



Notice of Public Meeting

PARKLAND DEDICATION BY-LAW UPDATE

Public Meeting Details: March 31, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
Hybrid Format
In-Person AND Virtual/Online
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

The Town of The Blue Mountains has initiated a review to update and replace its existing [Parkland Dedication By-law 2003-31](#).

Parkland dedication is a tool available to municipalities under Section 42 of the *Planning Act*, which allows for the conveyance of land or the payment of cash-in-lieu for park or other public recreational purposes as a condition of development or redevelopment.

The Town’s current Parkland Dedication By-law was approved in 2003. Since then, legislative changes have been made to the Planning Act, and this update is needed to ensure the Town’s By-law reflects these changes.

The updated By-law will include new provincially mandated changes and will provide clear rules for how parkland dedication is calculated for different types of developments and land uses. Other updates are also proposed, including exemptions for certain types of development such as on-farm diversified uses, reduced parkland dedication requirements for affordable housing and a simple flat-rate approach for residential severances. For full details of the proposed By-law, please visit the Town’s website or contact the Planning Department.

The proposed Parkland Dedication By-law applies to all lands within the Town of The Blue Mountains. A key map has not been included in this notice as the proposed amendment applies to the entire municipality.

Where do I find more information?

Additional information regarding this proposal is available for viewing at www.thebluemountains.ca/ParklandDedication.

Alternatively, visit the Planning Services Division located at 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?

It is important to note that a decision on this topic has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Council Meeting.

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. 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 **Friday, March 27, 2026**, 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.

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 **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026**.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chambers.

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

Who Can File an Appeal?

Any person or public body, as defined in Section 1(1) of the Planning Act, may appeal Council’s decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). To preserve the right to appeal, a person or public body must make oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council before the by-law is passed.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council before the by-law is passed, a person or public body may not be added as a party to the appeal hearing unless the Tribunal determines there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact: Diksha Marwaha, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services, 519-599-3131 ext. 262 or planning@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.