



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Council Meeting

Meeting Date: September 30, 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. Call to Order

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

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets Sam Dinsmore

Council then paused for a Moment of Reflection.

▪ **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the Agenda of September 30, 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.

Councillor Sampson declared a pecuniary interest with Agenda item E.1 Selection and Confirmation of Committee Appointment – Grants and Donations Committee as he is close friends with one of the candidates.

▪ **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: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT the Consent Agenda of September 30, 2019 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda items B.13.6 Campbell Crescent – Rezoning for Bed and Breakfast – Followup Report PDS.19.118, and B.13.7 160 Grand Cypress – Rezoning for Bed and Breakfast PDS.19.117 as contained in Agenda item F.1 Committee of the Whole Report dated September 16, 2019, and Agenda items F.2 The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Minutes dated June 12, 2019, F.3 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Minutes dated June 26, 2019, F.4 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Minutes dated July 24, 2019, F.7 The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation Minutes dated August 1, 2019, F.9 The Blue Mountains Transportation Committee Minutes dated August 13, 2019, F.11 The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee Minutes dated August 14, 2019, F.12 The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes dated August 15, 2019, F.14 Grey County Committee of the Whole Minutes dated September 12, 2019, and F.15 Georgian Bay Youth Roots Minutes dated September 19, 2019, Carried.

▪ **Previous Minutes**

Moved by: Rob Potter

Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT the Council minutes of September 9, 2019 and Special Meeting of Council minutes of September 16, 2019, September 23, 2019 and September 25, 2019 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

B. Deputations / Presentations / Public Meeting

Mayor 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.

**B.1 Deputation: Catherine Egan, Steven Knight and Kevin Wark, Residents
Re: Proposed Trail behind Schoolhouse Court**

Steven Knight, Catherine Egan and Kevin Wark spoke expressing concerns with the planned extension of the trail system behind Schoolhouse Court Subdivision, noting that the trail will be built within 10' of their houses, and will end at Grey Road 19. Mr. Knight, Ms. Egan and Mr. Wark noted that the trail does not extend on the other side of Grey Road 19, other than to walk along the road back to the Georgian Trail. Their concerns include privacy to the homeowners, quality of life, impact on property values, the requirement to remove trees to build the trail and the impact on the wildlife and the environment.

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the deputation of Catherine Egan, Steven Knight and Kevin Wark regarding the proposed trail behind Schoolhouse Court;

AND THAT Council refers this request to the Planning Department to determine what was originally planned for the proposed trail behind Schoolhouse Court, and to provide Council with recommendations in response to the deputation request, Carried.

**B.2 Deputation: Sarah Filion, Clarksburg Village Association
Re: Sidewalks in Clarksburg**

Sarah Filion of the Clarksburg Village Association and Linda Wykes of Riverside Graphics and Blue Mountain review spoke requesting that Council consider the replacement of sidewalks in Clarksburg in the 2020 budget. Sarah noted that the Clarksburg sidewalks are over 30 years old, and noted that the sidewalks are a safety and liability concern.

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the deputation of Sarah Filion of the Clarksburg Village Association requesting that Clarksburg sidewalks be included in the 2020 budget;

AND THAT Council direct staff to include a capital project sheet in the 2020 draft Budget for Clarksburg sidewalks, for Council consideration, Carried.

**B.3 Deputation: Lyn Townsend
Re: The Blue Mountain Attainable Housing Corp., for the removal of Heritage Park from any Development Plan**

Lyn Townsend spoke noting that The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation recommended this morning that the Heritage Park and Gord Canning Drive locations be removed from the Request for Information list of sites to be considered for an attainable housing site, and that the former Foodland location be included.

**B.4 Deputation: Vincent McEwan, Resident
Re: 160 Grand Cypress Lane, Re-zoning for Bed and Breakfast – Staff Report PDS.19.117**

Vincent McEwan spoke noting that he represents over 50% of the owners in Monterra. Mr. McEwan noted that the owners are all subject to “Covenants and Restrictions” in their purchase agreements, and that these restrictions are registered on title for each lot. Mr. McEwan noted that there are strong restrictions on the use of any building in Monterra other than as a “single family dwelling house for use as a single family residence”. Mr. McEwan noted that the requested Bed and Breakfast at 160 Grand Cypress would be an ongoing commercial operation where money is exchanged for a service, and clearly a violation of the covenants and restrictions registered on title. Mr. McEwan noted that more than 50% of the Monterra Estates Property Owners are opposed to the Bed and Breakfast Application at 160 Grand Cypress Lane.

**B.5 Deputation: Laura Sabourin
Re: Application for Re-Zoning – 160 Grand Cypress Lane**

Laura Sabourin spoke noting that she retired to 160 Grand Cypress, and that she has met with Town Planners to determine how to operate a bed and breakfast in The Blue Mountains. Ms. Sabourin completed the application forms and paid the fees. Ms. Sabourin noted that after the July 3 Public Meeting, staff recommended that Council endorse the zoning application for a bed and breakfast at 160 Grand Cypress. Ms. Sabourin noted that she has received a legal opinion that was forwarded to the Clerk and Council, together with the restricted covenants, and that the covenants and restrictions are a civil matter and is not a matter of municipal jurisdiction.

Ms. Sabourin spoke regarding the objections made at the July 3 Public Meeting. Ms. Sabourin noted that in response to the comment that Monterra is a retirement community, Ms. Sabourin noted that this is not true, noting there are renters, seasonal renters, families with small children, and owners that still work in the city and come up on the weekend. Ms. Sabourin noted that land values increase with tourism, and that this application for a

bed and breakfast was made after the moratorium on bed and breakfast applications was made by Council. Ms. Sabourin contacted the assignee of Monterra Properties, being Blue Mountain Resorts, and received a full copy of the legal documents pertaining to that assignment, and noted this document has also been circulated to Council. Ms. Sabourin noted that a bed and breakfast is different than a short term accommodation, further noting that five parking spaces are required, and that she has at least 10 parking spaces at her property. Ms. Sabourin noted that By-law Enforcement has confirmed that no complaints have been received in response to any bed and breakfast facilities in The Blue Mountains. Ms. Sabourin noted that property owners that rent their properties seasonally while they go south for the winter bring strangers to the area, and that the owner is not present during this time.

Ms. Sabourin noted that she has a vested interest in the property values in the area, noting that her property is valued at over one million dollars, greater than the average property values in Monterra.

C. Public Comment Period

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 Sandy McAulay, 111 Bay Street East, spoke noting she was shocked to find out that the pickleball courts are to be built next to the tennis courts at Bayview Park, further noting that Council did not provide notice to the community about this new structure. Ms. McAulay noted that it is unconscionable that a recreational facility is being built in a residential area by unilateral decisions. Ms. McAulay noted that Council should facilitate mandatory input from the public, and noted that there will be a loss of enjoyment for the residents based on the noise of the loud rackets and plastic balls. Ms. McAulay noted that pickleball is loud, and that places like Kingston have relocated their pickleball courts to non-residential areas, and residents in United States are suing for loss of property value, enjoyment and quality of life because of pickleball courts. Ms. McAulay noted that The Blue Mountains is paying \$160,000 for the startup of the pickleball courts, plus ongoing expenses. Ms. McAulay noted that she is asking that this facility be relocated to an area that is suitable for all concerned, further noting that they have a petition signed by over 50 residents in the area that has been sent to the Town Clerk and the Mayor.

C.1.2 John Kutcy, 161 Grand Cypress, spoke regarding the covenants and restrictions registered on title to the Monterra Estates properties, noting that the document is clear as to what is and is not allowed on each lot. Mr. Kutcy noted that the comment that Blue Mountain Resort does not have an issue with the proposed bed and breakfast, is irrelevant. Mr. Kutcy noted that a bed and breakfast meets the criteria for a commercial business, irrespective of whether it may be considered an accessory use of the residence. The covenants and restrictions is a legal document that is registered on title to each property in Monterra Estates, and is carefully written to protect the rights of owners in Monterra. Mr. Kutcy asked that Council not approve the bed and breakfast at 160 Grand Cypress.

C.1.3 Pam Honey, 159 Grand Cypress, spoke regarding the request for a Bed and Breakfast at 160 Grand Cypress and expressed concerns for safety, noting that children live in the area, and that a schoolbus stops at the corner of 160 Grand Cypress. Ms. Honey expressed concern that the owner may not be present when the bed and breakfast is operating.

C.1.4 Jane Sutherland, 109 Bay Street East, spoke regarding the lack of notice provided to residents regarding the selection of Bayview Park for the new pickleball courts. Ms.

Sutherland questioned when the decision was made, and expressed concern with the noise, traffic and parking associated with new pickleball courts in this location. Ms. Sutherland noted that non-residential sites should be considered. Ms. Sutherland noted that the Bayview Park greenspace is used daily, further noting that the current tennis courts and openspace is an excellent balance for users. Ms. Sutherland noted that pickleball courts will be used by a Pickleball Membership, further noting that they should be available to all residents to use. Ms. Sutherland requested that Council redirect the \$160,000 being spent on the pickleball courts to replace sidewalks in Clarksburg.

C.1.5 Terry Kimball, 56 McAulay Street North, spoke noting that she objects to the construction of pickleball courts at Bayview Park, further noting that notice was not provided to the residents. Ms. Kimball noted that once the greenspace is gone, it is gone. Ms. Kimball noted that lack of parking is a concern, and noted the pickleball courts should go to another site that can provide washrooms and parking.

C.1.6 Don Fletcher, 136 Augusta Crescent, spoke regarding the request for a bed and breakfast at 160 Grand Cypress Lane, and thanked Council for the opportunity to be involved. Mr. Fletcher noted that the uniqueness of the area and the lack of appetite for short term accommodations and bed and breakfasts should be considered. Mr. Fletcher noted that he appreciates that Council is in a difficult situation, and asked that Council stay the course as there are many unknowns with the application.

C.1.7 Debbie Crosskill, 154 Marsh Street, spoke regarding Councillor Sampson's notice of motion contained at Agenda item H.2.3 that indicates that students leave our community to attend schools in Simcoe County. Ms. Crosskill noted that it should be mentioned that there are many students that attend Beaver Valley Community School from other communities, namely St. Vincent Township. Ms. Crosskill noted that we have a school that is at capacity, with students from other areas that want to attend our school as well. Ms. Crosskill noted that she was very interested to see the Special Meeting of Council meeting this afternoon with Fred Dean, and expressed concern at the number of committees being created by Council. Ms. Crosskill noted that she was pleased to hear the comments of Mr. Dean that Council are creating too many Committees. Ms. Crosskill noted that as a taxpayer, she voted for Council members to represent her and did not vote for committee members to represent her. Ms. Crosskill noted that Committees should have a mandate and a timeline to complete the mandate.

D. Correspondence as previously circulated

D.1 Andrew Pascuzzo, Pascuzzo Planning Inc. on behalf of Paul Toor
Re: Request to Purchase Unopened Road Allowance

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the request of Pascuzzo Planning Inc. requesting, on behalf of Paul Toor, to purchase the portion of the unopened road allowance known as Wellington Street North between 150 King Street East and 160 King Street East;

AND THAT Council refers this request to the Planning Department for report back to Council with respect to the viability of the request to purchase the lands, including the plans for development, if known, Carried.

D.2 Municipality of Hastings Highlands

Re: Request for Support regarding Mandatory Septic Systems Reports

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the request for support from Hastings Highlands regarding mandatory septic system reports, Carried.

D.3 Township of Larder Lake

Re: Request for Support to allow Electronic Delegations to Provincial Ministries

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the request for support from the Township of Larder Lake regarding electronic delegation, Carried.

D.4 Township of Zorra

Re: Request for Support regarding the continuation of the programs of Conservation Authorities are request direction as to what programs are considered mandatory and non-mandatory, and how the programs will be funded

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and refers to Councillor Matrosovs as Council representative to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the request for support from the Township of Zorra regarding the continuation of the programs of Conservation Authorities and requesting direction as to what programs are considered mandatory and non-mandatory, and how the programs will be funded, Carried.

D.5 City of Kitchener

Re: Request for Support requesting that the word “flushable” be removed from Single-Use Disposable Wipes consumer packaging

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and supports the City of Kitchener August 26, 2019 motion that the City of Kitchener will lobby the Federal Government, to review regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes to remove the word “flushable”, Carried.

D.6 Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Re: Request for Support regarding Provincial Funding Cuts to Legal Aid Ontario

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the Municipality of Chatham-Kent resolution regarding Provincial Funding Cuts to Legal Aid Ontario, Carried.

D.7 Gerry and Elaine Cronin, Resident

Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing

D.8 Nancy Colpitts, Resident

Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing

- D.9** Blanka Guyatt, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.10** Barry Wallis, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.11** Susan Lee, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.12** Maogosha Pyjor, Jerry Tang and Kaleena Mae-Lin Tang, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.13** J. Humeniuk, President, Forgehill Equities Inc., Owner
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.14** Sydney and Doreen Chamberlain, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.15** Kristine McEllistrum, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.16** Carey Thorpe, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.17** Patricia and Dan LeBlanc, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.18** Gord Layhew, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.19** Ian Huffman, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.20** Dayl Field, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.21** Fulvio Naccarato, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.22** Patricia Yeager, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.23** Elke Mack, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.24** Emma Weigand, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.25** Sheryl and Gary Rubinoff, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.26** Penelope Bell and Jack Pasht, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.27** Warren and Erin Karlson, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
- D.28** Josh and Jennifer Cobden, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing

D.29 Lynn Lefebvre, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing

D.30 Rob Tallis, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing

D.31 MayLiza Baak and Vince Gucciardi, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council acknowledge receipt of the correspondences included at Agenda items D.7 through D.31, and D.37 to D.39 regarding Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing, Carried.

D.32 Mr. & Mrs. M. Condie, Residents
Re: Proposal for Four Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park, Thornbury

D.33 Ian Sinclair, The Friends of the Pretty River Valley
Re: Protect a Blue Mountain Treasure A Nodal Park

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council acknowledge receipt of the correspondence from The Friends of the Pretty River Re: Protect a Blue Mountain Treasure A Nodal Park, Carried.

D.34 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister Steve Clark
Re: Thank you letter in response to The Blue Mountains letter regarding restoration of funding with the *Shoreline Property Assistance Act*.

Moved by: Alar Soever Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in response to the Town's correspondence regarding restoration of funding with the Shoreline Property Assistance Act, Carried.

D.35 Office of Solicitor General, Sylvia Jones Solicitor General
Re: Thank you letter in regards to meeting at AMO Conference regarding Police Services Boards announcements and increase pocket dialing

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the correspondence from Office of Solicitor General, Sylvia Jones Solicitor General thanking Council for meeting at AMO Conference regarding Police Services Boards announcements and increase pocket dialing, Carried.

- D.36** Mr. & Mrs. M. Condie, Residents – Additional Correspondence
Re: Proposal for Four Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park, Thornbury

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the correspondences from Mr. & Mrs. M. Condie regarding the proposal for four pickleball courts at Bayview Park, Thornbury;

AND THAT Council refers the correspondences of Mr. & Mrs. Condie to the Communications Committee regarding the provision of notice;

AND THAT Council direct staff to reply to all comments received regarding the pickleball courts at Bayview Park to advise that the Pickleball Court location was considered through the 2019 Budget;

AND THAT Council direct staff to include costing for noise mitigation at the pickleball courts at Bayview Park in the 2020 Budget for Council consideration, Carried.

- D.37** Shea and Gillian Small, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
(Received for Information and Referred to Planning & Development Services and to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation)
- D.38** Alessandra Boudreau and Michael Cannata, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
(Received for Information and Referred to Planning & Development Services and to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation)
- D.39** Rick Sirianni, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
(Received for Information and Referred to Planning & Development Services and to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation)

E. Motions and Staff Reports

E.1 Selection and Confirmation of Committee Appointment, Grants and Donations Committee (3 members)

Councillor Sampson vacated the Council Chamber having earlier declared a conflict regarding Agenda item E.1

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Caroline Harbinson, Lynne Seawright and Linda Wykes are hereby appointed to the Grants and Donations Committee for the 2018 – 2022 term of Council, Carried.

F. Consent Agenda

Reports List (Adopt)

F.1 Committee of the Whole Report, dated September 16, 2019

B.13.6 116 Campbell Crescent – Rezoning for Bed and Breakfast – Followup Report (PDS.19.118)

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receive Staff Report PDS.19.118 entitled “116 Campbell Crescent – Rezoning for Bed and Breakfast – Follow up Report”;

AND THAT the application to rezone is hereby refused by Council as the application lacks planning merit in the opinion of Council;

AND THAT this decision is based on concerns provided by the public including not allowing any more short term accommodation commercial uses in the area, and that Council has not yet received sufficient evidence that the property is the applicant’s primary residence, Carried.

B.13.7 160 Grand Cypress – Rezoning for Bed and Breakfast (PDS.19.117)

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive Staff Report PDS.19.117 entitled “160 Grand Cypress – Re-Zoning for Bed and Breakfast”

AND THAT the application to rezone is hereby refused by Council as the application lacks planning merit in the opinion of Council. This decision is based on concerns provided by the public including not allowing any short term accommodation commercial uses in the area, and the existence of restrictive covenants applicable to lots in this subdivision, Carried.

Minutes List (Receive)

F.2 The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Minutes dated June 12, 2019

Moved by: Alar Soever Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Minutes dated June 12, 2019, Carried.

F.3 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Minutes dated June 26, 2019

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Minutes dated June 26, 2019, Carried.

F.4 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Minutes dated July 24, 2019

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Minutes dated July 24, 2019, Carried.

F.5 The Blue Mountains Community Communications Advisory Committee Minutes dated July 15, 2019

F.6 The Blue Mountains Code of Conduct Review Sub-Committee Minutes dated July 15, 2019

F.7 The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation Minutes dated August 1, 2019

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation Minutes dated August 1, 2019, Carried.

F.8 The Blue Mountains Economic Development Advisory Committee Minutes dated August 12, 2019

F.9 The Blue Mountains Transportation Committee Minutes dated August 13, 2019

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives The Blue Mountains Transportation Committee Minutes dated August 13, 2019, Carried.

F.10 The Blue Mountains Council Compensation Review Committee Minutes dated August 14, 2019

F.11 The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee Minutes dated August 14, 2019

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee Minutes dated August 14, 2019, Carried.

F.12 The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes dated August 15, 2019

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes dated August 15, 2019;

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee recommendation of August 15, 2019 recommending endorsement of the Township of Warwick June 17, 2019 motion;

AND THAT as recommended by The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains endorses the June 17, 2019 resolution of the Township of Warwick regarding enforcement for safety on family farms;

AND THAT Mayor Soever and Deputy Mayor Bartnicki request the Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to attend a future Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting, Carried.

F.13 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Highlights dated August 23, 2019

F.14 Grey County Committee of the Whole Minutes dated September 12, 2019

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Alar Soever

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Grey County Committee of the Whole Minutes dated September 12, 2019, Carried.

F.15 Georgian Bay Youth Roots Minutes dated September 19, 2019

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Georgian Bay Youth Roots Minutes dated September 19, 2019, Carried.

G. By-laws

G.1 Housekeeping By-law to amend The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT By-law No. 2019- 41 being a Housekeeping By-law to amend The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65 be passed this 30th day of September, 2019, Carried.

G.2 By-law to amend The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65 (Second Nature Phase 3)

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT By-law No. 2019- 42 being By-law to amend The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65 by removing the Holding ‘-h’ symbol from the lands lying and being in the Town of The Blue Mountains comprised of Part Lots 17 and 18 Concession 1 Parts 3, 4, 10 and Part of Part 1 16R10982 be passed this 30th day of September, 2019, Carried.

G.3 By-law to establish a Reserve Fund for Grants and Donations

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT By-law No. 2019- 43 being a By-law for the establishment and maintenance of a Reserve Fund for the purposes relating to the administration of the Town of The Blue Mountains Grants and Donations be passed this 30th day of September, 2019, Carried.

H. New and Unfinished Business

H.1 Grey County Council Update (AS, OB)

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki provided a Grey County update and noted that a by-law to close the Grey County bike lanes from October 15-20 was approved. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that a by-law to approve the Code of Conduct was deferred until training can be provided.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke regarding Mayor Soever’s motion encouraging all Grey County municipalities to work with MPAC to maximize their assessment base and capture supplemental property taxes. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted Grey County Council received a presentation from the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy that illustrated that addiction does not discriminate, that addiction is a health issue, often a response to pain, and not a moral failure, that half of all ER visits in Grey County and in the Province involve alcohol, and drug impaired driving is rising with the legalization of cannabis, that despite a rise in opioid overdoses, fatalities have not risen at the same rate since the introduction of naloxone, supports for addicts are available when addicts are at the readiness stage and are quite successful. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that four public presentations are planned, the closest being in Owen Sound on October 1st at City Hall 6:30-8:30 - more information is available at www.drugstrategy.org.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that the Grey County 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan 2014-2014 has been revised and updated and that there are some incentives that may benefit our realization of Attainable Housing goals in TBM including CIPs that can be used for five types of development and revitalization projects. The County Planning Department committed to bringing back a report highlighting Official Plan particulars and CIP information.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that two tandem trucks were approved prior to budget to replace twelve year old ones, some minor Official Plan housekeeping amendments were described and a public meeting will be scheduled, and that Grey County Council and Staff will participate in a Strategic Planning exercise on October 15th.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that last week the Minister of Long-Term Care, Merilee Fullerton, visited Grey and announced the funding of 51 new and 77 redevelopment beds for Meaford, moving to the "Campus of Care" model, and spoke regarding the refurbishing of 100 existing beds and 28 new beds was also announced for Rockwood Terrace.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that the Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, visited Meaford on Friday, September 27th to officially break ground for the new JK-12 school currently under construction with Mayor Clumpus and Trustee Fran Morgan.

Mayor Soever spoke noting that he looks forward to the strategic plan exercise, noting that the County Plan has a number of recommendations that are not smart objectives, not specific, or attainable. Mayor Soever referred to the City of Banff plan, noting it is easy to budget and measure. Mayor Soever noted that his motion was passed that all municipalities should look at maximizing their assessment to ensure properties are properly assessed.

H.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

H.2.1 Mayor Alar Soever Notice of Motion

Note: At the September 9, 2019, Council meeting, Mayor Alar Soever provided the following Notice of Motion. In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20, the Notice of Motion requires a mover and seconder for the motion to be put before Council.

Moved by: Alar Soever Seconded by: Rob Sampson

WHEREAS there were numerous parking issues throughout the Town during the summer months at locations adjacent to beaches, parks, and other areas; and

WHEREAS the lack of properly controlled parking in these areas led to over-capacity parking lots, on street parking, congestion on beaches, as well as trespass onto private property;

COUNCIL hereby directs Staff to start work with the Transportation Committee on gathering the information necessary to include a parking plan for implementation in 2020, which includes implementation of controlled paid parking for visitors, with an exemption for The Blue Mountains residents and that,

COUNCIL acknowledge that pre-approval for the paid parking project will be considered prior to the 2020 budget process, Carried.

H.2.2 Councillor Rob Potter Notice of Motion

Note: At the September 9, 2019, Council meeting, Councillor Rob Potter provided the following Notice of Motion. In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20, the Notice of Motion requires a mover and seconder for the motion to be put before Council.

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

WHEREAS the system of justice in Ontario is based on the British system of Common Law which bases decisions on legal precedents;

AND WHEREAS the decisions of Integrity Commissioners in settled cases could provide guidance to all involved in Municipal Government in Ontario as well as to the people they serve;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Code of Conduct Sub-Committee recommends that the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing create a searchable database of all matters placed before all Integrity Commissioners within the province and the resolution of such matters;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario via the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Carried.

H.2.3 Councillor Rob Sampson Notice of Motion

Note: At the September 16, 2019, Committee of the Whole meeting, Councillor Rob Sampson provided the following Notice of Motion. In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20, the Notice of Motion requires a mover and seconder for the motion to be put before Council.

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

Whereas there does not appear to have been any formal requests to any of the Grey County school boards by Town Council for the consideration of new school capacity in The Town of The Blue Mountains, and

Whereas from 2014 to 2018 over \$45 million in general taxation has been charged to Town taxpayers to support the operations of the Grey County school boards.

Whereas the Grey County school boards have also benefited from an additional \$378,000 in supplementary tax revenue in 2019 year to date, and

Whereas the only school in the Town is in Thornbury, and has enrollment that exceeds the design capacity, and the school has required the addition of a portable classroom, and

Whereas there is no parcel of land in the Town currently identified by any of the Grey County school boards upon which a future school could be constructed, and

Whereas the Town of The Blue Mountains has and continues to experience rapid development and population growth, and endeavors to provide services and facilities to residents, especially young families, that allow them to flourish and remain in the area through all life stages, and

Whereas a significant number of students who now live in the Town of the Blue Mountains are currently bused to Meaford to attend schools, and

Whereas Meaford is also a municipality whose population growth is significant and therefore will impact capacity of schools that exists and/or are under construction, and

Where a significant number of students who currently live in the Town of The Blue Mountains also leave our community and Grey County school systems to attend schools operated by school boards and private entities in Simcoe County, and

Whereas the Town is preparing a master transportation plan, a master community facilities plan, major water and waste water capital projects review and a review of our overall Official Plan,

AND That Council formally approach the Grey County school boards to consider school capacity in The Town of The Blue Mountains that is needed to provide current and future educational services for the families in the Town of The Blue Mountains, Carried.

H.2.4 Councillor Peter Bordignon provided the following Notice of Motion to be included on the October 21, 2019 Council Agenda.

THAT Council acknowledge and celebrate the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society being the oldest organization in our community and the Beaver Valley Fall Fair;

AND THAT the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in September 2020.

AND THAT Council direct staff to initiate discussions with the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society to consider creating a request for additional support for the 2020 Beaver Valley Fall Fair including additional financial resources from the Town to help mark this milestone:

AND THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a report outlining the request for support to be considered prior to the 2020 Budget process.

H.2.5 Deputy Mayor Bordignon provided the following Notice of Motion to be included on the October 21, 2019 Council Agenda.

Whereas Climate Change is defined as *“a change of climate which is attributed directly or indirectly to human activity that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods”* by the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**, and

Whereas Climate Change is defined as *“a change in the state of the climate that can be identified (e.g., by using statistical tests) by changes in the mean and/or the variability of its properties and that persists for an extended period, typically decades or longer. Climate change may be due to natural internal processes or external forces, or to persistent anthropogenic changes in the composition of the atmosphere or in land use”* by the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)**, and

Whereas the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals** state that *“Climate Change is now affecting every country on every continent and disrupting national economies and affecting lives, costing people, communities and countries dearly today and event more tomorrow”*, and

Whereas Goal 13 of the **Paris Agreement** (December 12, 2015) calls for *“urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts and is intrinsically linked to all 16 of the other goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”*, and

Whereas the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)** and the **Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC)** released new data demonstrating the urgent need for investments in local Climate adaptation in a new report on September 26th, and

Whereas a Climate Emergency declaration is an ethical and moral response to this scientifically verified emergency based on the goal of maximum protection of human and non-human life and protection of the natural environment, and

Whereas the declaration of Climate Change Emergency puts governments on record in support of action to reverse global warming, and

Whereas over 935 governments worldwide have declared a Climate Emergency since the first Climate Emergency was declared by the United

Kingdom on May 1st, 2019 according to the **International Climate Forum (ICEF)**, and

Whereas over 448 Canadian municipalities, including **Grey Highlands** and **West Grey**, have already declared Climate Change Emergencies, and

Whereas the Town of The Blue Mountains holds membership in the **International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)** with a staff member being one of three Canadian Board members on ICLEI, and

Whereas ICLEI is the architect of the Partners for Climate Protection Milestones, and

Whereas the Town of The Blue Mountains has actively worked through the Milestones and is currently at Milestone 3, and

Whereas Grey County is a participant in the **Partners for Climate Protection**, and

Whereas the Town of The Blue Mountains relies on the natural environment including the Niagara Escarpment, the mountain, Georgian Bay, abundant forests and diverse agricultural lands for economy, lifestyle, health and welfare, and

Whereas the long-term economic sustainability of the Town of The Blue Mountains is dependent on our natural environment which is at risk due to climate change factors including but not limited to substantial water rise, historic decreases in snow base and significant impacts on our agricultural sector, and

Whereas on September 27th, 2019 many local children, youth and adults of the Town of The Blue Mountains demonstrated their concerns regarding Climate Change at Town Hall and circulated a petition to the broader community, and

Whereas such a declaration will not impede or impact negatively upon the actions of the **Sustainability Advisory Committee** recommendation to Council regarding the development of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) through consultation with the citizens of the Town of the Blue Mountains in the next year, and

Whereas all communities will be required to support the goals of the **Paris Accord** to enable Canada to reach the goals by 2030, including significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and

Whereas funding relating to attainment of goals and mitigation strategies related to Climate Change will be expected to be available from all levels of government and from some private funders within the next six months, and

Whereas Corporate Strategic Planning for the next several years is currently underway and should consider Climate Change and decreasing the Town's use of fossil fuels as a priority in decision making regarding many expenditures, including but not limited to purchase and maintenance of heavy equipment and vehicles, energy usage, preservation of parkland and greenspace, park maintenance, snow removal-salt/ice mitigation, landfill management, water treatment and capital infrastructure, and

Whereas the budget process for the 2020 year is currently underway and projections for 2021, 2022 and 2023 along with long-term capital investments are under consideration, and

Whereas declarations of Climate Change Emergency serve to

- create pressure on higher levels of government to act,
- provide basis for provincial and federal funding for local action,
- to encourage responsibility at the individual, group and commercial levels,
- promote education for elected officials, Town staff, community partners, citizens and visitors,

That Council receive the petition of the community requesting that Council declare a Climate Change Emergency, and

That Council make the declaration of Climate Change Emergency, and

That Council request that the Sustainability Committee review the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals and work together with Council and Staff to assess current state and develop plans and processes to ensure that the Town of The Blue Mountains is positioned to ensure that we can meet these goals for all citizens by 2030.

H.3 Additions to Agenda

None

I. Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting, October 7, 2019
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, October 21, 2019
Blue Mountain Resort, Petun Ballroom

J. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT By-law No. 2019 - 44, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on September 30, 2019 be hereby enacted as passed this 30th day of September, 2019, Carried.

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 10:34 p.m. to meet again October 21, 2019 Blue Mountain Resort, Petun Ballroom, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

Alar Soever, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk