



Joint Notice of Public Open House

Municipal Tree By-law Update and Grey County Forest Management By-law Update

Public Open House: March 24, 2021 at 5:00pm - 6:30pm (Virtual - Online format)

What is being proposed?

The Town of The Blue Mountains is considering updating the current Municipal Tree Preservation By-law 2010-68. The County of Grey is also considering updates to the current County Forest Management By-law 4341-06.

This is a joint open house.

The intent of the Virtual Open House is to provide the public with information about existing regulations on tree cutting and forestry management. Town and County Staff will also gather public input and comment on how trees should be protected in the future.

Input received at the Virtual Open House will help to guide the scope and direction of any future changes to each respective by-law, including what areas of Town they should each apply to, and the appropriate approach for tree protection.

Where do I find more information about the proposal?

Contact the planners below to receive more information. Additional information is also available on the Town of The Blue Mountains website and/or the County of Grey website, respectively.

Town link: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/tree-preservation-by-law-update.cfm>

County link: <https://www.grey.ca/forests-trails>

Questions? Want more information? Ask the Planner!

Town Contact

Travis Sandberg, Planner I

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext 283 or Toll Free (888) 258-6867 **Email:** treebylaw@thebluemountains.ca

County of Grey Contact

Sarah Johnson, Forestry/Trails Coordinator

Phone: (519) 372-0219 ext 1241 **Email:** sarah.johnson@grey.ca

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.

Virtual Open House Information

To help limit the spread of COVID-19, this Virtual Open House 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 in advance of the Open House.

Anyone wishing to attend the Virtual Open House must pre-register early, no later than two (2) days in advance of the Open House (by 10 am on March 22, 2021). For those without a computer, a dial-in number will be available.

To pre-register to attend the Virtual Open House, please email treebylaw@thebluemountains.ca or call the Town at 519-599-3131 extension 283 or Fax: (519) 599-7723.

Written comments can be submitted to: treebylaw@thebluemountains.ca or forests@grey.ca

Comments by mail: Travis Sandberg, Planner I, Town Hall, 32 Mill St. Box 310, Thornbury ON, N0H 2P0; or

Forestry-trails Coordinator, 595 9th Ave. E. Owen Sound, ON, N4K 5N3

What happens at an Open House?

The Virtual Open House is your chance to obtain information about existing rules and regulations on tree cutting in the Town and to provide your thoughts and opinions regarding tree preservation in general. You may speak at the Open House or submit written comments. Information from the public will help to form the future of tree preservation in the community, so make sure to have your say!

When will a decision be made?

Decisions on these new By-laws have NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at the Open House.

Want to be notified of future meetings?

If you wish to be notified of any future meetings, you must make a written request to the Town and to the County at the address on this notice.