
Board Special Meeting

Meeting Date: August 15, 2024
Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: The Boardroom at L.E. Shore
Prepared By: Jennifer Murley, CEO/Secretary of the Board

Mission: The Blue Mountains Public Library is a dynamic centre of community engagement where everyone can connect, explore and create.



This special Board meeting is open to the public but will not be recorded or livestreamed. The purpose of the meeting is for the Board to provide feedback solicited by the project consultants, Colliers, who were hired to lead the Multi-Use Recreation Feasibility Study (MURFA).

A. Call to Order

- A.1 Moment of Reflection
- A.2 Indigenous Acknowledgement Statement

B. Agenda

- B.1 Approval of the Agenda

Recommended Motion

Moved by ___ and seconded by ___, THAT the Agenda of August 15, 2024, be approved as circulated.

B.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

NOTE: Known pecuniary interests should be provided to the Board Secretary in writing and be noted as part of this agenda item. Should items arise during the meeting, the member shall make notice.

C. Colliers Focus Group Re: Multi-Use Recreation Feasibility Assessment (MURFA)

Focus group questions are included in the public agenda package. The purpose of this discussion is for Colliers to consult the Library Board in the MURFA, which may have an impact on the future expansion of library services in the Town of The Blue Mountains. Public input on the study will be conducted separately.

D. Notice of Meeting Dates

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2024, at the L.E. Shore Boardroom beginning at 1:00 p.m.

All meetings and relevant agenda materials will be posted on the [Meeting and Agenda](#) page of Governance.

E. Adjournment

Recommended Motion

Moved by ___, THAT this Board does now adjourn at ___ p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Background

The Town of The Blue Mountains and Town of Collingwood, together with the Blue Mountains Public Library and Collingwood Public Library, are exploring their future recreational and library facility needs. Colliers Project Leaders has been engaged to support this work.

An important part of this process is listening to community leaders like you with high levels of insight about what the community needs, and how these needs are changing over time.

We are requesting an opportunity to interview you to hear your perspectives about the current and future recreational and library facility needs in Collingwood and The Blue Mountains.

About Your Interview

Your interview will take approximately 30 minutes and will be conducted virtually (via Zoom or Teams) and will be scheduled at your convenience. The interview will be with a team from Colliers Project Leaders.

With your consent, we would like to audio record the interview to produce a text transcript of our discussion for the sole purpose of informing our report. We will discuss your comfort with this at the beginning of the interview.

Interview Questions

1. Let's start with the big picture. How important do you think recreational and library facilities are to residents in your community, and why?
2. Generally, do you feel residents' current recreational and library needs are being met? If there are unmet needs, what are they?
3. Your community is growing very quickly! What changes do you anticipate on the horizon for how recreational and library needs will evolve in the future?
4. When thinking about future investments in recreational facilities, what makes the most sense to you: (choose one from each option)
 - a. Investing in single unique use facilities OR investing in multi-use facilities
 - b. Investing in new facilities OR investing in current facilities
 - c. Incremental investments over time OR major investment to prepare for future
5. If a multi-use facility was to be built, what uses would you imagine being in this facility?

6. This process is a joint exploration between the Town of The Blue Mountains and the Town of Collingwood. Would you be supportive of a shared facility, or do you think both communities need their own facilities?
7. This work begins with an extensive listening exercise to hear from the community. What information, data or insights will you be most interested in at the end of this process?
8. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us?