



Notice of Adoption of Official Plan Amendment 5, (Official Plan 5 Year Review)

This is a notice about a decision of Council to Adopt Official Plan Amendment 5, being an amendment to adopt the Official Plan 5-Year Review.

Council re-adopted Official Plan Amendment 5 by passing By-law 2026-59 on September 28, 2026.

What was the purpose of the Amendment?

Official Plan Amendment No. 5 implements the Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan 5-Year Review, a comprehensive update to the Town's Official Plan that was initiated to ensure the Plan remains current, reflects local priorities, and is consistent with applicable County and Provincial planning direction.

Council initially adopted the Official Plan 5-Year Review on June 23, 2025. Following that adoption, amendments to the Planning Act required the Town to obtain authorization from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for certain Official Plan policies respecting complete application requirements.

The Ministry provided the required authorization in August 2026, subject to four targeted revisions to those policies. Council subsequently re-adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 5 on September 28, 2026, solely to incorporate the four Ministry-required revisions.

This re-adoption does not represent a new or broader review of the Official Plan, nor does it introduce any additional policy, mapping, or other changes beyond the four revisions required by the Ministry. All other components of the Official Plan Amendment remain unchanged from the version initially adopted by Council in June 2025.

Adopted Version of Official Plan Amendment 5

The adopted Official Plan Amendment 5 can be viewed at anytime on the Town Websites [Official Plan](#) Review webpage. Track Changes and Clean versions are both available. The complete Official Plan Amendment is also available for viewing during regular business hours at the Town of The Blue Mountains Planning Division.

County of Grey Approval Required

Under the provisions of Section 17(2) of the Planning Act, the County of Grey (being the upper tier municipality) is the approval authority for the Official Plan Amendment 5, being the Official Plan 5 Year Review. As such, the adopted Official Plan Amendment has been forwarded to the County of Grey for a final decision as required by Section 17(31) of the Planning Act. The Official Plan Amendment will not come into full force and effect unless and until it is approved by the County of grey.

Rights to Notice of Approval of the Official Plan Amendment

Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision (including the person's or public body's address, fax number or email address) is made to the approval authority, being the County of Grey Planning and Development Department, 595 9th Avenue East, Owen Sound Ontario N4K 3E3.

How to Get More Information

Background information on the Official Plan 5 Year Review including the adopted version of the Plan, survey results, background papers, staff reports, meeting presentations and Council Meeting discussions are all available on the Town's Official Plan Review webpage. The complete Official Plan Amendment is also available for viewing during regular office hours in the Planning Department at the Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, Ontario.

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