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## The Blue Mountains, Council Meeting

**Meeting Date:** April 1, 2019  
**Meeting Time:** 5:00 p.m. Closed Session  
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting  
**Location:** Town Hall, Council Chambers  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON  
**Prepared by** Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

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### A. Call to Order (5:00 p.m.)

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

Also in attendance Interim Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Human Resources Jenn Moreau, Acting Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, and Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets Sam Dinsmore.

Council then paused for a Moment of Reflection.

#### ▪ Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Agenda of April 1, 2019 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda being Item J.3.1 Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities: Discussion Paper, 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.

Councillor Rob Sampson declared a pecuniary interest regarding F.5 County of Grey – The Blue Mountains Re: Notice of Public Meeting Cancelled - Windfall Subdivision regarding his place of residence, and did not participate in discussion or voting.

### B. Closed Session

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Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

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:

- i) labour relations or employee negotiations, and personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

- ii) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board and personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and with regard to a request for extension for payment of the cost award of the Honourable Justice Lemay;
- iii) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and with regard to review of the applications for appointment to the Library Board and Agricultural Advisory Committee, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 5:04 p.m.

Council moved into public session at 6:47 p.m.

Mayor Soever reported out of Closed Session noting that with respect to the Labour Relations matter: Council provided staff with direction to provide a further report to Council by the end of June 2019. With respect to litigation and personal matters about an identifiable individual: Council provided direction to staff to extend the timeline for payment. With respect to Committee appointments: Council directed staff to refer the Library Board applications to the Library CEO for interviews and recommendation back to Council. Council directed staff to complete reference checks for appointment to the Agricultural Advisory Committee and to report back to Council at a future Council Meeting, Closed Session. Council approved the draft Closed Session Minutes of January 7, 2019, January 16, 2019, January 30, 2019 and February 20, 2019 and requested a report on the action items enclosed herein.

### **C. Meeting (7:00 p.m.)**

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- **Adoption of Consent Agenda**

With the adoption of the Consent Agenda, all Recommendations found within previous Committee Reports or Minutes are then approved or received by Council, as noted. These Committee meetings are open to the public. The Consent Agenda content is available to the public when the Agenda is finalized but is not subject to discussion from the floor at this time, however, representations may be made at subsequent meetings on matters of interest.

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki

Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the Consent Agenda of April 1, 2019 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, Carried.

- **Previous Minutes**

- Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT the Council minutes of March 11, 2019 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

### **D. Deputations / Presentations / Public Meeting**

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Under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and in accordance with Ontario's *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA), The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains wishes to inform the public that all information including opinions, presentations, reports and documentation provided for or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record. This information may be posted on the Town's website and or/ made available to the public upon request.

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## **E. Public Comment Period**

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### **E.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.

None

## **F. Correspondence as previously circulated**

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<b>Author</b>	<b>Recommendation / Actions</b>
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F.1 Town of Kingsville

Re: Request for Support regarding  
Declaration of Office Paragraph 4

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains does hereby receive Correspondence Item F.1 Town of Kingsville Re: Request for Support regarding Declaration of Office Paragraph 4 for information purposes, Carried.

F.2 Ministry of Finance

Re: Release of the 2019 Ontario  
Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

Received for Information

F.3 Township of Clearview

Re: Zoning By-law Amendment  
Notice of Passing

Received for Information

F.4 Notice of Public Meeting

Re: Application for Consent for New  
Lot 114 Lakeshore Road West

Received for Information

F.5 County of Grey – The Blue  
Mountains

Re: Notice of Public Meeting  
Cancelled - Windfall Subdivision

Received for Information

Councillor Rob Sampson vacated the Council Chamber having earlier declared a pecuniary interest regarding F.5 County of Grey – The Blue Mountains Re: Notice of Public Meeting Cancelled – Windfall Subdivision and his place of residence.

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of April 1, 2019 and further does support the Staff Recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items F.2-F.5, including any additional direction given to Staff through discussion, with an appropriate Staff action or response awaited for report back to Committee or Council where indicated, Carried.

## **G. Motions and Staff Reports**

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### **G.1 Infrastructure Fund Program Project Selection, FAF.10.045**

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.045, entitled "Infrastructure Fund Program Project Selection";

AND THAT Council direct staff to submit an application for the Thornbury Road Improvement Project;

AND THAT staff award Phase 1 Final Design and Phase 2 Preliminary Design before an announcement from the Federal Government to an upset limit of \$422,000 for the eligible components, Carried.

### **G.2 Follow Up Report – Minor Variance #A05-2019 – Beaver Street South and 10<sup>th</sup> Line, PDS.19.43**

Moved by: Jim Uram

Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council receive Staff Report PDS.19.43, entitled "Follow Up Report – Minor Variance #A05-2019 – Beaver Street South and 10<sup>th</sup> Line" for information purposes, Carried.

### **G.3 Councillor Matrosovs Request to Attend Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference, May 30 to June 2, 2019 (verbal)**

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

WHEREAS the Town of The Blue Mountains By-law 2006-06 Being a By-law to establish a Compensation and Expense Policy for the Mayor and Members of Council limits the number of conferences each council member may attend on an annual basis to two per year;

AND WHEREAS By-law 2006-06 requires that participation at conferences and seminars beyond two per calendar year, or out of Province, must be specifically approved by Council;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Matrosovs has attended two conferences in the 2019 calendar year, being the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities conference, and is requesting Council approval to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference;

NOW THEREFORE, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains approves the request of Councillor Andrea Matrosovs to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Quebec City, from May 30 to June 2, 2019, being an out of Province conference, and beyond the allotted two conferences per year per Council member to an upset limit of \$3,000 per Council member;

AND THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains approves the request of Councillor Bordignon to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Quebec City, from May 30 to June 2, 2019, being an out of Province conference, to an upset limit of \$3,000 per Council member, Carried.

## H. Consent Agenda

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### Reports List (Adopt)

H.1 Committee of the Whole Report, dated March 18, 2019

### Minutes List (Receive)

H.2 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board minutes dated January 14, 2019

H.3 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board – Special Meeting minutes dated January 17, 2019

H.4 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board minutes dated January 17, 2019

H.5 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority minutes dated January 23, 2019

H.6 Committee of Adjustment minutes dated February 20, 2019

H.7 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority-AGM and Board Meeting Highlights dated March 1, 2019

H.8 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights dated March 22, 2019

## I. By-laws

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### I.1 By-law to remove Lots 1 to 5, Registered Plan 1134 from Part-Lot Control (Polfer Developments Inc. – Timberwolf Condominiums)

Moved by: Jim Uram

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT By-law No. 2019- 11 being a By-law to remove Lots 1 to 5, Registered Plan 1134 from Part-Lot Control for a temporary period of time be passed this 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2019, Carried.

## J. New and Unfinished Business

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### J.1 Grey County Council Update (AS, OB)

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki provided an update on Grey County Council and noted the Master Trails Plan is public and is accessible on the Town's website. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki confirmed the "Adopt a Road" program has been changed, and that further details are available on the County of Grey's website. The Grey County Federation of Agriculture provided a presentation regarding agriculture tax ratio; in a 5-year MPAC period, farm tax ratios increased 71% compared to a 5% increase over the same period for residential rates. Mayor Soever added the farm tax ratio discussion is based around reducing the ratio from 0.25% to 0.224%.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted the County Connection is a subscriber-based bi-weekly publication that is useful to Grey County residents. The Sydenham Regional Centre Skills Training and Innovation Centre is up-and-running as a small-business incubator.

Mayor Soever noted the County is considering deferral or exemption of County Development Charges for attainable housing which leads to the need to define what attainable housing means. There is a need for a policy which defines the projects that are attainable versus which are not.

County Council will be reviewing their Land Acquisition Policy to assess the basis for which land acquisition is measured. The Mayor noted the policy may be updated to appraisal-based measurement.

Mayor Soever noted the Transparency and Accountability Policy and the Council/Staff Relationship Policy were reviewed.

