



# Minutes

## The Blue Mountains, Council Meeting

**Meeting Date:** June 3, 2019  
**Meeting Time:** 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting  
**Location:** Town Hall, Council Chambers  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON  
**Prepared by** Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

---

### A/B Call to Order

Mayor Alar Soever called the meeting to order with all members in attendance save Councillor Matrosovs who joined the meeting at 8:53 pm, following her attendance at the FCM Conference.

Also in attendance Director of Human Resources Jennifer Moreau, Director of Finance and IT Services/Treasurer Ruth Prince, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Acting Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Facility Manager Aaron McMullen

Council then paused for a Moment of Reflection

- **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki                      Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Agenda of June 3, 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

- **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: Rob Potter                                      Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the Consent Agenda of June 3, 2019 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda items B.3.1 Adrienne Campbell – 787439 Grey Road 13 – Noise By-law Relief Request FAF.19.076 and B.3.3 Stephanie Clark – 787439 Grey Road 13 – Noise By-law Relief Request FAF.19.082 as contained in G.1 Committee of the Whole Report dated May 22, 2019, G.3 Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group minutes dated January 15, 2019, and G.14

Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group Report to Council dated May 7, 2019, Carried.

- **Previous Minutes**

The minutes will be included on the next Council Agenda for consideration.

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

---

Mayor Alar Soever noted 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.

### **C.1 Deputation: Norah Holder, President & CEO, Michael Lacroix, Vice President & CFO and Kevin Campbell, Board Chair, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH)**

#### **Re: CGMH Redevelopment Update**

Norah spoke noting she has been the President & CEO of the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH) for two years, and introduced Jory Pritchard-Kerr Executive Director, Michael Lacroix, Vice President and CFO and Kevin Campbell, Board Chair of the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital present.

Norah provided a brief background on the redevelopment update of the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital. Norah thanked Mayor Soever and Interim CAO Shawn Everitt for their engagement, support and collaboration as members of the CGMH Municipal Forum.

Norah noted that the CGMH serves as a mini regional hospital, and provided a summary of the CGMH usage by municipality.

Norah noted that the CGMH is at a pivotal moment whereby a redevelopment or a rebuild is necessary as the current Collingwood General and Marine Hospital is dated and is inadequate to serve current and future needs. Norah noted that the current hospital was built in the 1950s with subsequent additions and renovations, and that the emergency department is less than half the size it should be.

Norah noted that many of the major building systems will require renewal within the next ten years. Due to inadequate floor heights and floor plate sizes, the building is ill-suited to meet current clinical standards.

Norah then spoke regarding the redevelopment timelines and noted they are awaiting approval of the Stage 1 submission before proceeding to Stage 2 of a five-stage process. Norah noted that Stage 2 will likely take 18 – 24 months to complete, and it is anticipated a new build will be 8 years away. Norah noted that in late August 2018 the CGMH met with the Minister and Deputy Minister of Health and MPP Jim Wilson, and CGMH was asked to update original submission to get their file back on track. Norah spoke regarding what was changed from the original submission to the resubmission.

Norah noted that since 2016, this area has moved from being the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> fastest growing subregion in Ontario, with Collingwood and Wasaga Beach being the biggest drivers for this growth. People moving to the region consider health care when moving to an area.

Norah spoke regarding future planning assumptions, including improved infection control, improved patient flow, improved patient outcomes, learning organization, improved coordination of care, and accessibility.

Norah spoke regarding future planning assumptions of diagnostic imaging, including an additional x-ray room, two additional ultrasound rooms, one additional Mammography suite and future provision of MRI exams and that this aligns with designated centre of excellence in orthopedics. Norah noted that the hospital will also look to increase the number of operating rooms and dialysis chairs in addition to expanding partnerships with Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie for a satellite chemotherapy unit.

Norah spoke regarding changes and space requirements. Norah noted that the size of the hospital will double, based on the new standards and, looking forward to 5, 10 to 20 years from now, the hospital requirements will be three times what it is now.

Norah noted that the preferred site for the redevelopment is the Poplar Sideroad, further noting that this site is supported by all five municipalities. Norah spoke regarding the local share requirements, being \$80 million, and noted that 10% of the build must be raised locally, plus 100% of equipment and furnishings. Norah noted that the current hospital must also continue to be maintained.

Norah spoke regarding next steps, noting that this redevelopment will improve healthcare in our region, but also redevelopment will create a positive impact in our community.

Councillor Sampson spoke thanking Norah for the presentation. Councillor Sampson noted that a significant number of residents of The Blue Mountains use the CGMH, and questioned if the CGMH will consider The Blue Mountains to being part of the new family health teams introduced by the Province. Councillor Sampson noted that The Blue Mountains has a doctor shortage, and have established a committee to assist with this shortage and recruitment. Councillor Sampson noted that being a part of the family health team that is linked to the CGMH may assist with physician recruitment in The Blue Mountains.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke regarding hospital visits by area, and questioned if Grey County resident numbers include The Blue Mountains and Grey Highlands, Norah replying yes.

Councillor Potter spoke noting he is happy to see a regional approach to the redevelopment and that learning opportunities have been considered in the redevelopment.

Mayor Soever thanked Norah for her presentation.

## **C.2 Deputation: Stella Juhas, Resident**

### **Re: Support of Motion by Deputy Mayor I.2.1 Interim Voluntary Ban on Single-Use Plastic**

Stella Juhas spoke noting that she is supporting the notice of motion of Deputy Mayor Bartnicki regarding a voluntary ban on single use plastics. Ms. Juhas noted that her supporting comments pertain to environmental impacts of single use plastics on our waterways and noted that problems caused by single use plastics are clear and pose a threat to the aquatic environment and are a human health risk.

## **D. Public Comment Period**

---

### **D.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.

**D.1.1 Pamela Spence**, resident of 209691 Highway 26 spoke expressing support for the notice of motion of Deputy Mayor Bartnicki regarding single use plastics. Ms. Spence noted that Council should take a leadership role on this issue and that businesses should abide by this. Ms. Spence asked that an education component be added to the motion, and that a higher penalty should be imposed on the use of single use plastics. Ms. Spence noted that

single use plastic bags are a concern as well, further noting that compostable bags should be used. Ms. Spence noted that the schools should be incorporated into this and that young people are key to banning single use plastics. Ms. Spence urged Council to support the notice of motion.

**D.1.2 Sherry Ogilvie**, 127 Alfred Street, spoke expressing support for Deputy Mayor Bartnicki's notice of motion, but noted it is premature at this time as the notice of motion is not backed by research, and that there has been no public participation in this. Ms. Ogilvie noted that the Sustainability Committee should have an opportunity to weigh in and that the Blue Mountain Village Association should be engaged in a meaningful way.

**D.1.3 Debbie Crosskill**, 154 Marsh Street, spoke noting she is concerned about environment and noted that Council should not have to wait for the Sustainability Committee to comment. Ms. Crosskill noted that we are aware what is happening globally with single use plastics and other plastics, and that this should not be ignored. Ms. Crosskill noted that Council should stand up and be strong on this issue, to protect the water. Ms. Crosskill noted that the motion is a voluntary ban at this time, and further noted that 80% of the litter in the Great Lakes is plastic. Ms. Crosskill noted that Council was elected to represent the residents in The Blue Mountains and that this should include all lifeforms and creatures that live within our environment as well.

**D.1.4 Julia Hinds**, 9 Shirley Court, spoke noting that she supports the ban on single use plastics for the same reasons provided by previous speakers. Ms. Hinds then expressed concern with the lack of public consultation, and noted that the ban on single use plastics was discussed at the Citizens Forum, but that this is not proper procedure. Ms. Hinds noted that the Sustainability Committee is being appointed by Council this evening and questioned why the notice of motion to ban single use plastics is being considered this evening. Ms. Hinds noted that she does not support the notice of motion at this time.

**D.1.5 Andrew Siegwart**, representing Blue Mountain Village Association, spoke noting that Blue Mountain Village Association represents a collection of stakeholders representing tourism operators, retailers, restaurateurs, as well as residential taxpayers in the municipality. Mr. Siegwart noted that their members care about the environment as much as everyone in the room, further noting that sustainability is essential to our economic growth and our quality of life. Mr. Siegwart noted that we need all data that impacts our community from an environmental sustainability perspective and that a lot of work needs to be done. Mr. Siegwart spoke regarding the investment in transit made by The Blue Mountains and noted that we have increased the ridership from Collingwood to Blue Mountain Resort by 75%. Mr. Siegwart noted that this increased ridership has greatly reduced greenhouse gases, and reduced the environmental impact. Mr. Siegwart noted that their members care about clear strategy, due process, proper research and public consultation, further noting that the notice of motion to ban single use plastics is tabled this evening before the Sustainability Committee has had the opportunity to discuss it. Mr. Siegwart noted that the Sustainability Committee should review the goals of the Sustainable Path, set plans and talk to all community stakeholders. Mr. Siegwart noted that he is the Vice-Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee and noted that he is concerned that committees are being sidestepped, further noting that this motion was not brought forward to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for review, input or comment. Mr. Siegwart noted that businesses want to be a part of the solution, and not be surprised by matters that effect their business. Mr. Siegwart asked that Council give the Sustainability Committee respect and the opportunity to guide our community and to set sustainability goals that are clear and that can have impact. Mr. Siegwart noted that the business community and the general public have not been properly consulted on this motion. Mr. Siegwart volunteered to help work with Sustainability Committee, Economic Development Advisory Committee, Citizens Forum, and all stakeholder groups to really study the issues and to do the proper research and to work together with the community. Mr. Siegwart asked that Council refer the Notice of Motion to the Sustainability Committee for comment.

**D.1.6 Tony Poole**, Blue Mountains resident and Vice-Chair of the Business Improvement Area, spoke noting that he is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Economic and Development Advisory Committee. Mr. Poole noted that the notice of motion to ban single use plastics took him by surprise that it was included on the Agenda this evening. Mr. Poole noted that the business community was not consulted, and that no public comment had been received by Council. Mr. Poole noted that Council should receive public input before considering this notice of motion.

**D.1.7 Anke Myer**, 113 John Watt Way, spoke noting that she understands the concerns of the business community and would like Council to consider that if we are always researching, and let more time pass, that we will always struggle to make things happen in the community. Ms. Myer supports the Notice of Motion to ban single use plastics, and asked that Council take stock of the things we need to do better and determine how we can educate the public properly. Ms. Myer noted that she meets with a group of women on a regular basis and when they discuss things it seems that people don't totally understand the impact that our consumption has on the rest of our community and our environment. Ms. Myer encouraged Council to take a step forward and not waste more time talking about processes, further noting that this will come along the way.

## **E. Correspondence as previously circulated**

---

### **E.1 Town of Aurora**

Re: Request for Support in regards Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act

Moved by: Rob Potter                      Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the Town of Aurora's May 14, 2019 motion to oppose Bill 108, and calling on the Government of Ontario to halt the legislation advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved;

AND THAT a copy of this motion of support be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Carried.

### **E.2 Town of Petrolia**

Re: Request for Support to Re-Establish the Annual Combined Conference for both Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) and Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki              Seconded by: Alar Soever

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the Town of Petrolia's May 13, 2019 motion to reestablish a combined OGRA and ROMA Conference, Carried.

### **E.3 Township of McNab-Braeside**

Re: Request for Support regarding the Proposed Education for Secondary School Online Courses

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki                      Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the Township of McNab/Braeside's April 16, 2019 motion requesting the Premier of Ontario to reconsider the requirement that secondary school students will be required to take four (4) of thirty (30) high school credits as online courses online courses until rural Ontario students can be given the same opportunity to access the internet as the urban students, Carried.

- E.4** Township of Mulmur  
Re: Request for Support regarding funding cuts for Ontario Library Services

Moved by: Rob Sampson                      Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the Township of Mulmur's May 1, 2019 motion requesting that the Province reconsider the 50% budget cut for Ontario Library Services and find another means to fund necessary library services, Carried.

- E.5** Township of Mulmur  
Re: Request for Support regarding Aggregate Extraction

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki                      Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the Township of Mulmur's May 1, 2019 motion requesting the Provincial Government provide for municipal representation at future meetings related to Aggregate Reform, providing municipalities with the opportunity to regulate hours of operation and haul routes within municipal boundaries, provide municipalities with a process through which to provide a process to provide comments on aggregate extraction activities proposed within or in the vicinity of their boundaries, Carried.

- E.6** Town of Fort Erie  
Re: Request for Support regarding the Issuance of Cannabis Licenses in Residentially Zoned Areas

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki                      Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the May 21, 2019 Town of Fort Erie motion regarding the issuance of cannabis licences in residentially zoned areas, Carried.

- E.7** Alice Otrysko, Resident  
Re: Complaint regarding Fireworks

Moved by: Rob Sampson                      Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the May 19, 2019 correspondence from Alice Otrysko regarding fireworks in the baseball park, and refers the correspondence to Community Services and By-law Services;

AND THAT Council direct staff to post a notice on the website providing information as to what is, and what is not, allowable for fireworks in The Blue Mountains, Carried.

- E.8** Jeffrey Brydges, Resident of Collingwood  
Re: Township of Clearview 26-27 Nottawasaga Sideroad, proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment

Moved by: Rob Potter                      Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the May 15, 2019 correspondence from J.A. Brydges regarding Township of Clearview, 26-27 Nottawasaga Sideroad, proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment, Carried.

- E.9** Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)  
Re: 2018 Annual Report  
**(Received for Information)**
- E.10** County of Grey – Warden’s Office  
Re: Grey County comments regarding Conservation Authority Act Changes  
**(Received for Information)**
- E.11** Drinking Water Source Protection  
Re: Modernizing the Conservation Authorities Act  
**(Received for Information)**
- E.12** Meaford Hospital Foundation  
Re: Summer Solstice Celebration – June 22, 2019  
**(Received for Information)**
- E.13** The Blue Mountains - Planning & Development Services  
Re: Notice of Complete Application, Application for Zoning By-law Amendment (Royalton Homes – Blue Vista) Part Lot 17, Concession 1  
**(Received for Information)**
- E.14** Drinking Water Source Protection Committee  
Re: First Progress Report  
**(Received for Information)**
- E.15** Graham Wise, Resident  
Re: Ice Rental  
**(Received for Information)**
- E.16** Collingwood Lightning, Girls Hockey Association  
Re: Ice Rental  
**(Received for Information)**
- E.17** Kristen Case, Resident  
Re: Single Use Plastics Ban  
**(Received for Information)**
- E.18** Nicole Case, Resident  
Re: Single Use Plastics Ban  
**(Received for Information)**
- E.19** Norine Baron, Grey Highlands Resident  
Re: Single Use Plastics Ban  
**(Received for Information)**
- E.20** Cathy Innes  
Re: Motion for Voluntary Ban of Single Use Plastic  
**(Received for Information)**

**E.21** Jacqui Morrison  
Re: Citizen Support for Notice of Motion to Support a Voluntary Ban on Single Use  
Plastics  
**(Received for Information)**

Moved by: Rob Potter

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of June 3, 2019 included at Agenda items E.9 through to E.21;

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate Agenda items E.11 Drinking Source Protection Re: Modernizing the Conservation Authorities Act and E.14 Drinking Water Source Protection Committee Re: First Progress Report to the Sustainability Committee for information;

AND FURTHER THAT Council does support the Staff Recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items, 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.

## **F. Motions and Staff Reports**

---

### **F.1 Trillium Grant Follow-up, FAF.19.091**

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.091 entitled “Trillium Grant Follow-up”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for Option #1 -Ravenna Hall:

AND THAT Council create a capital budget for Option #1 – Ravenna Hall, upon successful announcement of the grant, Carried.

### **F.2 Selection and Confirmation of Committee Appointment, Transportation Committee (3 members)**

Moved by: Rob Potter

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the following persons:

- Bill Abbotts
- John Ardiel
- John White

are hereby appointed to the Transportation Committee for the 2018 – 2022 term of Council, Carried.

### **F.3 Selection and Confirmation of Board Appointment, Sustainability Committee (6 members)**

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the following persons:

- Sally Leppard
- Ken Mehi
- Rosemary Mesley
- Julie Scarcella
- Pamela Spence
- James Stinson

are hereby appointed to the Sustainability Committee for the 2018 – 2022 term of Council, Carried.



**F.4 Parachute Safe Kids Week Proclamation Request (verbal)**

Moved by: Jim Uram

Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of Town of The Blue Mountains recognizes June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as **Parachute Safe Kids Week** in The Blue Mountains, Carried.

**G. Consent Agenda**

---

**Reports List (Adopt)**

**G.1** Committee of the Whole Report, dated May 22, 2019

**B.3.1 Adrienne Campbell – 787439 Grey Road 13 – Noise By-law Relief Request, (FAF.19.076)**

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.076 “Adrienne Campbell – 787439 Grey Road 13 – Noise By-Law Relief Request”;

AND THAT Council grant relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for a wedding on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 787439 Grey Road 13 with reception and music from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am conditional on all required approvals being obtained from the Town of The Blue Mountains Fire and Building Departments in advance of the event date, Carried.

**B.3.3 Stephanie Clarke– 787439 Grey Road 13 – Noise By-law Relief Request, (FAF.19.082)**

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.082 “Stephanie Clarke– 787439 Grey Road 13 – Noise By-Law Relief Request”;

AND THAT Council grant relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for a wedding on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 787439 Grey Road 13 with reception and live music from 4:00 pm to 12:30 am conditional on all required approvals being obtained from the Town of The Blue Mountains Fire and Building Departments in advance of the event date, Carried.

**G.2** Special Committee of the Whole Report, dated May 27, 2019

**Minutes List (Receive)**

**G.3** Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group (MMLTCWG) minutes dated January 15, 2019

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive for information, G.3 Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group (MMLTCWG) minutes dated January 15, 2019 and G.14 Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group (MMLTCWG) Report to Council dated May 7, 2019, Carried.

**G.4** Economic Development Advisory Committee minutes dated April 8, 2019

**G.5** Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes, dated April 8, 2019

**G.6** Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation Special General Meeting minutes, dated April 9, 2019

**G.7** CAO Hiring Sub-Committee of Council minutes dated April 17, 2019

**G.8** Committee of Adjustment minutes, dated April 17, 2019

- G.9** The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated April 18, 2019
- G.10** CAO Hiring Sub-Committee of Council minutes dated April 26, 2019
- G.11** Code of Conduct Review Committee Meeting minutes dated April 26, 2019
- G.12** Community Communications Advisory Committee minutes dated April 29, 2019
- G.13** Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation Special General Meeting minutes, dated May 7, 2019
- G.14** Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group (MMLTCWG) Report to Council dated May 7, 2019

## **H. By-laws**

---

### **H.1 By-law to Establish Tax Rates to Raise the Levy Required for 2019 Local Municipal Purposes**

Moved by: Jim Uram

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT By-law No. 2019 – 22 being a By-law to establish tax rates to raise the levy required for 2019 local municipal purposes, and to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof be passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2019, Carried.

### **H.2 By-law to Amend the Purchasing Policy, POL.COR.07.05**

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT By-law No. 2019-23 being a By-law to amend a policy of the Town detailing the procurement of goods and services, being Town Policy, POL.COR.07.05 “Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy”, be passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2019, Carried.

## **I. New and Unfinished Business**

---

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

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke noting the next Grey County Council Meeting is being held at the Sydenham Hub in Owen Sound. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that Bill 108 was discussed at the County and that 13 pieces of legislation are affected by this Bill. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that the provincial funding for programs coming from Grey County will affect The Blue Mountains. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that the County has reserves, but that there may have to be drastic cuts to keep the taxes at the same level. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that the health care funding levels coming out of The Blue Mountains motion was discussed at the County.

Mayor Soever spoke noting that the potential closure of Simcoe County Road 91 into Duntroon was discussed, further noting that this route is used as an alternate route for many in The Blue Mountains. Mayor Soever noted that the possible closure of County Road 91 was discussed with a new road proposed on the 26/27 Sideroad. Grey County Council expressed concern with this and asked for a Class C environmental consultation. Mayor Soever noted that there have been no recent discussions about this and an updated traffic study has not been completed. With approval from Grey County, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Reg Russwurm and his team installed traffic counters on Grey County Road 31, noting that a minimum of 1265 cars use this road every day, with as many as 3400 using the road. Mayor Soever noted that the County has requested the Niagara Escarpment provide an updated assessment on the 26/27 Sideroad noting this road is very steep and reconstructing this road to a quality that will replace County Road 91 is concerning. Mayor Soever noted that it is hoped that Simcoe County Road 91 will remain open.

Mayor Soever noted that the Grey County / The Blue Mountains Task Force Meeting was recently held where it was noted that The Blue Mountains has expressed concern regarding the tax burden on The Blue Mountains residents. The Warden was invited to speak at the

Citizens Forum on June 11. Mayor Soever noted that it was noted at the meeting that The Blue Mountains would like to enjoy a better relationship with the County.

## **I.2 Notice of Motion (Council)**

### **I.2.1 Deputy Mayor Bartnicki Notice of Motion**

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki

Seconded by: Jim Uram

WHEREAS the Sustainable Path, 2010, includes the goal: “Become a community that supports a movement towards a zero-waste society” p.35, and:

WHEREAS 82% of Canadians are urging the Federal Government to tackle plastic pollution (Angus Reid Forum Poll March 14-17, 2019), and:

WHEREAS, the Ontario government released Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations and stated that “Plastics is a priority from our government’s point of view, particularly as we talk about plastics in our waterways” (Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (November 29, 2018), and;

WHEREAS municipalities and cities across Canada, including tourist destinations such as Bayfield, Ontario, Vancouver, BC and world class resorts such as Whistler Blackcomb have already successfully implemented similar actions, and;

WHEREAS many retailers and food service operators in the Town of The Blue Mountains have indicated that they have or are moving towards alternatives to plastic shopping bags at point of sale, plastic straws and stir sticks, and recognizing that some businesses will require additional time to adapt to the elimination of single-use plastics and that the elimination of other plastics such as water bottles will require availability of other options such as filling stations, and;

WHEREAS the Town’s Solid Waste Solution, 2008 established targets of 60% waste diversion by 2015, 75% by 2025 and 85% by 2050, and that our current rate of waste diversion is limited to only 30% which unchanged will exhaust the landfill in half its intended life and is economically inefficient and unsustainable, and further that plastics clog drainage systems and can cause unnecessary flooding, and that discarded plastic bags and containers collect standing water and create a breeding ground for mosquitos which can carry West Nile or Triple E Virus, causing threats to public health and significant infrastructure costs for taxpayers, and;

WHEREAS it is recognized that some single-use plastics may continue to be permitted upon request for specific reasons such as accommodating special or health needs, and for food safety, and it is acknowledged that municipal bans do not prohibit visitors from bringing single-use items to the Town of The Blue Mountains, and;

WHEREAS, a previous motion brought on April 16th, 2019 was referred to the Sustainability Committee which has no meeting scheduled to date, and it is acknowledged that a permanent Town-wide ban will take considerable time, resources, education, publication and other work over a longer period, and;

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL adopt, support and encourage an interim voluntary ban on the use of single-use plastic shopping bags, plastic straws and stir sticks effective July 1st, 2019, and that Council direct staff to:

1. Promote a voluntary ban on single-use plastic bags, straws, stir sticks by publishing messaging in the upcoming tax bill mailing, on the Town’s website home page and through all of the Town’s commonly-used media

beginning no later than June 15th 2019 that states that includes the following position:

“Council supports the protection of the environment of the Town of The Blue Mountains through the reduction and future elimination of single-use plastic bags, straws, stir sticks and water bottles, and encourages all businesses, community members and visitors to avoid the use of these products whenever possible. Council recognizes and appreciates the efforts of all stakeholders towards measures that support the sustainability of the natural environment in the Town of The Blue Mountains.”

AND THAT Council refer the following items to the Sustainability Committee for consideration and recommendation to Council by August 26, 2019 to:

2. Phase out the sale of bottled water and the use of single-use plastic cups, straws and stir sticks at all Town-owned facilities and events by December 2019 in order to model good environmental practices;
3. Develop a three-year plan to increase the number of water bottle re-filling stations on Town-owned properties, to be included in the 2020, 2021 and 2022 budget cycles;
4. Develop recognition/reward signage (i.e. “We’ve gone green for a Blue future” or similar) for business operators who model good environmental practices by not supplying single-use shopping bags, water bottles, straws and stir sticks;
5. Investigate the development and costs of a Town of Blue Mountains reusable bag-for-life or fabric bag options with appropriate logo for possible purchase by retailers at cost, and to be used for various promotional events; by the Town;

AND THAT COUNCIL direct staff to work with the Sustainability Committee and all stakeholders through a public consultation process, to develop a plan for inclusion in the 2020 Budget to reduce and/or eliminate single use plastics effective July 1st, 2020.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki requested a recorded vote:

Bartnicki, Odette	Yay
Bordignon, Peter	Yay
Matrosovs, Andrea	Yay
Potter, Rob	Yay
Sampson, Rob	Yay
Uram, Jim	Yay
Soever, Alar	Yay

The motion is **CARRIED**.

### **I.3 Additions to Agenda**

None

## **J. Closed Session**

---

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

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) litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board, and the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege, and with regard to correspondence received;
- ii) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and with regard to the CAO Recruitment, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 10:21 p.m.

Council moved into public session at 11:28 p.m.

The Mayor reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session regarding two matters. The following is the reporting out statement for each matter:

1. Litigation or potential litigation and the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege and with regard to correspondence received. Council directed staff to prepare terms of settlement.
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and with regard to the CAO recruitment. Council directed staff to finalize the contract negotiations.

## **K. Notice of Meeting Dates**

---

Committee of the Whole Meeting, June 10, 2019  
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, June 24, 2019  
Town Hall, Council Chambers

## **L. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment**

---

Moved by: Rob Potter

Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT By-law No. 2019 - 24, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on June 3, 2019 be hereby enacted as passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2019, Carried.

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 11:31 p.m. to meet again June 24, 2019 Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

---

Alar Soever, Mayor

---

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk