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## Town of The Blue Mountains

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April 23, 2026

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Ontario Heritage Trust

**RE: Bylaw No. 2026-16 Designating the Municipally Owned Lands Known as Block 27, Plan 16M14, Town of The Blue Mountains to be of cultural heritage value or interest  
File C3265**

In accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, I am writing to serve the following documents on the Ontario Heritage Trust:

1. Notice of the Intention to Designate a property under the Ontario Heritage Act dated February 2, 2026
2. By-law 2026-16 that designates the municipally owned lands known as Block 27, Plan 16M14 to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
3. Notice of The Passing of a By-law to Designate Property Under the Ontario Heritage Act dated May 1, 2026

The lands that are the subject of By-law 2026-16 are lands that are owned by the municipality.

I confirm that the February 2, 2026 "Notice of the Intention to Designate a Property under the Ontario Heritage Act", was advertised in "The Review" both online and circulated paper versions, being a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality. I confirm that in response to the Notice of Intention to Designate a Property, that no objections were received by the Clerk of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

At the April 20, 2026 Council Meeting, Council passed By-Law 2026-16 that designates the municipally owned lands known as Block 27, Plan 16M14 to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

The attached Notice of the Passing of a By-Law to Designate Property Under the Ontario Heritage Act dated May 1, 2026 will be advertised in "The Review" May edition, both online and circulated paper versions, being a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

If no appeals are received by the June 1, 2026 deadline, I confirm that By-law 2026-16 will be registered against the property affected by By-law 2026-16 in the appropriate land registry office and that a copy of the registered bylaw will be served on the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding the above or the enclosed.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Corrina Giles', written over the 'Yours truly,' text.

Corrina Giles, CMO

Town Clerk

Town of The Blue Mountains, ON

Encl:



**Notice of Intention to Designate  
A Property under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains intends to designate the property municipally known as Roll Number 4242000015008450000, High Bluff Lane, Plan 16M14, Block 27, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 as a property of cultural heritage value or interest for the purpose of designating a Heritage Tree located on that property.

**Property Description:** Located on the southeast corner of the intersection of the 10th Line and High Bluff Lane, north of and adjacent to the Georgian Trail, a 0.42 acre municipally owned property, known as Roll Number 4242000015008450000, High Bluff Lane, Plan 16M14, Block 27, Town of The Blue Mountains.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:** the property is considered for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 as amended, as representing a site of cultural heritage and interest within the Town.

A 152-year-old sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) located on the above-described property possesses significant cultural heritage value under Ontario Regulation 9/06 due to its historical, aesthetic, and contextual significance

**Historical:** The tree, estimated to be 152 years old, is a rare and enduring example of the natural heritage of the region, predating significant settlement and development in the area. It represents a living link to the pre-settlement landscape and the ecological history of the region, reflecting the prominence of sugar maples in Ontario's early agricultural and maple syrup production traditions.

**Aesthetic:** The sugar maple exhibits exceptional visual qualities, with its expansive canopy, vibrant seasonal foliage, and robust form, making it a striking and iconic feature in the landscape. Its aesthetic appeal enhances the scenic quality of the Georgian Trail, a significant recreational corridor.

**Contextual:** The tree serves as a prominent landmark along the Georgian Trail, a key recreational trail connecting communities and attracting visitors for its natural beauty. Its highly visible location from the public road right-of-way establishes it as a defining element of the local landscape, contributing to the area's sense of place and community identity.

**Description of Heritage Attributes:** The following attributes embody the cultural heritage value of the sugar maple:

- Its age, approximately 152 years, as determined by measurement, visual assessment and historical photography.
- Its physical form, including its height, trunk diameter, and expansive canopy demonstrate its maturity and health.
- Its vibrant seasonal foliage, showcasing brilliant red, orange, and yellow hues characteristic of the species.
- Its specific location adjacent to the Georgian Trail and near the public road right-of-way, ensuring high visibility and accessibility.
- Its ecological role as a native species, supporting local biodiversity and reflecting the region's natural heritage.

**Notice of Objection:** Any person may object to the proposed designation by serving a Notice of Objection to the Town Clerk within 30 days of the publication of this notice. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection and must be served by mail or delivered to:

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk,  
Town of The Blue Mountains  
32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310  
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0.

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Dated at the Town of The Blue Mountains, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2026.