



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Special Committee of the Whole Meeting – 2019 Budget

Meeting Date: February 12, 2019
Meeting Time: 8:45 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
Prepared by Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

Mayor Soever called the meeting to order with all members of Council present.

Also present Interim Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Reg Russwurm, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting & Budgets Sam Dinsmore, Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Acting Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons and Library Chief Executive Officer Sabrina Saunders.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT the Agenda of February 12, 2019 be approved as circulated, with it being noted that the MPAC deputation scheduled at Agenda at item B.4.2 will be rescheduled to a later date, due to the inclement weather, 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. Deputation/Staff Report/Presentation

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

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20 ten minutes is allotted to receive public comments regarding staff reports included on the Agenda. 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.

B.1.1 John Corrigan, 100 Alice Street, spoke in support of the Library and Museum Draft 2019 Budget recommending expansion for both sites. Mr. Corrigan spoke regarding the LE Shore Memorial Library and noted that when it was built in 1995, that the community raised \$225,000 to provide shelving and other furnishings to bring the library into operation. Mr. Corrigan noted that he sat on three Library Boards from 1998 to 2006 and spoke regarding the increased use and hours of the library over the years. Mr. Corrigan spoke regarding the expansion of the library parking lot and the purchase of the neighbouring house to provide space for the future planned

expansion of the LE Shore. Mr. Corrigan noted that the Library and the Depot have been combined to become the Blue Mountains Public Library System. Mr. Corrigan noted that as a member of the community and a longtime supporter of the library, that he strongly recommends Council approve the implementation of the feasibility study and space plan in the 2019 Capital Budget and Facility Construction in 2020-21 and 2021-22.

- B.1.2 Brian Harkness**, resident at 320 Sunset Boulevard, Chairman of North East Grey Health Clinic (“NEGHC”) that runs clinics in Meaford and The Blue Mountains. Mr. Harkness noted that the NEGHC have expanded their roles to bring primary health care to The Blue Mountains and Meaford.
- B.1.3 Sandy Macaulay**, resident at 111 Bay Street East, Thornbury spoke noting that Collingwood General and Marine Hospital have made a significant ask to The Blue Mountains. Ms. Macaulay noted that The Blue Mountains needs to address the need to recruit and retain family physicians, currently they are estimating that six to eight physicians are needed in the next three to five years. Ms. Macaulay noted that doctors are retiring. Ms. Macaulay noted that there are no allocated funds included in the budget for primary health care, further noting that primary care is very important as it is the first point of care for our residents.
- B.1.4 Steve Schofield**, resident at 120 Landry Lane, spoke noting that he is the President of the Rotary Club and that the Rotary Club supports the proposed expansion of the Library. Steve noted that the Rotary is very involved with the Library and that libraries are changing, referencing childcare, exercise programs for seniors, meeting rooms, meeting ground for teenagers, toddler ready programs. Mr. Schofield noted that the library is a community hub for information, further noting that the Parking Lot Party, and Canada Day Eve Parties are always well attended. Mr. Schofield noted that the library hits all demographics in the community and draws people in, referencing the art and jazz. Mr. Schofield asked that Council consider the library expansion.
- B.1.5 Holly Fitzgerald**, resident 143 St. Moritz Crescent, spoke noting that she is a member of the Library Book Club and uses the Craighleith Depot library when cycling. Ms. Fitzgerald noted that young families are moving to the area surrounding the Depot, and noted that she agrees that the Library is a community hub as suggested by Mr. Schofield. Ms. Fitzgerald asked that Council approve the library expansion.
- B.1.6 Bev Smith**, spoke noting she resides on The Blue Mountains Townline in Duncan and noted that she supports the expansion of the gallery, further noting that she supports the provision of a new and innovative gallery. Ms. Smith noted that The Blue Mountains has changed and grown.
- B.1.7 Adam Klein**, resident 212 Russell Street, spoke noting that he supports the expansion of the LE Shore Library, but not the Depot, further noting that the cost to expand the Depot is excessive and is not needed. Mr. Klein noted that the Sustainable Path needs to be mandated, noting that walkability to the Depot is not realistic. Mr. Klein noted that the scale of the addition at the Depot is excessive, and questioned if what is being proposed was studied. Mr. Klein noted that expanding the Depot would draw people away from Blue Mountains businesses and would be more accessible to Collingwood residents.

B.2 Review of Library and Museum Draft 2019 Budget

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council approve the Proposed 2019 Blue Mountains Public Library Budget, as presented, for inclusion in the 2019 Draft Budget, including the following 2019 Operating and Capital Projects:

1. Technology Equipment and Replacement;
2. Furniture Replacement;
3. Artifact Shelving (\$30,000 to be transferred to a reserve fund until required);
4. Books and Collection Replacement;
5. Canadian Art Grant Equipment (\$25,000 to be transferred to a reserve fund until required, Carried.

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council direct that the following Proposed Library Additions, as presented, be included in the 2019 Draft Budget:

1. Craigleith Heritage Depot Museum Program;
2. Craigleith Heritage Depot Inventory and Cataloguing Assistant, Carried.

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council direct that the following Proposed Library Addition, as presented, be included in the 2019 Draft Budget:

1. Library Communications Clerk, LOST

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council direct that the following Proposed Library Addition, as presented, be removed from the 2019 Draft Budget:

1. Library Communications Clerk, Carried.

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council direct that the Library Expansion project addition be removed from the 2019 Draft Budget, Carried.

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council direct that \$100,000 (funded from working capital) be included in the 2019 Draft Budget for public consultation for an overall facilities needs master plan, including possible Blue Mountains community hub(s), and possible Blue Mountains Public Library system expansion;

AND THAT Council direct staff to work with the Library Board and the Library CEO to develop a report for possible expansion for consideration in the 2020 Draft Budget, Carried

B.3 Review of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority 2019 Budget

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council approve the Proposed 2019 Conservation Authority Budget, as presented, for inclusion in the 2019 Draft Budget, Carried

B.4 Summary of Draft 2019 Budget as Reviewed and Recommended at the Special Committee of the Whole Meetings of February 7, 8, 11 and 12, 2019.

NOTE: The following two recommendations will be included on the February 20, 2019 Council Agenda for preapproval in the 2019 Budget:

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council authorizes an upset limit of \$50,000 funded from the Master Drainage Plan budget included in the Draft 2019 Budget, to be directed to the existing LiDAR Project to incorporate the entire municipality within the scope of the project;

AND THAT Council direct staff to include this Special Committee of the Whole recommendation on the February 20, 2019 Council Agenda for preapproval in the 2019 Budget, **Carried**.

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council direct staff to include the following February 8, 2019 Special Committee of the Whole recommendation on the February 20, 2019 Council Agenda for preapproval in the 2019 Budget:

THAT Council approve the Proposed 2019 Transit Budget, including the addition of Permanent Extension of Hours, as presented, **Carried**.

B.4 Deputations (1:00 pm)

B.4.1 Jory Pritchard Kerr, Executive Director, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Foundation ("CGMH"), Jack Duffy, Board Chair, CGMH and Kevin Campbell, Hospital Chairman Re: Request for Financial Support of CGMH Redevelopment Project

The Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Redevelopment Project video was displayed. Kevin Campbell spoke noting that the new hospital will be 2.5 times the size of the current hospital, bringing care closer to home. Mr. Campbell noted that in the last 8 to 9 months, they have been working with the Minister and Deputy Minister updating Stage 1 with updated population and patient data, further noting that they expect to submit updated Stage 1 in March.

Jory Pritchard-Kerr spoke on the five stages of redevelopment, further noting that they believe the facility is 8 to 10 years out. Ms. Pritchard-Kerr noted that they have worked to determine the local share, noting that the Ministry has advised that the local share is 10% of all construction costs and are responsible for site and rehabilitation of site. Ms. Pritchard-Kerr noted that \$75 million is required to be raised to move the project forward.

Ms. Pritchard-Kerr reviewed the gift chart and noted they have \$20 million in pledges from Simcoe County, \$3.6 million from Clearview Township, and commitments from donors of \$30 million.

Ms. Pritchard-Kerr reviewed the origins of Collingwood General and Marine Hospital patients by postal codes.

Ms. Pritchard-Kerr requested The Blue Mountains support Collingwood General and Marine Hospital with a \$2 million pledge payable over 10 to 15 years, with no payment being made until construction

Councillor Matrosovs questioned the percentage of users from Collingwood and Wasaga Beach, and how many of these municipalities support two hospitals. Ms. Pritchard-Kerr noted that she will send additional information to Council for their information, and noted that some residents in Wasaga Beach also use Midland Hospital or Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie.

Ms. Pritchard-Kerr noted that hospitals do not offer all services, and that hospitals rely on other hospitals that can provide specialized services as well.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke noting that she would like to see statistics of hospital users by municipality, including Grey County, Wasaga Beach and Clearview residents. Mayor Soever noted that \$3 million was requested from Grey County payable over 15 years. Ms. Pritchard-Kerr noted that the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital has never received support from Grey County in the past. Councillor Matrosovs questioned if support was requested from the municipality of Grey Highlands, Ms. Pritchard-Kerr noted that support will be requested from Grey Highlands as well.

Mayor Soever then questioned if Clearview is the only Simcoe County lower tier municipality that has made a financial commitment to the hospital, Ms. Pritchard-Kerr noted that the hospital is not permitted to solicit Simcoe County lower tier municipalities unless invited, further noting that this is in accordance with the Simcoe County agreement.

Councillor Sampson spoke noting that it is not clear why it is difficult to retain doctors in the area, further noting that we need to find ways to resolve this problem in the area. Councillor Sampson noted that we have 2.5 million annual visitors to this area that we are required to provide services for, further noting this is problematic for the area. Councillor Sampson spoke noting that the Province needs to recognize this.

Ms. Pritchard-Kerr spoke regarding the Rural Ontario Medical Program and noted she will provide more information to Council.

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council receive the deputation of the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Foundation requesting financial support for the CGMH Redevelopment Project, Carried.

B.4.2 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (“MPAC”)

This Agenda item was removed from the Agenda, to be rescheduled at a later date.

C. Adjournment

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT this Special Committee of the Whole does now adjourn at 1:40 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.

Alar Soever, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk