



Minutes

The Blue Mountains Special Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: January 16, 2019
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

Mayor Alar Soever called the meeting to order with all members in attendance.

Also in attendance Interim Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Enforcement Services/Fire Chief Rob Collins, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Human Resources Jenn Moreau, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Acting Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Town Solicitor John Metras, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets Sam Dinsmore, Financial Analyst Vicky Bouman and Library Chief Executive Officer Sabrina Saunders.

▪ Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT the Agenda of January 16, 2019 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

▪ Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20, Council Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

B. Reports and Presentation

B.1 Craig Binning, Hemson Consulting Ltd.

Presentation: Development Charges

Craig Binning and Jackie Hall of Hemson Consulting provided an overview of development charges for Council. Craig and Jackie provided an update on the 2019 development charge study process, reviewed the development forecast, presented historical inventories and funding envelopes and presented development-related capital programs. Craig and Jackie spoke regarding the calculated development charge and reviewed the 2019 development charge by-law and development charge policy items.

B.2 Development Charges Workshop, FAF.19.006

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.006, entitled “Development Charges Workshop” for information purposes;

AND THAT Council direct staff to report back to Council at a future date regarding the Development Charges Background Study and By-law, Carried.

B.3 Committee of the Whole Report dated January 14, 2019

B.13.4 Open For Business – Bill 66 Restoring Ontario’s Competitiveness Act Information Report, PDS.19.05

Moved by:

Peter Bordignon

Seconded by:

Rob Potter

THAT Council receive Staff Report PDS.19.05, entitled “Open for Business – Bill 66 Restoring Ontario’s Competitiveness Act Information Report” for information purposes;

AND THAT Staff be authorized to submit comments to the Province substantively in the form as those outlined in Attachment #1, Carried.

B.13.5 Follow Up on Cannabis Consultation, PDS.19.12

Moved by:

Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by:

Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council receive Staff Report PDS.19.12, entitled “Follow Up on Cannabis Consultation”;

THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains hereby Opts-In as a municipality where cannabis retail stores are permitted;

AND THAT Council direct staff to develop a draft Cannabis Policy Statement for Council’s consideration to provide municipal staff with guidance on commenting to AGCO when notice on a specific proposed cannabis retail store site is provided on the site location;

AND THAT Council direct staff to assess the financial and resource implications associated with further restricting the usage of cannabis within the Town in consultation with owners of privately owned commercial properties who provide public spaces;

AND THAT in consideration of the impact of tourism on some municipalities, the Town of The Blue Mountains hereby requests the Province to provide additional funding resources to address implementation issues related to cannabis legalization

Mayor Soever requested a recorded vote:

- Deputy Mayor Bartnicki Yay
- Councillor Bordignon Yay
- Councillor Matrosovs Yay
- Councillor Potter Yay
- Councillor Sampson Yay
- Councillor Uram Yay
- Mayor Soever Yay

The motion is Carried.

C. Public Comment Period

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the January 16, 2019 Special Meeting of Council Agenda be revised to include a Public Comment Period, Carried.

C.1 Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20 fifteen minutes is allotted at the Council Meeting to receive public comments regarding Town matters. The speaker shall provide their name and address, and shall address their comments to the Chair. Comments shall not refer to personnel, litigation or potential litigation matters, or regarding matters that are a follow-up to a Public Meeting.

C.1.1 Rosemary Gosselin, resident of Napier Street West, Thornbury spoke regarding the correspondence from Scheifele, Erskine & Renken dated January 7, 2019. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki declared a point of order, noting that this correspondence is regarding litigation or potential litigation and should not be discussed.

C.1.2 Michael Martin, resident of 25 Lorne Avenue, spoke regarding the correspondence from Scheifele, Erskine & Renken dated January 7, 2019. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki and Councillor Sampson declared a point of order, noting that this correspondence is regarding litigation or potential litigation and should not be discussed

D. Correspondence

D.1 Scheifele, Erskine & Renken, Barristers & Solicitors Re: Former Councillor Michael Seguin

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive the correspondence from Scheifele Erskine and Renken dated January 7, 2019 regarding former Councillor Michael Seguin;

AND THAT Council direct staff to:

- a) Investigate and respond to Michael Seguin's coverage under the Town's insurance policy;
- b) Respond to the correspondence regarding the request for specific records;
- c) Engage legal advice from a solicitor that has not been involved with the complaint or file, or ever provided any legal advice or services to the Town in the past, who also has integrity commissioner experience; and
- d) Investigate the Town's potential exposure in response to the correspondence received and report back to Council

Councillor Andrea Matrosovs requested a recorded vote:

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki	Yay
Councillor Bordignon	Yay
Councillor Matrosovs	Yay
Councillor Potter	Yay
Councillor Sampson	Yay
Councillor Uram	Yay
Mayor Soever	Yay

The motion is Carried.

E. Closed Session

Moved by: Rob Potter

Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT with regard to subsection 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, this Council does now move into closed session in order to address matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board and with regard to a municipal contract, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 4:48 p.m.

Council moved into public session at 5:05 p.m.

Mayor Soever reported out of Closed Session, noting that Council was just in closed session to discuss one matter. Council has provided direction to staff and staff will report back.

F. Adjournment

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT this Special Meeting of Council does now adjourn at 5:07 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.

Alar Soever, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk