



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Special Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: November 8, 2019
Meeting Time: 8:45 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

Mayor Alar Soever called the meeting to order with all members in attendance, save Councillor Bordignon absent.

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Manager of Planning Trevor Houghton, Senior Policy Planner Shawn Postma, Chief Building Official Tim Murawsky, Manager Development Engineering Brian Worsley, Deputy Chief Building Official David Black, Development Engineering Reviewer Mason Bellamy, Building Services Zoning Coordinator Barb Dooks, Planner Travis Sandberg, GIS Coordinator Aaron Roininen

▪ Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT the Agenda of November 8, 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 Potter declared a pecuniary interest regarding Agenda item C.2 "Marsh Street Centre" Request for Letter of Support from the Town of The Blue Mountains as his wife is a member of the Board of Directors at the Marsh Street Centre and an organization of which Councillor Potter is a volunteer member and will benefit from this project.

B. Public Comment Period

B.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

C. Reports

C.1 “Ledge Leadership” Request for Letter of Support from the Town of The Blue Mountains (verbal)

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the request for a letter of support from “Ledge Leadership” to accompany their grant application to the Canada Infrastructure Program - Community, Culture and Recreation Funding Stream;

AND THAT Council request Mayor Soever provide Ledge Leadership with the requested letter of support to accompany their grant application, Carried.

C.2 “Marsh Street Centre” Request for Letter of Support from the Town of The Blue Mountains (verbal)

Councillor Potter vacated the Council Chamber having earlier declared a pecuniary interest regarding Agenda item C.2

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the request for a letter of support from the “Marsh Street Centre” to accompany their grant application to the Canada Infrastructure Program - Community, Culture and Recreation Funding Stream;

AND THAT Council request Mayor Soever provide Ledge Leadership with the requested letter of support to accompany their grant application, Carried.

D. Closed Session

NOTE: The first portion of the Closed Session included a bus tour that commenced and ended at the Town Hall. The bus tour included Council and Staff Members.

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT with regard to subsection 239(3.1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, this Council does now move into closed session in order to address matters pertaining to the educating or training of Council with regard to the process for Land Use Planning, Development Engineering Practise and Building Procedures;

AND at the meeting, members will not discuss or otherwise deal with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the Council, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 9:10 a.m.
Council moved into public session at 12:02 p.m.

Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session to address matters pertaining to the educating or training of Council regarding the process for land use planning, development engineering practise and building procedures. Mayor Soever noted that this closed session was on a bus tour.

E. Training

E.1 Planning and Development Services Management Team

Re: Training Land Use Planning, Development Engineering Practise and Building Procedures

Director of Planning and Development Services, Nathan Westendorp spoke introducing the Planning team present. Councillor Potter spoke noting that the training session was helpful for him and that he looks forward to the future public staff reports.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke thanking staff for the training session. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki then questioned if the Community Design Guidelines is a public document and if it will be updated. Nathan spoke in response noting that yes, the Community Design Guidelines will be updated, but it is a lower emergency for the Town at this point. Nathan noted that the Community Design Guideline is still effective, and that it is anticipated to be updated in 2022.

Mayor Soever noted that the tour was very helpful and questioned when the open session report will be provided to Council, Nathan spoke in response noting that he anticipates an open session report will be provided to Council in December.

CAO Shawn Everitt then spoke thanking staff for the tour, noting it was very helpful for Council and staff. Shawn then questioned the format of future staff reports and questioned if Council would like to see “options” included in staff reports, plus staff’s recommendation. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke noting that, yes, she would like to see options included in reports. Councillor Sampson spoke noting that he, too, would staff reports to include “options”, together with staff’s professional recommendation. Councillor Sampson noted that the public’s suggested options should also be included, and if the staff recommendation differs from that of the public, the report should indicate the reasons why.

Councillor Matrosovs spoke concurring that options should be included in staff reports, further noting that she would appreciate reference to any research completed to finalize the staff report as well.

Councillors Uram and Potter concurred that they support the inclusions of options in staff reports, including an explanation supporting the recommendation.

Mayor Soever then spoke noting that he agrees that options and staff recommendations should be included in staff reports, and that risks, opportunities and precedents should also be included. Mayor Soever noted that Council should be made aware of potential costs, i.e. OMB /LPAT hearings.

F. Adjournment

Moved by: Rob Potter

Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT this Special Meeting of Council does now adjourn at 1:08 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.

Alar Soever, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk