



Notice of Public Meeting (Online)

Official Plan 5 Year Review

Public Meeting: July 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

What is being proposed?

The Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan describes Town Council's policies on how land in the community should be used and helps to ensure that future planning and development will meet the needs of the community. An Official Plan deals with issues such as where housing, employment, agricultural, industrial and commercial uses should be located; what services such as roads, sewers and parks will be needed to support growth; and the way in which parts of the community will grow or be protected.

Please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/document/citizens-guide-land-use-planning/official-plans> for additional information about Official Plans.

The Ontario Planning Act requires our Municipality to review the Official Plan every 5 years and it is now time to begin the update. Prior to finalizing the items included in the review, the Planning Act requires that the Municipality hold a public meeting to obtain input on the revisions to the Official Plan that may be required.

This Public Meeting is the first of the statutory meetings to be held for this review and will include an overview presentation by Town Staff. In the future, there will be additional opportunities for the public to review draft documents and to provide comments to Council and Staff including a Public Open House and Second Public Meeting prior to Council considering the adoption of any new proposed changes to the Official Plan.

The Town of The Blue Mountains is looking for public input on the type and scope of revisions to the Plan to be considered as part of the upcoming review. It is our intention that this input will be obtained through your written and verbal comments & via discussions to occur at a special public council meeting to be held at 5:00pm on July 12th, 2021

Town Staff have generated a preliminary list of items for consideration under Staff Report PDS.21.054 which is available at <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/official-plan.cfm?is=26> Also available at that link is the current Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan.

The Official Plan 5 Year Review applies to the whole of the Town of The Blue Mountains and therefore a key map is not provided with this Notice.

Questions? Want more information? Ask the Planner!

Shawn Postma, Senior Policy Planner

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Virtual Public Meeting Information

To help limit the spread of COVID-19, this Public Meeting will be held in a virtual (online) format. You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk in advance of the Public Meeting. Written comments will be circulated to Council. Comments received at least one (1) business day in advance of the Public Meeting (by July 9th at 10am) will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting.

Additional information on how to watch the Public Meeting, how to participate in the Public Meeting and how to submit written comments in advance of the public meeting can be found on the town website at:

<https://www.thebluemountains.ca/public-notices.cfm>

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter at the Virtual Public Meeting is encouraged to pre-register at

https://www.thebluemountains.ca/info_form.cfm

For those without a computer, please call the Town Hall at 519-599-3131 extension 263 and a Staff Person can help get you connected to the meeting.

Comments by mail: Town Clerk, Town Hall, 32 Mill St. Box 310, Thornbury ON, N0H 2P0

What happens at a Public Meeting?

The public meeting is your chance to hear more about the proposal and make your views about it known. You may also speak at the meeting or submit written comments. Information from the public will help Council in their decision-making process, so make sure to have your say!

Any person or agency may attend the Virtual Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments either in support or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

Where do I find more information about the proposal?

Visit the Official Plan on the Town Website: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/official-plan.cfm?is=26> for additional information and regular updates. Subject to Covid-19 protocols and related restrictions that may be in place, you may also visit us in Planning Services, at Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or contact the Planner at the contact information below.

When will a decision be made?

A decision on this proposal has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at the Public Meeting.

Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing if you wish to receive a notice of any decision of Council on this proposal.

A Note about information you may submit to the Town:

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.

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