

**STAFF REPORT: Planning & Building Services Department**



**REPORT TO:** Planning & Building Committee  
**MEETING DATE:** August 3, 2011  
**REPORT NO.:** PL.11.75  
**SUBJECT:** Town of The Blue Mountains  
Draft Comprehensive Zoning  
By-law  
**PREPARED BY:** David Finbow, Director,  
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**A. Recommendations**

**THAT Council receive Staff Report PL.11.75, Town of The Blue Mountains Draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law, and provide direction to staff with respect to their orientation of the Draft By-law.**

**B. Background**

As Council may be aware, following the Ontario Municipal Board's approval of the Town's Official Plan in 2006, Planning staff commenced work on a new comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Town of The Blue Mountains.

In early 2009 the Town retained Meridian Planning Consultants Inc. to prepare a draft by-law. Work proceeded in 2009 and 2010 on the development of this by-law with finalization of the draft by-law being delayed due to other priorities of Town staff.

The text of the draft by-law was recently finalized and is now ready to be introduced to Council.

Town staff are of the opinion that it is important that Council be provided with an opportunity to understand the draft by-law prior to it being fully rolled out to the public.

It is expected that approximately 3 - 4 hours will be required for full orientation related of text of the draft by-law.

It is recommended that this orientation be broken down into maximum 1 hour sessions.

Options:

1. 1 hour orientation sessions at each Planning & Building Committee until completed;
2. 1 hour orientation sessions at each Council meeting until completed;
3. 1 hour orientation sessions at Special Meetings of Council until completed; or,
4. 2 hour orientation sessions at Special Meetings of Council until completed.

Direction related to the dates and times of such meetings should also be provided.

It is noted that work is continuing on the draft mapping and exception section of the draft by-law. These matters will be rolled out in mid-Fall.

### **C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

*"Managing growth to ensure the ongoing health and prosperity of the community."  
"Preserving and enhancing natural and environmental features, and cultural heritage of the community."*

### **D. Financial Impact**

N/A

### **E. Addendums**

N/A

Respectfully submitted by:

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