

THE *View* FROM *Blue*



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Peter Bordignon, President of BMRA

Hello and welcome to 2018!

I am delighted to have served another year as the President of the Blue Mountains Ratepayers' Association and I personally wanted to thank you for your continued support. After 4 years, I have just over 4 months left on my term as I will be stepping down as President at our AGM in May.

We as a board and all ratepayers collectively have a very interesting and active year ahead of us. There is a lot going on within our beautiful town and we also have the 2018 Municipal Election well within our reach.

Looking back at 2017, it was a very busy and sometimes still turbulent year here in The Blue Mountains. We continue to deal with a few important and impassioned issues.

The ongoing dispute between Councillor Michael Seguin and the Town continues on without resolution, Grey County still takes way more than they give back and there are always the normal issues such as, Town Budget, Planning, STA, Environment and Communications.

That being said, overall I was very happy with our work in 2017! There were many positive and bright shining moments over the past year. With pressure from the BMRA, the TBM established a County Steering Committee to tackle the Grey County issues head on.

CAO Troy Speck resigned and we are very fortunate to have Shawn Everitt to have been officially named Acting CAO in his place and we welcomed a new experienced CEO to head the Library Board. The BMRA STA Committee reports that things are getting better every season within many areas. Our Social committee held it's Inaugural 'Barn Party' last August which not only resulted in a sell out, but raised over \$4000.00 for the BVO and Events for Life local charities. Our 'Let's Chat' Open Public Forum was a success and we will be continuing both these events into 2018. The AGM was well attended with great guest speakers, Dan Skelton from Blue Mountain Resorts and MPP Jim Wilson and in my opinion, the BMRA elected the most dedicated and well rounded Board of Directors in years.

I have always been an advocate for all TBM Community Groups to share ideas and information and was very honoured to have been a guest panelist at the first Community Communication Forum held last June.

There is still work that needs to be done and your BMRA Board is up for the challenge. We are now seeking new members to serve on our Board for our next term. If you want to help the organization and have some flexible time to spare, we want to hear from you. Our organization is getting stronger, especially as we become more informative and continue to receive feedback from Community members at large.

That naturally leads me to kindly remind everyone to renew your membership if you haven't already with the Blue Mountain Ratepayers' Association (BMRA). If you haven't joined in the past, we invite all permanent and seasonal residents to become new members. This year our membership fees will remain at \$25.00 despite rising communications costs.

Our AGM is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th, 2018.

May this year bring a renewed dedication to the spirit of leadership, creativity, and innovation that defines the TBM community! In ways both great and small, let us continue to have a positive impact on our Town.





Letter from the editor

By: Paula Hope
Chair Communications Committee

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To our Elected Officials in the Town of Blue Mountains: Get Busy Living!

Andy Dufresne describes difficult choices in the much beloved film, *Shawshank Redemption*, “I guess that it comes down to a simple choice. Get busy living, or get busy dying”. So, to our elected colleagues at TBM Council, how about you? How about if you get busy living? Granted, it has been a tough time for all members of Council during the last couple of years, no question. At the same time, all of us have our “get living” decisions.

There are 2 key areas that Council can address now and help itself to get busy living.

Take care of these two items of business and Council members will catapult our wonderful Town into an election year that will end with a bang and not its current whimper.

1) Settle Now.

That’s right. Coming from a “no blame” position, the BMRA has written to all of the elected officials of TBM to settle the long and agonizing dispute between the town and one of its town councillors. It is the BMRA’s position that a mediator should be appointed by the Town to bring about resolution.

TBM cannot afford to waste valuable funds on legal fees that are of no gain to its stakeholders. Please stop the bleeding now. No TBM Council member should feel that he/she has the luxury of sitting in their own stew – that means everyone. There is no mandate to continue with this infighting. Figure it out or get help!

Get busy living.

2) Create the Future- Support and Compensate Election Officials Appropriately

As noted in earlier “View from Blue” columns, the compensation of elected officials of the TBM is dismal, to be kind. In fact, TBM elected officials are both underpaid and poorly supported.

While receiving a mere pittance compared to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) who is supposed to be following the strategy that they set, elected officials must also plough through mountains of undigested minutiae to get to the facts. This additional and unnecessary burden needs to be addressed immediately. There are many tools that not for profit organizations employ to lessen the load on their short supply of volunteers. Why can’t these tools be developed to support TBM elected officials? Let’s treat our elected officials with respect for their time and energy.

And, speaking of respect, let’s compensate our Council members according to the critical responsibility that elected officials of TBM must take on. The decisions that they will make over the next 4 years will have everything to do with the welfare of this area for the next 40 years.

TBM elected officials must get it right. We need the right people on the bus to do that.

How can we attract the highest quality representation when we are putting so little monetary value on the services of our elected officials? I mentioned earlier that the CAO is mandated to do the bidding of Council, led by the Mayor, who is the CEO, the Chairman of Council. So why is the Mayor’s salary set at less than one-third of the CAO’s salary? To round out numbers, the next CAO will be receiving \$150-\$200K++ per year as his/her salary.

In the BMRA tradition of providing high quality and impactful information, please see the chart below which provides full details of how TBM elected officials are compensated (or not!).

**Statement Of Remuneration and Expenses
Town Of The Blue Mountains Council Members - Approved By By-Law 2006-06**

	Remuneration	Benefits	Per Diem	Total Remuneration & Benefits	Travel and Computer Allowance
MCKEAN, JOHN (Mayor)	\$ 30,999.80	\$ 6,770.40	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 39,360.20	\$ 3,599.96
ARDIEL, GAIL (Deputy Mayor)	\$ 21,999.90	\$ 6,351.05	\$ 1,593.33	\$ 29,944.28	\$ 3,599.96
GAMBLE, BOB (Councillor)	\$ 17,500.08	\$ 5,199.35	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,699.43	\$ 3,599.96
HALOS, JOE (Councillor)	\$ 17,500.08	\$ 6,056.64	\$ 440.00	\$ 23,996.72	\$ 3,599.96
MARTIN, MICHAEL (Councillor)	\$ 17,500.08	\$ 5,210.58	\$ 900.00	\$ 23,610.66	\$ 3,599.96
MCGEE, JOHN (Councillor)	\$ 17,500.08	\$ 5,215.39	\$ 1,270.00	\$ 23,985.47	\$ 3,599.96
SEGUIN, MICHAEL (Councillor)	\$ 17,500.08	\$ 5,384.41	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,884.49	\$ 3,599.96
TOTAL	\$140,500.10	\$ 40,187.82	\$ 5,793.33	\$186,481.25	\$ 25,199.72

Please note that the remuneration total in the first column includes \$4,000 worth of benefits.

So, TBM elected officials, get busy living and lay down a red carpet for your successors. Change the compensation for TBM elected officials to reflect the true value of the services that they provide. You know that value better than anyone.

TBM elected officials, make it happen.
Time to get busy livin'.

Watch this space for more analysis of compensation of elected officials in local governments in the surrounding areas.



In Memoriam

Dear BMRA Neighbours and Friends,
It is with profound sadness that we inform you of the passing of Ron Healey on December 30, 2017. Ron was the husband of long time BMRA President Dorothy. Both Ron and Dorothy were always strong community leaders and we wish the family all the best at this difficult time

We made a list, We checked it twice, We're gonna find out, Who's funding our slice

Ok, admittedly the County is not exactly Santa Clause. But TBM is exploring new ways to get a better funding slice out of our Ratepayer dollars that we send up to Owen Sound.

During 2017 we have managed to permanently change the TBM relationship with the County ... a little painful at first but it will be for the better long run. Now let's get some results. Councillor Michael Martin, who is the chair of the Town/ County Steering Committee on behalf of TBM, advises that the Committee's next meeting is January 25 in the Town Hall. The purpose of that meeting is to set the agenda for the Grey County- The Blue Mountains Task Force meeting with representatives of the County later in February.



Councillor Martin advises his draft agenda for the January 25th meeting is as follows:

1. Social Services funding (including Events for Life)
2. Economic Development: attainable housing
3. Planning Approvals: report back
4. Local Hospital Integrated Networks (LHINs) boundary: consider joint approach to Province;
5. Inter Connecting link (transit): consider costs and consequences
6. Report on County spending within the "Town".

Councillor Martin is looking for input and we plan to have representatives of the BMRA at the January 25th meeting. We will also be suggesting a couple of refinements to the above agenda. TBM is in the unusual position of sitting at the extremity of both Grey County and Simcoe County. This causes funding issues with respect to item #4, LHINS, on the agenda. Councillor John McGee sits on the Board of Collingwood Hospital (in Simcoe County) and the new project under discussion there will cost \$600 million. TBM will be called upon for some funding. Additionally Meaford Hospital (in Grey County) has traditionally received funding from TBM.

Funding the two hospitals as well as sending money to Grey County that also funds Grey Bruce Health Services is de facto writing 3 cheques for Hospitals. That is an unfair burden to TBM. Therefore Councillor McGee has suggested a "County hospital development fund" to straddle these 3 funding issues. We agree that's an area that should be explored under item #4 above.

Agenda items #2, Economic Development (attainable housing) and #5, Inter Connecting Link (transit), could be merged into a discussion to deal with recent local magazine articles outlining the fact that the TBM region faces a labour crisis. In other words help wanted signs are going unanswered.

One of the key reasons is the issue of attainable housing. A solution to this should involve a discussion about regional transit. In this regard we are pleased to announce that Paul Logan has joined the BMRA County committee. Paul is retired from the TTC in Toronto as a transit operator who dealt with ridership on a day-to-day basis for many years. He knows what passengers want and what they don't want. Therefore we are confident his contribution to some common sense transit solutions will dovetail well with attainable housing solutions.

At the County's 2018 Budget Meeting, Mayor John McKean requested consideration of having each lower tier municipality in Grey County pay its own cost of representation on County Council. The new Warden agreed that this Notice of Motion would be heard at a County Council Meeting in the New Year.

This is important as County Council expenditures are budgeted at \$643K in 2018 for 18 County Councillors and Blue Mountain's inequitable share is 26% or \$167K. Why is this inequitable? Because the average cost of our two Councillors would be \$71K so we are subsidizing the additional \$96K cost of some 16 Councillors whose election we do not even participate in.

More importantly, our Mayor's motion effectively offers all ratepayers of Grey County a means to save \$643K in 2018. Implicitly that vote will answer the question: Can County Councillors be stewards of both County ratepayers' funds and Municipal funds? Is it even possible to be unbiased and wear 2 hats? We look forward to a healthy debate on that question.

Best Wishes to our Ratepayers for a Happy New Year.

**By: John Leckie, Vice President
Chair, County Committee**

Budget Review Committee

Report for 2017 and Plans for 2018

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Budget Review Committee:
Ritchie Baird, Al Fraser, Brian Harkness,
Terry Thompson, Chair

Accomplishments for 2017:

1. On going review of annual town budgets, meeting with staff several times a year to question various cost items and suggest improvements in budget presentations.
2. Budget presentation for 2018 includes a total Town cost line charts and more inclusion of actual vs budget numbers.
3. We attend Council meetings and make deputations on behalf of our ratepayers
4. Both water and wastewater consumption and fixed charges remained flat in 2017, as past efforts continue to bear fruit.
5. Building a more collaborative relationship with staff and council to enable a positive working relationship.

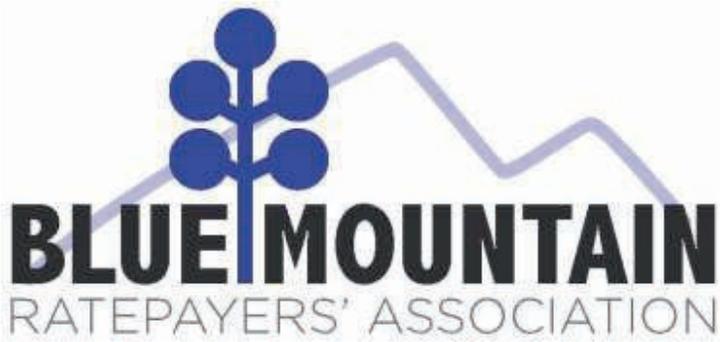
The work we do continues to build on past efforts. The fact that we watch over the Town expenditures and that both Council and staff see us as “being there” contributes to more prudent fiscal management.

We had hoped to better understand the library cost issues this year but deferred the work in favour of the County “fair share” project, pushing for a return to the 20% TBM share of County costs. As we pay \$14 million to the County annually (about the same amount we pay for municipal taxes) this issue has taken a greater share of our work effort. From our perspective, less attention is paid to this aspect of the stewardship over our tax dollars than should be the case.

Plans for 2018:

Broadly speaking, our goal is to encourage ratepayer awareness and involvement in the Town’s budgetary process to ensure “best practices” and transparency in Town presentations of its financial affairs and get a “better deal” from County. Specifically, for 2018 we will continue to:

1. Monitor water and wastewater fixed and consumption charges. While the issue does not affect those on wells and septic systems, the town is growing and more and more residents are affected by these charges. Long term, Clarksburg must be folded in to modern municipal water and sewage treatment. We note that in 2017 the “unaccounted for” water (leakage) is 37%. This is unacceptable, as the target is 15% and we will encourage renewed efforts to reduce this waste.
2. Encourage Town finance staff to present the overall budget summaries using actual numbers as the base. This is done for individual departments and we would like to see these numbers “rolled up” for better understanding of the totals, showing line by line expense comparisons.
3. The Town’s new Asset Management Plan (called Citiworks) is now being phased in and the impact on reserves, taxes and user fees will likely be significant. We need to monitor this project and ensure basic assumptions underlying the calculations are understood and not build unnecessary reserves and increases in our ratepayers’ burden.
4. The unfair Grey County tax burden of 26% on Blue has been an issue for some time and efforts are underway to fix this. We support Councillor Martin’s task force efforts to redress the balance, and we work with the BMRA County Committee in this regard.
5. One specific example is encouraging each municipality in Grey County to pay all costs of their representation on County Council directly. Based on the 2017 County Budget estimates this would save Grey County \$622,000. Further, if we could reduce our representation to one person at county Council instead of two, the savings would be even greater at the local level.
6. As we approach the elections in 2018, the issue of excessive taxes paid to the County needs to be front and centre for all individuals planning to run for Council in October this year. Simply put, the future of our Town and our ability to sustain growth depends on a political solution and those elected to Council must engage The Province and County to achieve a “fair deal”. We will continue to support Council in seeking needed change.



BMRA AGM

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**



**REGISTRATION at 8.30 AM
MEMBERS SESSION • 9 AM - 10 AM**

**Saturday
May 12th, 2018**

MARSH STREET CENTRE

**LET'S CHAT WORKSHOP
FOLLOWING THE AGM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
10.15 AM to NOON**

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



**Please join us at the Lovell Farm in Ravenna
for another great evening on **August 25th, 2018**
Only **200 Tickets** will be Available!
Last year was completely **SOLD OUT!****



ELECTION INFORMATION

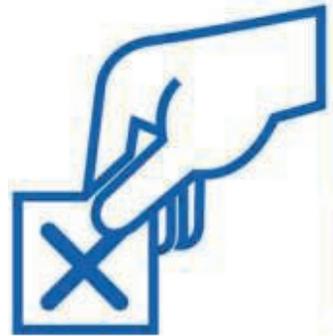


**ALL CANDIDATES
FORUM**

A large red checkmark is positioned over a black ballot box icon.

Hosted By: The BMRA

**MEET YOUR TBM CANDIDATES
Saturday
September 22nd, 2018
9.00 AM to NOON
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Blue Mountain Resort**



**MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS**

MONDAY - OCTOBER 22nd, 2018

Election 2018 - Internet and Telephone Voting

The Town of The Blue Mountains will be using both internet and telephone voting only in the 2018 Municipal Election.

MAIL-IN AND PAPER BALLOTS WILL NOT BE USED.

With internet and telephone voting, electors will have the opportunity to cast their ballots where telephone or internet service is available. The Town will offer Help Centres and Education Centres throughout the election period to ensure all voters have the opportunity to participate.

Always check the town website www.thebluemountains.ca for additional information regarding the 2018 Municipal Election.

**LET'S
CHAT!**

BMRA
2018
POST
ELECTION
WORKSHOP

FREE EVENT • OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Saturday
November 17th, 2018**

10.00 AM to 11.30 AM

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



By: Terry Kellar
Chair STA Committee

Short Term Accommodation Committee

Short Term Accommodation (STA) Committee Year End Report 2017

During the past year, the STA committee participated in an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing and witnessed a win in December for the Town. At great cost, our municipality was successful in its efforts to shut down an STA property that had been operating illegally since 2010.

In January, a staff report suggested the owner be allowed to continue renting until the February 19th, Family Day, before being shut down by the Town. Our Committee believes it should be done immediately and encourages our Council to support this move. In addition to an immediate cessation of these illegal rentals, it is our view that the Town should be awarded the costs of the hearing.

The Committee identified to the Town that STA licenses were being issued to Grandfathered STA's with occupancy loads greater than the bylaw allowed (# of bedrooms x 2 plus 2 more i.e. 5 bedrooms = 12 people). The issue seems to be how you define and identify what is a bedroom. It appears that a lot of places are claiming they have an extra one. You would think it would be pretty obvious. A staff report will soon be presented to Council with a solution. We anticipate one won't need to be a lawyer to understand the definition of a bedroom.

We also identified that licenses were being issued to legally conforming STA's that were within 120 meters of an established STA in violation of the bylaw. The Town admits they know of 9 so far. We are waiting to see a staff report for a solution.

In 2017, the STA owners requested a change that would reduce the penalties (demerit points) imposed against their licenses for noise, nuisances, and other violations. They requested that the apparent quality of the operation of their business be considered along with the fact that they did everything possible (due diligence) to avoid problems. They felt that the issue that their business practices failed when they brought the inappropriate renters to our residential areas and unsuccessfully monitored the unit should not to be factored against them. A bylaw amendment would have been required for this change, which we opposed to Council. A slim majority of councilors agreed with us so the status quo was maintained.

Hopefully with the applications of the STA Bylaws clarified and enforced, our focus for 2018 will be on the STA part of the new Official Plan to make sure any proposed changes will protect our neighbourhoods.



By: Janet Findlay
Chair Planning Committee

"In 2018 the Town will likely experience on-going pressure on its planning department to approve new developments. However, our municipal planners are also committed to preparing a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law, one which reflects the updated Official Plan approved in 2016. Work is continuing on this important project and the BMRA will look forward to participating in the public review process in due course. Also in 2018 the Town will be examining the idea of passing an "inclusionary" zoning by-law which sets out a framework for encouraging affordable housing in new developments."

For more information about inclusionary zoning, please visit website below:

www.airdberlis.com and search inclusionary zoning



By: Andree Lovell
Chair Social Committee

Building on the success of last August's Barn Party and Dance being 100% SOLD OUT, we are already planning the second annual event to be held on **Saturday August 25th, 2018.**

Please **SAVE THE DATE** on your calendars! Many things worked well for our first Barn Party event, watch for another great evening with Silent Auction, Dinner, Band and Dancing. We are also looking for input to fine tune the experience for everyone this summer and welcome any feedback and/or suggestions. Remember, over \$4000.00 was raised last year for BVO and Events for Life and once again a portion of the proceeds from this event supports local TBM charities.

Please feel free to contact our Social Committee Chair, Andrée Lovell at andree@lovellinc.ca





HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLUE!

By Peter Bordignon

As mentioned in the last edition of our Newsletter, I was going to do a feature on another great Blue Mountain neighbourhood. Then I realized that not many people are talking about our 20th Year. The town was formed on January 1, 2001, when the Town of Thornbury was amalgamated with Collingwood. We actually commenced operations **January 1st of 1998**. Whether you call it an Birthday or Anniversary or Birth, the fact is that this is a milestone for The Town of the Blue Mountains.

Still relatively a 'baby' in terms of a town's age, but We have come a LONG WAY BABY! I always use my own words when writing, but in this case, I will take this section from the town's official website as I feel it describes our town very well!

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

The Town of The Blue Mountains is a lower tier municipal corporation that commenced operations on January 1, 1998 and forms part of Grey County. It is comprised of the former Township of Collingwood, the former Town of Thornbury and other small hamlets including the communities of Craigeleith, Clarksburg, Heathcote, Redwing, Duncan, Little Germany, Ravenna, Victoria Corners, Loree, Kilapore, Banks, Gilbrater, Castle Glen, Swiss Meadows and Camperdown.

Located just two hours from the GTA, The Town of The Blue Mountains is located on the south shore of the Nottawasaga Bay, between Collingwood and Owen Sound, extending south from the Bay over rolling hills and verdant farmland. The Blue Mountains is bisected by the Niagara Escarpment, one of several significant geological features in the area, including the Beaver Valley and a Town wide shoreline offering several public access parks and beaches. The Town contains the highest hills in Ontario and the area also contains a mix of small centres, rural areas and features an excellent, full-service harbour in Thornbury. Its location and exceptional features have made the community popular for permanent and seasonal residents and numerous visitors to the area. It has been provincially designated as a four season recreation area.

The community developed around an economy based on agriculture - particularly apples. However, tourism has become the fastest growing and dominant economic sector in the Town with the largest single development being Intrawest. The growth in tourism has been accompanied by strong residential development, catering largely to affluent and active individuals and couples who are eligible to retire.

from all of us at the BMRA...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY





Supporting Local Charities



Summer Under the Stars

Help Us Bring Curling Back to The Blue Mountains!

In the 1900's there was a curling rink in Clarksburg and then a new rink was built in Thornbury and curling was quite popular until eventually the cost to maintain the structure became too expensive.

A not-for-profit group, The Blue Mountains Curling Centre has been formed to bring this popular Canadian winter pastime back by sharing icetime at the Beaver Valley Arena.

- The group has been granted Probationary Membership in the Ontario Curling Association
- Two days of curling ice per week (Friday and Saturday) have also been secured in the arena on a right of first refusal basis for a fifteen week 2018/2019 season
- Ice time has been arranged with the Town in the Arena for a kick-off event for the last weekend in March 2018

The March event will be held on Easter Weekend with time slots being available for beginners, lessons, open jitneys and for those who would like to try the formation from hockey ice to curling ice. Darren Sinclair and his crew will be training Town Staff in the art of switching the ice.

Many arenas are now sharing icetime with curling to facilitate maximum revenue.

Now, all we need is people, who want curling to return to our Town, to come out and help us make this happen. If after the March event we have enough members signed up for the 2018/2019 season, curling will be back. To learn more about this initiative or if you want to help, please email info@bluemountaincurling.ca; sign up on the website www.bluemountaincurling.ca or call 519-599-3344.





**MEMBERSHIP FORM
MAIL • E-MAIL • ON-LINE
ONLY \$25.00 ANNUALLY**

bmratepayers.com/membership-renewal

Last Name: _____

First Name(s): _____

TBM Address: _____

City: _____ Postal: _____

Phone(s): _____ / _____

Email(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Mailing if Different then Above:

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City: _____ Postal: _____

Paid: Cash: _____ Cheque: _____ E-Mail _____

treasurer.bmra@gmail.com

(also email our Treasurer for the Question & Security Answer with your contact info)



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

By: Jane Moysey
Membership Director

WHY BE A MEMBER OF THE BMRA?

The Blue Mountain Ratepayers' Association advocates for responsible governance of our Municipality. It reports to you so that you are in the know about current local issues, giving you the opportunity to have a voice in matters which affect your pocketbook.

The more paid Members we have, the greater the political clout for all of our voices to be heard. Our current local politicians, and the future hopefuls, are impressed by our paid membership numbers and recognize the force we've become!

Thanks to many of you who keep abreast of the issues and support BMRA activities, we have grown in numbers. Especially in this Election year, we ask that you re-new your memberships and encourage your friends and family to join us.

We actively seek members from all TBM neighbourhoods, the agricultural community, full time & recreational residents and corporate and small businesses.

All of you are important to the BMRA.

Membership remains at \$25 for you and a spouse. Joining or renewing has never been easier:

A sign-up form is included herein, fill out and mail in. You can always visit our website at

<http://bmrateratepayers.com/membership-renewal/>

You may also do a \$25.00 email money transfer to

treasurer.bmra@gmail.com

(also email our Treasurer for the Question & Security Answer with your contact info)



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Past President

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JOIN TODAY!

The Blue Mountains Ratepayers' Association is growing in numbers thanks to many of you who keep abreast of the issues and support BMRA activities! Please don't forget to send in your \$25 and keep us the force we've become! New members and diversity always welcome!

We are actively seeking residential members as well as members from our agricultural community, corporate business, and small business. We are looking for committee volunteers with skillsets in website, social media, fundraising and municipal elections.

PLEASE RENEW OR JOIN TODAY!

WHY BE A BMRA MEMBER?

- Strength in numbers = influence on government and community issues, paid membership is the proof
- Membership means you can bring issues of concern to the attention of the Association and perhaps find like minded support
- Represent the issues facing your neighbourhood or industry and make a difference
- While your Board are all Volunteers... Website, Newsletters and AGM are costly: for effective and timely communication we need your dues!

**RENEW TODAY
ONLY \$25!**

www.bmrateratepayers.com

Visit the website and click on JOIN NOW today!