



Notice of Public Meeting

Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Tree Preservation By-law 2010-68

Public Meeting: July 11, 2022 at 1:00 PM

**Hybrid Format (In-person AND Virtual via Microsoft Teams)
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON**

What is being proposed?

The Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains is considering amendments to the current Municipal Tree Preservation By-law 2010-68. The intent of the changes is to provide regulation and oversight on the removal of trees on properties and in advance of *Planning Act* applications, where regulations of other government authorities do not apply (i.e. the County of Grey, Conservation Authorities, etc.).

The proposed changes would apply to all properties that are 0.5ha or larger which are located within the *Settlement Area* boundary of the Town. Various exemptions are also proposed, such as for existing agricultural activities, and the removal of up to a maximum five-trees of a specific size in a calendar year. A permit would be required to be issued by the Town prior to the removal of any trees which would fall under the authority of the proposed By-law.

For more information, including a **DRAFT** copy of the proposed amendments, please see the "Municipal Tree By-law Update" project page on the Town of The Blue Mountains website (link: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/planning-building-construction/current-projects/strategic-projects-initiatives/municipal-tree-law>).

Questions? Want more information? Ask the Planner!

Travis Sandberg, Intermediate Planner

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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.

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 July 8th, 2022, will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can be faxed to 519-599-7723, or emailed 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 that 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 July 4th, 2022.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber. Those providing their comments in person, are required to follow the Public Health Guidelines of the Town, as recommended by the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

Contact the Town Clerk to pre-register or submit comments to townclerk@thebluemountains.ca or by calling the Town at 519-599-3131 extension 232 or Fax: (519) 599-7723

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

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. 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 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?

Our website contains background studies, reports, plans and drawings. They are available for viewing or download at www.thebluemountains.ca

Or come visit us in Planning Services, 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?

A decision on this proposal has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at the Public Meeting. After reviewing the application and any comments received, Town staff will bring a recommendation on this project to a future Council meeting.