



Council chooses Option 2(b) to appoint Peter Bordignon as Deputy Mayor

In accordance with the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25, when the seat of a Member of Council becomes vacant, Council is required to declare the seat vacant and determine if the seat will be filled by By-election or Appointment. The Municipal Act requires Council to fill a vacant Council office, within 60 days of the declaration of vacancy, unless the vacancy occurs within 90 days of the election.



Past Vacancies

Since 1998, the Town of The Blue Mountains has realized a number of Council vacancies. During the 2003 to 2006 term of Council, Councillor Holden passed away in 2004. In response, Council appointed Michael Martin for the balance of the term as he was next in the poll results in the 2003 election.

In the 2014 to 2018 term of Council, Councillor Michael Seguin resigned in 2018. As the resignation was after March 31 in an election year, Council opted to fill the vacancy "by lot" from a slate of candidates that had filed their nomination papers for the Councillor position in the 2018 election, and wished to be considered for the appointment. Rob Potter was appointed as Councillor for the balance of the 2014 to 2018 term of Council.

Current Term of Council, 2018 to 2022

In the current term of Council, 2018 to 2022, Deputy Mayor Bartnicki resigned in January 2020, following which, Council declared the Deputy Mayor seat to be vacant.

In accordance with the Town's Corporate Policy POL.COR.18.03 "Appointment of an Alternate Member of Council to Grey County Council" (Attachment #1), the then Councillor Rob Potter, having received the highest number of votes for the Councillor seat in the 2018 municipal election had been appointed as the Alternate Member to Grey County Council. Council resolved to appoint Councillor Potter as the Deputy Mayor.

The appointment of Councillor Rob Potter as the Deputy Mayor, then triggered a vacancy in the Councillor position.

Council declared the Councillor seat to be vacant at the February 10, 2020 Council Meeting. At the March 9, 2020 Council Meeting, Council provided directed to appoint the candidate with the next highest number of votes in the 2018 municipal election to fill the

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Town Council Meetings - Hybrid format

While the Town continues to be in a declared state of emergency, Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will continue to be hybrid allowing Council Members to participate in the Council Chamber or remotely.

The Council Chamber is open to the public, with COVID screening required and capacity limits in place (4 members of the public can be in the Council Chamber at one time).

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Holiday Public Skating Schedule

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that public skating has returned at the Beaver Valley Community Centre under enhanced COVID-19 protocols. The holiday public skating schedule is included below. Skating opportunities include Public Skating, Parent & Tot Skating and Adult Skating.

Please note that proof of double vaccination or medical exemption is required to enter the facility.

Adult Skating (18 years of age and older)

December 20, 22, 27 and 29 from 10:00 am – Noon

Parent and Tot Skating (Parents and Children under 12)

December 21, 23, 28, 30 from 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Public Skating

December 18: 12:30 – 2:00 pm

December 19: Noon – 1:30 pm

December 20 – 23: Noon – 2:00 pm

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day

December 27 – 30: Noon – 2:00 pm

December 31: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Closed New Year's Day

January 2: Noon – 1:30 pm

In addition to public skating, private ice time rental slots are available. To learn more, please visit www.thebluemountains.ca

For more information, please contact: Community Services (519) 599-3131 ext. 354

Current Situation: Day 637

Follow the 3 W's – Wash hands frequently, Watch distance (ideally 6ft), and Wear face covering correctly, and the 2 A's - Avoid Crowds

Testing and case counts reported as of 23:59 hrs, December 13th

All data is preliminary and subject to change.

- 13 new cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce
- 93 active cases
- 900+ active high-risk contacts
- 2669 confirmed cases
- 2549 resolved cases
- 3 confirmed local active case(s) hospitalized in Grey Bruce
- 0 confirmed cases hospitalized outside of Grey Bruce
- 16 deaths in Grey Bruce
- +1 death related to a Grey Bruce resident that acquired the infection and was treated outside of Grey Bruce
- +7 deaths related to Grey Bruce residents that acquired the infection in Grey Bruce however passed away outside of Grey Bruce
- 124 cases reported in health care workers; workers living in Grey Bruce and working both in and outside Grey Bruce

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The Legacy Fund was formed in Dec. 2020 to eventually reduce the need for fundraising and to be able to use the investment income. Cheques made out to The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund can be mailed to The Review at Box 387, Thornbury ON N0H 2P0 or dropped off at 22 Louisa Street E. Thornbury.

Community Foundation Grey Bruce will issue charitable tax receipts on behalf of the BMLF. For information call 519-599-3345.



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vacant Councillor position for the balance of the term of Council. Council appointed Paula Hope as Councillor at the March 30, 2020 Council Meeting.

Following the appointment of Deputy Mayor Rob Potter, Council then appointed Councillor Rob Sampson as the "Alternate Member of Council to Grey County Council", being the Councillor with the next highest number of votes in the 2018 municipal election prepared to accept the appointment.

The following is a number of options Council considered to fill the Deputy Mayor vacancy, it being noted that this list is not exhaustive, and that Council has the option of filling the vacancy in any way that is in compliance with the legislation.

Option #1 Pass a By-law Requiring a By-Election be Held to Fill the Council Vacancy

Council has the option of passing a by-law authorizing a by-election. The Municipal Elections Act ("MEA") states that if such a by-law is passed, that the nomination day would occur a maximum of sixty (60) days from the passing of the by-law (potentially March 2022), with voting day occurring forty-five (45) days after nomination day (potentially mid-May, 2022). The MEA states that a by-election must be held "as far as possible" in the same manner as the regular election, which would include telephone and electronic voting, with a voting centre open in the Town Hall.

A by-election may be the most democratic option to fill the vacancy, but it will also be the most costly. The 2018 Municipal and School Board election cost \$51,868. Though the by-election would be for a single vacant council seat, the cost would be very similar to the previous election as the same steps are required, including mailing the voter information letters and updating the Voter's List.

Option #2 Appointment of a Current Member of Council

Council has the option to fill the current vacancy by appointing a current member of Council to the position of Deputy Mayor. An appointment of a current member of Council to the position of Deputy Mayor would trigger a vacancy in the Councillor position that would then have to be filled.

It should be noted that Council adopted Policy POL.COR.18.03 "Appointment of an Alternate Member of Council to Grey County Council" that appoints a Councillor to attend Grey County Council meetings in the absence of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor. Councillor Sampson was appointed as the "Alternate Member", being the Councillor with the next highest number of votes in the 2018 municipal election, that was willing to accept the "Alternate Member" appointment. If the current Grey County Council Alternate is appointed to the Deputy Mayor position, Council would appoint another member of Council to act as the Grey County Alternate Member of Council for The Blue Mountains. If Council directs that the vacancy shall be filled by a current member of Council, staff offer the following recommendations for Council consideration:

Option #2a) Appointment of a Current Member of Council by appointing the Member of The Blue Mountains Council appointed as the "Alternate Member of Council to Grey County Council", being Councillor Rob Sampson, to fill the Deputy Mayor vacancy for the 2018 to 2022 term of Council; or

Option #2b) Appointment of the Current Member of Council with the next highest number of votes from the 2018 to 2022 municipal election, being Councillor Bordignon to fill the Deputy Mayor vacancy for the 2018 to 2022 term of Council

If Council directs that a current member of Council shall be appointed to fill the Deputy Mayor vacancy, staff will seek direction on how the resulting Councillor vacancy shall be filled.

Option #3 Appointment of a Candidate from the 2018 Municipal Election to Fill a Vacancy

Council has the option to appoint a candidate from the 2018 Municipal election from any of the races.

Option #4 Appointment of An Eligible Elector to Fill a Vacancy

Council has the option to appoint an eligible elector to fill the Deputy Mayor vacancy with a process as directed by Council.

THE BLUE MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY JANUARY PROGRAMS

The Gallery at L.E. Shore

Exhibit Launch: Salt of the Earth
Jan. 8 | The Gallery at L.E. Shore
Featuring the works of Willy Waterton,
presented by The Arts & Culture Council.
Exhibit runs: January 8 - January 27, 2022.
Exhibit Available Online & In-Person.

Canadian Animals Big and Small

Jan. 18 | 10:00am | Zoom | Registration Required
Join wildlife photographer, Jason George, on
BMPL Zoom for a trip around the North America
as he shares photographs and experiences with
many of your favourite animals.



Harvest Table Nutrition Recipe Kit

Jan. 7-31 | Take Home Kit | Registration Required
Learn a plant-based soup and sandwich recipe
with Harvest Table Nutrition. Pick up a recipe kit at
L.E. Shore Library, while supplies last, and follow
along on with the cooking tutorial on YouTube.



Natural Burials Information Session

Jan. 29 | 2:00pm | L.E. Shore | Registration Required
Presented by CANN (Climate Action Now Network).
Learn about natural burials, also known as green
burials, and the focus on reducing our environmental
impact on the earth.



Adventures in Digital Arts for Youth

Jan. 8 | 10:00am | L.E. Shore | Registration Required
A free tech session will explore Digital Arts using the
latest and coolest in tech such as Apple Pencils and
Digital Cinema Cameras. A fun-filled session with
The Creator Space. Ages 8-13 years.



Seniors Exercise

Mondays | 10:00am
Facebook



Museum From Home

Mondays | 12:30pm

Kids Clubhouse

Tuesdays | 4:00pm

Wired Wednesday

Wednesdays | 1:00pm
Facebook & YouTube

Bedtime Stories

Wednesdays | 7:00pm
Facebook



101 Things About CHD

Thursdays | 12:00pm

Story Time in The Gallery

Fridays | 11:00am
L.E. Shore Library

Fossil Friday

Fridays | 5:00pm



Trivia Game Night

Fridays | 7:00pm
Facebook

Pandemic Parenting Group

Jan 30 | 2:00pm
Marsh Street Centre



Teen Group

Jan 13 | 5:00pm | L.E. Shore
Fun activities, new friends.
Ages 15-18.

Dorothy Crysler Bird Club

Jan. 15 | 9:30am | Zoom
Learn about our wild avian
friends, their habits and
habitats.

Teen Book Club

Jan 20 | 6:00pm | L.E. Shore
Social book chats and fun.
Ages 15-18.



Tween Group

Jan 27 | 4:00pm | L.E. Shore
Make, explore, lead.
Ages 10-13.



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Blue Mountain Village Launches Blue Mountain Film Festival, June 1-5, 2022

Blue Mountain Village, Southern Ontario's premier four-season destination, the launch of Blue Mountain Film Festival (BMFF) led by veteran film executive, Helen du Toit in the role of Executive & Artistic Director. Sponsored by Blue Mountain Resort, BMFF invites film-lovers and filmmakers to connect, be inspired and escape into the mountains to enjoy the very best in international and Canadian cinema. The festival will take place June 1-5, 2022 at the Blue Mountain Village Conference Centre with programming details to come in the new year.



Details can be found at www.bluemtnfilmfest.ca.

Inspired and curated by du Toit, BMFF plans to programme up to 25 feature films from across the globe -- with a spotlight on Ontario productions -- and welcoming international and Canadian filmmakers to showcase their latest projects to film savvy audiences. The

Festival also offers international and domestic film industry professionals the opportunity to come together and share ideas in an idyllic setting during its Creative Forum taking place from June 1 to 3.

"When I first stepped foot in Blue Mountain my immediate thought was what an incredible location it would be to host an intimate film festival. Such a unique place calls for a unique experience," said Helen du Toit. "I am honoured to be part of the team launching BMFF and to curate a diverse program with the best films from around the world and Canada for audiences hungry for inspired storytelling. I am equally as excited to bring together international and Canadian film creators to share ideas, inspiration and future trends for our industry. Most of all, I can't wait to be part of a new community of film lovers, and to share the experience of discovery and excitement that only films can provide."

"Blue Mountain has long been known to visitors as a desired destination nestled in the majestic Niagara Escarpment on the shores of Georgian Bay bursting with music, food, culture and outdoor



adventure, all within walking distance. South Georgian Bay is a cultural hub for a community of artists, makers, and creators. Adding BMFF to our existing schedule of events is a unique opportunity to offer cinephiles from near and far the opportunity to experience an enlightening getaway in the intimate setting of the Village," said Andrew Siegart, President, Blue Mountain Village Association. "With Helen at helm bringing her depth of expertise and breadth of experience in film and festivals, BMFF is the perfect complement to our year-round music and event programming."

Over the past three decades Helen du Toit has worked in the film industry in a variety of roles giving her a unique perspective. From curating international film festivals to developing and producing film & television to directing related media industry events, forums, and think tanks, du Toit has developed and perfected a broad range of skills.

As Artistic Director of the Palm Springs International Film Festival for over a decade, du Toit's leadership was instrumental in building a committed and loyal audience, with Palm Springs ranking as the 3rd best attended Festival in the U.S. Equally passionate about story and talent development, du Toit produced multiple editions of the Toronto International Film Festival's Talent Lab and served as Creative Director of Vancouver IFF's Film & TV Forum.

Producer on various award-winning projects, du Toit was the U.S. co-producer on Mark Cousins' critically acclaimed 15-hour documentary *The Story of Film: An Odyssey*. She also developed an Italian-Canadian co-production based on John Berger's novel *To the Wedding* to be directed by award-winning director Andrea Pallaro.

Helen du Toit is a Member of both the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television.

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OFM's tips for 12 Days of Holiday Safety include:

Day 1: Water fresh-cut Christmas trees daily. Always keep the base of the trunk in water and away from heat sources such as fireplaces, heaters or candles.

Day 2: Check all lights before decorating and replace any worn or damaged cords or loose bulb connections. Follow manufacturer's instructions for indoor or outdoor use.

Day 3: Make sure there is a working smoke alarm on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.

Day 4: Only carbon monoxide alarms can alert you to the presence of this deadly gas. Install carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas.

Day 5: Having a home fire escape plan is one of the best ways to ensure you and your loved ones can get out safely. Everyone in your home should know two ways out of all areas.

Day 6: Use extension cords wisely and only as a temporary connection. Never run cords under rugs which can damage the cord and cause a fire. Avoid overloading a circuit with "octopus outlets" (lots of extension cords in one electrical outlet).

Day 7: Portable space heaters and other heating sources are sometimes used to keep the chill out. Keep anything that can burn such as holiday decorations, curtains and upholstery, at least one metre away from heat sources.

Day 8: Keep open flames away from anything that may be combustible. If you can, use an enclosed candle holder or sturdy, burn-resistant container that won't tip.

Day 9: Matches and lighters can be deadly in the hands of children. Keep all fire-starting materials out of the sight and reach of children.

Day 10: Never leave a stove unattended. If you need to step away for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

Day 11: Encourage smokers to smoke outside and use large, deep ashtrays that cannot be knocked over easily. Always keep ashes away from anything that can burn. Empty cooled ashes into a metal container and store outside.

Day 12: While celebrating this festive time of year, be sure to keep a watchful eye on anyone cooking or smoking while under the influence.

One in three fire deaths in Ontario occur during the months of November, December, and January.



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Holiday Giving that Grows!



Tree Trust TBM will again be offering a unique, local gift idea for the holiday season. Tree Trust Gift Cards in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 are available with the funds raised used to care for large, mature trees in our community. These trees make invaluable contributions to the beauty, diversity and sustainability of our community. Gift Card purchases help to make sure these contributions continue for decades to come.

Community donations and sponsorships have made it possible for Tree Trust TBM to complete conservation care on five legacy trees to date - all over 100 years old. We have also planted 10 new saplings (to eventually take over from our legacy trees) and we have started a local, native tree seedling nursery.

With the sale of Tree Trust Gift Cards, Tree Trust TBM hopes to raise sufficient funds to safeguard more local trees in 2022 and to continue to source seeds from these legacy trees and grow new saplings in our tree nursery.

For more information or to purchase Tree Trust Gift Cards visit our website www.tree-trust.ca **tap on the green-coloured Holiday Donation Gift Card Tab at the top** and select Town of the Blue Mountains as the community when you make your donation. Charitable receipts for donations and for purchase of Tree Trust Gift cards are issued.



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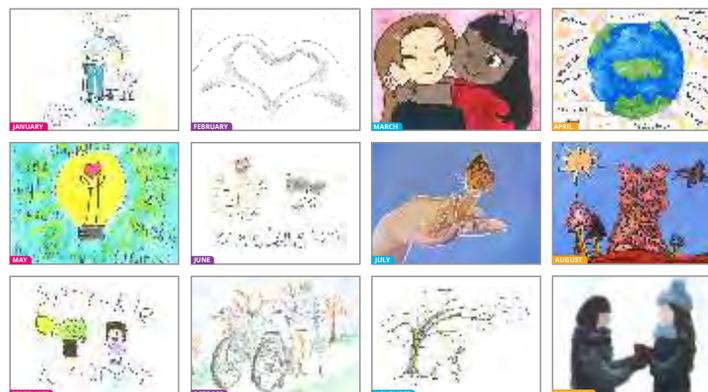
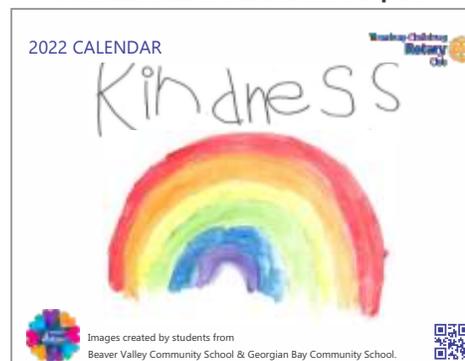
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Town of the Blue Mountains Drainage Master Plan Notice of Study Commencement

The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains has initiated a Drainage Master Plan under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Planning Process to identify existing drainage deficiencies and develop drainage solutions to address the deficiencies, reduce flooding, resolve public safety concerns, and improve maintenance opportunities within the settlement areas of the Town. The Study area encompasses the whole Town with the primary focus being the settlement areas including Lora Bay, Thornbury and Clarksburg, Craigleith and Camperdown, and the Blue Mountains Village area. The existing drainage infrastructure in the study area consists of a combination of open channels, ditches, watercourses, culverts, storm sewers, overland flow routes, stormwater management facilities, and low impact development measures.

The Study is being completed in accordance with Approach #2 of the Master Planning Process outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015). Alternative drainage solutions will be developed and evaluated based on the natural, physical, social, cultural, and economic impacts and the opportunities and constraints of the projects.

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be schedule to provide an opportunity for the public and stakeholders to review the drainage deficiencies identified and the alternative drainage solutions under consideration, and to provide input and comments. Additional notices indicating the dates and locations of the PICs will be published in future editions of this newspaper. Project information may also be viewed on the Town's website at www.thebluemountains.ca/MasterDrainagePlanEA as it becomes available. Upon completion of the Study, a Final Class EA Report documenting the Preferred Solution will be prepared for public/agency review and comment.

The Town has retained the consulting firm Tatham Engineering Limited to complete the Study. Further details of the Municipal Class EA process are available from the consultant's office.

Comments or requests to receive direct notification of future project activities should be submitted to:

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Notice of Public Meeting

Revisions to the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy POL.COR.07.02

January 24, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Hybrid Format

In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

Staff are recommending repealing and replacing the current Sale and Disposition of Land Policy POL.COR.07.02, to include revisions that will make the process clearer and more efficient.

The revised draft Policy and supporting process supports Council's direction not to consider any request to sell Town owned waterfront property.

Staff are suggesting that where land has been identified as a Road Allowance, Street, Laneway, Fire Lane or is of a size that is deemed not to be a building lot, it shall be Registered on Title that there shall be no future requests for building permits or variances considered for the subject lands because of it being acquiring from the Town and to protect the overall feel and character of the local area.

The current Policy allows for exclusions for land formerly used for railway lines. Staff suggest that this reference be removed the land that was formerly a railway line, in most cases, is currently the alignment of the Georgian Trail. For the exception of those sections of trail that have an existing realignment, staff recommend that no sale of lands that are part of the former railway line should be considered for potential disposition or surplus in the foreseeable future.

Town staff recommend a process where twice per year consideration may be brought forward to consider lands surplus with the purpose being to dispose of land from the Town's current land inventory.

For more detailed information about the proposed revisions and to view a copy of the proposed Policy, please download the following staff report:

[FAF.21.178 Revisions to the Town's Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy POL.COR.07.02](#)

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.aspx?DocumentId=6996>

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer 519-599-3131 ext.234 or cao@thebluemountains.ca

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When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on these Policy revisions has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the revisions to the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

How can I make my views known about this proposal?

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 **January 21, 2022** 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 be faxed to 519-599-7723, or emailed townclerk@thebluemountains.ca.

Any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses.

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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

Notice of Public Meeting

Revisions to the Corporate Hiring of Employees Policy POL.COR.07.06

January 24, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Hybrid Format
In-Person AND Virtual/Online

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

What is being proposed?

Staff are recommending repealing and replacing the current Hiring of Employees Policy, POL.COR.07.06, to include revisions that will provide efficiencies to the current recruitment and selection process.

Recommended revisions include:

1. Updates to employee status definitions to provide more clarity on Permanent, Temporary, and Seasonal employment types.
2. An additional statement on legislative requirements under the Ontario Human Rights Code and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and how the Town complies with the Integrated Standards Regulation and removing barriers throughout the recruitment cycle and upon hire.
3. An additional statement that unionized positions will be posted in accordance with their Collective Agreement. Committee of the Whole Meeting November 16, 2021, FAF.21.191 Page 5 of 7.
4. Updates to Job Posting and Advertising timelines and requirements that incorporate new strategies and flexibility to allow staff to be more responsive to staffing needs in a constantly changing and competitive labour market.

For more detailed information about the proposed revisions and to view a copy of the proposed Policy, please download the following staff report:

[FAF.21.191 Review of Corporate Hiring of Employees, Lieu and Overtime, and Vacation Policies](#)

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=7765>

Note: Date of the Public Meeting referenced in the staff report was modified to January 24, 2022 during the meeting the report was presented to Council.

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Sarah Traynor, Manager of Human Resources 519-599-3131 ext.244 or hr@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. 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 these Policy revisions has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the revisions to the Hiring of Employees Policy and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

How can I make my views known about this proposal?

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 **January 21, 2022** 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.

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Notice of Completion

Town of The Blue Mountains Westside Water Storage Class EA

The Town of The Blue Mountains (Town) has completed a Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Drinking Water Storage and Pumping Capacity Deficiencies in West Pressure Zones 1, 2 and 3. The purpose of the EA study was to select a preferred solution to address the Town's Water Storage and Distribution System needs within the Town's West Pressures Zones.

To address water storage and pressure needs within the current and future West Pressure Zones in the Town of The Blue Mountains, the following projects have been selected as part of the preferred solution for the long-term servicing strategy:

- Rehabilitation of the existing Victoria elevated water tower located at 81 Victoria Street S, Thornbury;
- Construction of a new in-ground water reservoir and pumping upgrades at 10th Line Booster Pumping Station (located at 417314 10th Line);
- Addition of a new feedermain in the existing road right-of-way from the 10th Line Booster Pumping station west to the intersection of Lora Bay Drive and West Ridge Drive; and
- Upgrades to the pumps at the Upper Camperdown Booster Pumping Station (located at 109 Camperdown Road).

The study was conducted according to the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class EA which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act. The final EA demonstrates a sufficient level of investigation, consultation and documentation to fulfil the requirements of the identified Schedule B projects for the proposed infrastructure projects. Interested persons should provide written comment to the Municipality on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comments should be directed to Jane Wilson of J.L. Richards & Associates Limited and Kevin Verkindt, Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator, Town of The Blue Mountains.

The complete Project File Report and other information are available at <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/building-business-development/current-projects/municipal-infrastructure-projects/west-side-water>

Jane Wilson, P.Eng. Environmental Engineer J.L. Richards & Associates Limited 107-450 Speedvale Avenue West Guelph, ON N1H 7Y6 Phone: 226-780-7487 E-mail: jwilson@jlrichards.ca	Kevin Verkindt, C.E.T Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator Town of The Blue Mountains 32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310 Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 Phone: 519-599-3131 Ext. 304 E-mail: kverkindt@thebluemountains.ca
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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the Ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent in writing or by e-mail to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3 minister.mecp@ontario.ca	Director, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5 EABDirector@ontario.ca
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Requests to the Ministry should also be sent to Jane Wilson, J.L. Richards & Associates Limited and Kevin Verkindt, Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator, Town of The Blue Mountains by mail or by e-mail.

This Notice issued on December 16, 2021

Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Grey County 2022 Budget Overview

As an upper-tier municipality, S. 289 of the Municipal Act (2001) requires that the County annually prepare and adopt a budget including estimates of all sums required for the year.

The 2022 budget overview and background report provides Council with the estimated revenue, expenses and levy funding requirements as developed by staff. It includes investments of 1.21% of own source revenue to support asset management, 1% for affordable housing, and 0.75% for support to future healthcare capital and equipment projects.

The overview also highlights some of the additional pressures on funding, which includes:

- Inflationary increases to the Non-residential Construction Price Index
- Staffing to improve service levels and new initiatives
- Reductions in Provincial Offences revenue
- Frozen administration funding costs for Ontario Works
- An anticipated 5%-10% decrease in Provincial Child Care funding
- Increased insurance costs
- Increased fuel costs

The total proposed operating and capital budgeted expenditures for 2022 are \$185,235,700.

The 2022 budget as proposed by staff and based upon information at the time this report was finalized contemplates an estimated net levy requirement of \$65,908,200, which is an estimated net levy increase of 3.75%.

As was the case in 2021, the Ontario Government has postponed the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's (MPAC) reassessment update. Property assessment for the 2022 property tax year will continue to be based on January 1, 2016 assessed value unless there have been changes to the property.

New assessment growth is the sum of all changes that happened in the County's tax base during 2021; this includes new construction, renovations, demolitions, appeals etc. The preliminary growth number of \$1,184,400 is being incorporated into the 2022 budget based upon information available from MPAC at the time this report was written. The growth estimate will be updated in the 2022 budget with the actual growth results from MPAC when the 2022 assessment roll is returned in December 2021. In comparison, the 2020 growth was \$1,242,400 and \$1,847,900 in 2019.

The 2022 proposed funding requirements by functional area are shown below. The departments formerly summarized as Social Services have been renamed Human Services and now includes Paramedic Services.

Function	2021 Net Levy	2022 Net Levy	Increase / (Decrease)	% Change
Corporate Services	\$10,864,600	\$12,212,200	\$1,347,600	
Planning & Community Development	\$4,465,500	\$4,913,300	\$447,800	
Human Services	\$26,026,900	\$26,757,300	\$730,400	
Transportation Services	\$20,985,800	\$22,025,400	\$1,039,600	
Funding Required	\$62,342,800	\$65,908,200	\$3,565,400	5.72%
New Assessment Growth	\$1,184,400		(\$1,184,400)	
Additional Funding to be Raised from Taxation – Net Levy Increase	\$63,527,200	\$65,908,200	\$2,381,000	3.75%

The funding required to be raised from taxation will be impacted if assessment growth does not meet or exceed the estimated \$1,184,400 in taxation.

The budget will be discussed in greater detail and debated by Council on January 28, 2022

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Are you stuck on a problem, a project, something big you just can't past? My Dad, Dr. William Raymond Keeler was a psychiatrist and a bit of a genius. He came up with things long before people heard about them but was dismissed. He was more than a bit of a genius. He told me things that are the subject of books thirty years later and trending in social media today. One of them are the benefits of letting your mind wander.

My Dad worked at the Banting Institute in the forties when he was at U. of T. Medical School and he would read everything there was to know about Frederick Banting who discovered insulin and painted with A.Y Jackson.

What fascinated my father was that after intense work on his idea, the actual formula for insulin came to Sir Fred in the middle of the night like a bolt of lightning. He wrote it down.



My father's theory holds that when the mind switches gears, when it is relaxed, wandering, then the answer bubbles to the surface. When Banting went fishing it had the same effect.

More ideas came to him than the fish he caught.

It is a good thing to let your mind wander, change your energy, turn your attention to something else, go fishing. It is good to let your mind wander.

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Grey Bruce Increase in COVID-19 Cases – Trends and Precautions

There has been an increase in COVID-19 cases and associated outbreaks over the past few days in Grey Bruce. One trend identified from the ongoing investigations indicates the chain of transmission has mainly been started with young individuals (under 18 year old) with connection to organized sports. A second trend indicates the transmission starting in individuals who attended sports, school or childcare while having symptoms.

Another trend that is evident in all current investigations is the increase risk of both infection and transmission in individuals who are not vaccinated.

There is no evidence at this time of transmission in places like malls, big box stores or grocery stores or the high impact sectors such as long-term care, retirement homes, or hospitals.

Although it will most likely become the dominant strain, at this point, there are no confirmed Omicron cases in Grey Bruce. We have one case under investigation pending lab confirmation. We will update the public of the results as soon as we receive them.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is actively working with stakeholders within the school systems (both in class and extracurricular), minor and amateur sports organizations. In collaboration with these stakeholder, and based on the outcome of the ongoing investigations and the risk assessments of different sectors, we may introduce a number of measured restrictions within these settings.

Such restrictions may include:

- Pausing sporting events associated with school boards (Extracurricular)
- End travel of minor and amateur sports teams to locations outside of Grey Bruce
- Restrictions to the sporting events within Grey-Bruce such as reducing frequency of events for certain age groups, for all age groups, and/or pausing sporting events within Grey-Bruce

"We will, as always, ensure the safety of the community while following the principle of least intrusive" Says Top Grey-Bruce's Doctor, Dr. Ian Arra "Our goal in the management of the pandemic is not to shut down Grey-Bruce, rather to keep it open as long as we can, so long as it is safe to do so".

We implore parents to not send their children or allow them to go to school and sports if they have symptoms. We remind the public of the importance of vaccination and the need to be vigilant especially when interacting in the above settings and over the holidays

Dr. Ian Arra, MD MSc FRCPC ACPM ABPM
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Rev Grayhame Bowcott

Thursday, December 23rd

Christmas Holy Eucharist with Carols 5:00p.m., 6:30p.m. and 8:00pm

Friday, December 24th

Christmas Holy Eucharist with Carols 5:00p.m., 6:30p.m. and 8:00p.m.

Come join us, as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Masking and social distancing protocols will be in effect. Reserve your seat by calling call 519-599-3047 or online at: parishofthebluemountains.ca.

St. George's Church and Office will be closed from December 25th - January 1st

Blue Mountain Community Church

219 Bruce St S, Thornbury, Phone 519-599-5570

Email: bmcc219@gmail.com

Jen Lay, Church Administrator

Friday, December 24th

6:30p.m. Outdoor Christmas Eve Celebration

Zoom allows us to be interactive with each other. If you have never used Zoom before, we invite you to join between 10:15 and 10:30 am to try it out and see how it works. Parts of the service will be live streaming on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting: link available on www.bluemountainscommunitychurch.ca

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

20 Russell St. E., Thornbury; Phone 519-599-6645

stpaulsthornbury@gmail.com

Moderator - Rev. Carel Grundlingh

Friday, December 24th

5:00pm. Christmas Eve Service

In-person Services: Pre-registration is required Friday at noon. Public Health protocols must be followed.

Virtual Worship Services: To join us on Zoom please contact St. Paul's on Thursday or Friday mornings for digital connection information. Call 519-599-6645 or email stpaulsthornbury@gmail.com

Grace United Church

140 Bruce St S, Thornbury, Phone: 519-599-2438

accounting@graceunitedthornbury.ca

Rev. Christine Smaller

Sunday, December 19th

10:30a.m. Advent 4: Seeking a Loving Sanctuary

Friday, December 24th

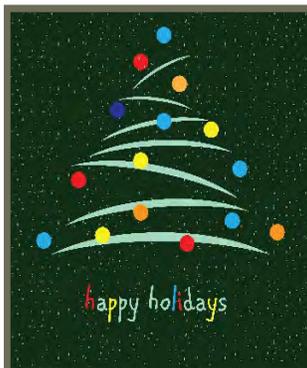
7:00p.m. Christmas Eve, a service of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight

Sunday, December 26th

10:30a.m. Boxing Day Carol Sing: Come in your comfy clothes and sing carols with us.

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Notice- 2021/2022 Winter Parking Restrictions & Resident Snow Removal

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to remind residents that Winter Parking Restrictions come into effect on November 1, 2021. In accordance with the Highway Traffic Act and Town By-law No. 2003-11, overnight parking is prohibited on all Town streets from 2:00 am to 7:00 am. Winter Parking Restrictions will remain in effect until April 1, 2022.

In addition, residents are reminded that Town By-law No. 2014-65 prohibits the deposit of snow or ice onto a Town roadway, including the shoulder, sidewalk, walkway, boulevard, or ditch, without written permission from the Director of Operations.

Winter parking and snow removal restrictions are necessary to help ensure that snow removal operations can be completed safely and effectively. The Town would like to thank all residents for their cooperation throughout the winter season.

For more information, please contact: Operations Department
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