarding the proposed changes to Procedural By-law 2018-20.

How do I submit my comments?

If you would like to submit comments in writing or would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal, submit your written comments or request during regular office hours (Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to Corrina Giles, Town Clerk at:

Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Telephone: 519-599-3131 ext. 232

Comments can also be faxed to Corrina Giles at 519-599-7723, or emailed to townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Please note that any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses. Written comments are due by **September 28, 2018** so that they may be read at the meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance.