



# Notice of Public Meeting

## By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department, and to Repeal By-law 2012-65, being the current By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department

**Public Meeting: December 14, 2020 at 9:00 am  
(Virtual - Online format using Microsoft Teams)**

### What is being proposed?

The *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, section 2, requires every municipality to establish a program which must include public education with respect to fire safety and certain components of fire prevention, and to provide such other fire protection services as it determines may be necessary in accordance with its needs and circumstances in a community. Section 5 of this same Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to establish, maintain and operate a Fire Department to provide fire suppression services and other fire protection services in the municipality.

In 2019, the Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department was restructured. A recent review of the Fire Department's current Establishing and Regulating By-law 2012-65 was conducted and a need for revision was identified. The draft by-law provides information and directives in the document related definitions for the By-Law, Fire Department structure, approved services and programs, limited service, responses within and outside the Town, Fire Chief responsibilities and authority, powers, recovery of costs, and other standard agreement language. Additional information is available through staff report [FAF.19.177](#) "Update to By-law 2012-65 being a By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department" and staff report [FAF.20.177](#) "Update to By-law 2012-65 being a By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department" Copies of staff reports are available on the Town's website, [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca).

Notice is hereby given that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains, at its regularly scheduled Council

Meeting on January 25, 2021 intends to adopt a revised By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department.

### 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 9:00 am Friday, December 11, 2020) will be received into the record by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter at the Virtual Public Meeting is encouraged to pre-register early, and no later than five (5) business days in advance of the Meeting (by Monday, 9:00 am Monday, December 7). For those without a computer, a dial-in number is available.

Please note that the meeting will be also live broadcasted on the Town's website and posted as a video following the public meeting. You do not need to register to view the meeting.

Contact the Town Clerk to pre-register to speak at the meeting or submit comments to [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca) or by calling the Town at 519-599-3131 extension 232 or Fax: (519) 599-7723. Please note that any submitted comments become part of the public record, including names and addresses.

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

## **When will a decision be made?**

It is important to note that a decision on this By-law to repeal and replace the current By-law 2012-65 being a By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department has NOT been made at this point, and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting After reviewing comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to Council at a future Council Meeting.

## **How can I make my views known about this proposal?**

Comments at the Public Meeting aid the Town and Council in their decision making process, so be sure to have your say!

Any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments regarding the update to By-law 2012-65 being a By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department.

## **Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!**

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