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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 typed name.

Corrina Giles, CMO

Town Clerk

Town of The Blue Mountains, ON

Encl:



**NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A BY-LAW
TO DESIGNATE PROPERTY UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**
(Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, s. 29)

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains passed By-law No. 2026-16 on April 20, 2026 to designate the property municipally known as Block 27, Plan 16M14, Town of The Blue Mountains (the "Property") as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. A copy of By-law No.2026-16 and associated supporting material may be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk.

1. Description of the Property

The Property is legally described as: Block 27, Plan 16M14, Town of The Blue Mountains, being 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.

2. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest / Heritage Attributes

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.

3. Right to Appeal under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Any person who objects to the By-law may appeal to the Tribunal by giving the Tribunal and the Clerk of the municipality, within 30 days after the date of publication under this paragraph, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the bylaw and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the Tribunal.

4. Appeal Deadline

The last day for filing an appeal is June 1, 2026

Dated at the Town of The Blue Mountains this 1st day of May, 2026.

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The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains

By-Law Number 2026 – 16

Being a By-law to designate the municipally owned lands known as Block 27, Plan 16M14, Town of the Blue Mountains, to be of cultural heritage value or interest

Whereas the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.1990, C. O.18 (the "Act") authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, or portions thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And Whereas the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains has caused notice of its intention to designate the Sugar Maple (*Acer Saccharum*) located on the municipally owned lands known as Block 27, Plan 16M14 to be served and published in accordance with the provisions of the Act;

And Whereas the Clerk of the municipality has not received any notice of objection to the proposed designation with the time prescribed in the Act;

And Whereas a Statement of Cultural Value or Interest is set out in Schedule "B";

And Whereas a description of Heritage Attributes is set out in Schedule "C";

And Whereas the Council for the Town of The Blue Mountains considers it desirable to designate the said Sugar Maple (*Acer Saccharum*) as being of cultural heritage value and interest;

Now Therefore Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the Sugar Maple (*Acer Saccharum*) located on the municipally owned property known as Block 27, Plan 16M14, and more particularly described in Schedule "A", is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Act.
2. That the Town's legal representative is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" in the proper land registry office.
3. That Town staff are hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town.

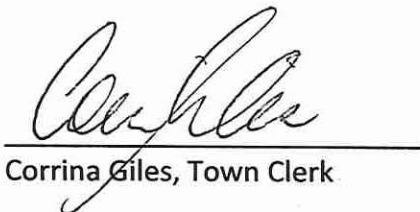
And Further that this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the enactment thereof.

Enacted and passed this 20th day of April, 2026.



Andrea Matrosovs, Mayor

**CERTIFIED TO BE A
TRUE COPY**



Corrina Giles, Town Clerk


CARRIE FAIRLEY, ACTING DEPUTY CLERK

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Schedule "A"
Property Description

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Schedule "C"
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.