A. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Potter called the Meeting of Council to order with all members of Council present save Mayor Soever and Councillor Sampson.

Mayor Soever joined the meeting at 10:20 am. Councillor Sampson joined the meeting at 10:40 am.

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Human Resources Jenn Moreau, Director of Planning and Development Nathan Westendorp, Director of Operations Shawn Carey, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Legal Services Will Thomson, Fire Chief Steve Conn, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting & Budgets Sam Dinsmore, Manager of Community Planning Trevor Houghton, Acting Deputy Chief / Chief Fire Prevention Officer Duncan Rydall and Library Chief Executive Officer Sabrina Saunders.

- Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

- Moment of Reflection

Council then paused for a Moment of Reflection.

- Council Member Attendance

The Town Clerk noted that all Council members were in attendance save Mayor Soever and Councillor Sampson.

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Paula Hope Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT the Agenda of May 19, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda,

- Councillor Bordignon: Yay
- Councillor Hope: Yay
- Councillor Matrosovs: Yay
- Deputy Mayor Potter: Yay
- Councillor Sampson: Absent
- Councillor Uram: Yay
- Mayor Soever: Absent

The motion is 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 2019-56, 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: Andrea Matrosovs    Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT the Consent Agenda of May 19, 2020 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda Item F.2 Committee of the Whole Report dated May 5, 2020 in regards to Agenda Item B.3.1 2019 Treasurer’s Statement, FAF.20.081, B.3.4 Ontario Provincial Police Contract Renewal, FAF.20.028, and F.6 thru to F.15 Community Recovery Task Force minutes,

Councillor Bordignon       Yay
Councillor Hope            Yay
Councillor Matrosovs       Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter       Yay
Councillor Sampson         Absent
Councillor Uram            Yay
Mayor Soever              Absent
The motion is Carried.

Previous Minutes

Moved by: Jim Uram    Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT the Council minutes of May 4, 2020 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made

Councillor Bordignon       Yay
Councillor Hope            Yay
Councillor Matrosovs       Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter       Yay
Councillor Sampson         Absent
Councillor Uram            Yay
Mayor Soever              Absent
The motion is Carried.

B. Deputations / Presentations

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: Rosalyn Morrison, Chair, The Institute of Southern Georgian Bay
Re: Mapping Our Road to Recovery

Rosalyn Morrison provided a deputation to Council from The Institute of Southern Georgian Bay ("Institute") regarding an online discussion series entitled, Mapping Our Road to Recovery. Rosalyn noted the Institute’s Vision and noted of a Speakers’ Series in 2019 where the Institute partnered with corporate, municipal and community partners to deliver a social innovation presentation.

Ms. Morrison noted Mapping Our Road to Recovery will utilize a multi-sector approach to help plan for recovery of traditional businesses and not-for-profits/charities, nurture collaboration and municipal governments across the region, and seed growth of emerging economies including Social Enterprise through Social Innovation and Arts and Culture. Ms. Morrison confirmed the Institute is requesting $750 from the Town of The Blue Mountains in the Mapping Our Road to Recovery online series.

B.2 Deputation: Susan Min, Ownership Group
Re: Conversion of 20 Alice Street E into 11 Unit Rental Building, Request for Consideration for the Elimination of Development Charges Plus 5% Cash-in-lieu for Parkland

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs    Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT the Council directs staff to provide a report in response to the May 19, 2020 Deputation of Susan Min, Ownership Group Re: Conversion of 20 Alice Street E. into 11 Unit Rental Building, Request for Consideration for the Elimination of Development Charges Plus 5% Cash-in-lieu for Parkland;

AND THAT Council requests the Ownership Group to attend the meeting when the staff report is considered by the Committee of the Whole;

AND THAT Council direct staff to forward the Deputation material of Ms. Min to the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation for consideration,

Councillor Bordignon    Yay
Councillor Hope    Yay
Councillor Matrosovs    Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter    Yay
Councillor Sampson    Absent
Councillor Uram    Yay
Mayor Soever    Absent

The motion is Carried.

C. Public Comment Period

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

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2019-56 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.

NOTE: The Blue Mountains Town Hall is currently closed to the public to assist with social distancing with respect to COVID-19. Comments received from the public that have not been included on the Agenda, will be read at the meeting by the Town Clerk.

C.1.1 Barbara Little, Meaford Hospital Foundation

Town Clerk Corrina Giles confirmed that Barbara Little, Chair of the Meaford Hospital Foundation provided a comment regarding Agenda Item E.3 Hospital Funding Requests, FAF.20.087. The comments submitted from Ms. Little noted the Meaford Hospital Foundation’s thanks to the Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting   May 19, 2020
The Blue Mountains Grants and Donations Committee for forwarding the Foundation’s request to Council for consideration through the Town’s Health Care Reserve. Ms. Little noted Council’s support of the request will help replace basic equipment which is nearing the end of its serviceable life. Ms. Little noted the request was submitted prior to the onset of COVID-19 and further noted that because of COVID-19, the Foundation’s fundraising efforts will be different in 2020 with the Foundation projecting a significant shortfall in 2020 totaling as much as $600,000. Ms. Little noted that the request made in February 2020 was critical, and has become even more vital to ensure the Foundation can continue to support the patient care provided to the community by Meaford Hospital staff.

D. Correspondence as previously circulated

D.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Re: 2020 – 2022 AMO Board of Directors Call for Nominations
(For Council Consideration)

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the April 28, 2020 correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Re: 2020-2022 AMO Board of Directors Call for Nominations

Councillor Bordignon  Yay
Councillor Hope  Yay
Councillor Matrosovs  Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter  Yay
Councillor Sampson  Absent
Councillor Uram  Yay
Mayor Soever  Absent

The motion is Carried.

D.2 Nancy Mott, Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC)
Re: Proposed NEC Plan Amendment Regarding Sideroad 26/27 Township of Clearview
(For Council Consideration)

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the May 6, 2020 correspondence from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) Re: Proposed NEC Plan Amendment regarding Sideroad 26/27 Township of Clearview;

AND THAT Council refers the correspondence to the Planning & Development Services Department and the Operations Department for follow-up staff report to Council,

Councillor Bordignon  Yay
Councillor Hope  Yay
Councillor Matrosovs  Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter  Yay
Councillor Sampson  Absent
Councillor Uram  Yay
Mayor Soever  Absent

The motion is Carried.
D.3 Municipality of Grey Highlands
Re: Notice of Public Meeting, OP02.2020 and Z22.2020 Penny/Gourlay
(Received For Information and Referred to Planning & Development Services)

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs   Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the May 5, 2020 correspondence from the Municipality of Grey Highlands Re: Notice of Public Meeting, OP02.2020 and Z22.2020 Penny/Gourlay;

AND THAT Council refers the correspondence to Planning & Development Services.

Councillor Bordignon  Yay
Councillor Hope  Yay
Councillor Matrosovs  Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter  Yay
Councillor Sampson  Absent
Councillor Uram  Yay
Mayor Soever  Absent

The motion is Carried.

E. Motions and Staff Reports

E.1 The Blue Mountains Creator Space Request Follow-up Report, FAF.20.093

Mayor Soever joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Moved by: Paula Hope   Seconded by: Alar Soever

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.093, entitled “The Blue Mountains Creator Space Request Follow-up Report”,

AND THAT Council approve the request by The Blue Mountains Creator Space for in-kind facility rentals at the Ravenna Hall and Craigleith Community Centre for the Phase 1 program in the amount of $5,140, contingent on the grant being successful;

AND THAT Council direct that The Blue Mountains Creator Space Requests for Phase Town and Phase Three be directed through the Grants and Donations Committee

Councillor Bordignon  Yay
Councillor Hope  Yay
Councillor Matrosovs  Yay
Mayor Soever  Yay
Councillor Sampson  Absent
Councillor Uram  Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter  Yay

The motion is Carried.

E.2 Development Charges – 63 Arthur Street West Follow-up, FAF.20.088

Mayor Soever chaired the Council meeting.

Moved by: Rob Potter   Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.088 entitled “Development Charges – 63 Arthur Street West Follow-up”;

AND THAT Council uphold the Development Charges By-law 2019-17 and levy the Development Charges as a Row and Other Multiple/Hotel rate,
Councillor Bordignon  Yay
Councillor Hope  Yay
Councillor Matrosovs  Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter  Yay
Councillor Sampson  Absent
Councillor Uram  Yay
Mayor Soever  Yay
The motion is Carried.

E.3 Hospital Funding Requests, FAF.20.087

Councillor Sampson joined the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Moved by: Peter Bordignon   Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council receive staff report FAF.20.087, entitled “Hospital Funding Requests”;
AND THAT Council direct staff to provide $5,000 to the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation from the Health Care Reserve;
AND THAT Council direct staff to provide $18,000 to the Meaford Hospital Foundation from the Health Care Reserve,

Councillor Bordignon  Yay
Councillor Hope  Yay
Councillor Matrosovs  Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter  Yay
Councillor Sampson  Yay
Councillor Uram  Yay
Mayor Soever  Yay
The motion is Carried.

F. Consent Agenda

Reports List (Adopt)

F.1 Grants and Donations Committee Report dated May 1, 2020
F.2 Committee of the Whole Report, dated May 5, 2020

B.3.1. 2019 Treasurer’s Statement, FAF.20.081

Moved by: Peter Bordignon   Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.060, entitled “2019 Treasurer’s Statement”;
AND THAT Council approve the 2019 Treasurer Statement and post it on the Town’s website and make it available to the Minister of Municipal Affairs upon request,

Councillor Bordignon  Yay
Councillor Hope  Yay
Councillor Matrosovs  Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter  Yay
Councillor Sampson  Yay
Councillor Uram  Yay
Mayor Soever  Yay
The motion is Carried.
B.3.4 Ontario Provincial Police Contract Renewal, FAF.20.028

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.028, entitled “Ontario Provincial Police Contract Renewal”;

AND THAT Council confirms that the Town of The Blue Mountains wishes to proceed with a renewed policing contract with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), that includes maintaining the status quo, including retaining The Blue Mountains Police Services Board and maintaining the current OPP Station in The Blue Mountains,

Councillor Bordignon Yay
Councillor Hope Yay
Councillor Matrosovs Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter Yay
Councillor Sampson Yay
Councillor Uram Yay
Mayor Soever Yay

The motion is Carried.

Minutes List (Receive)

F.3 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority minutes dated February 26, 2020
F.4 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights dated April 22, 2020
F.5 Thornbury Business Improvement Area minutes dated March 4, 2020
F.6 Community Recovery Task Force minutes dated March 31, 2020
F.7 Community Recovery Task Force minutes dated April 1, 2020
F.8 Community Recovery Task Force minutes dated April 3, 2020
F.9 Community Recovery Task Force minutes dated April 14, 2020
F.10 Community Recovery Task Force minutes dated April 17, 2020
F.11 Community Recovery Task Force minutes dated April 20, 2020
F.12 Community Recovery Task Force minutes dated April 21, 2020
F.13 Community Recovery Task Force minutes dated April 24, 2020
F.14 Community Recovery Task Force minutes dated April 27, 2020
F.15 Community Recovery Task Force minutes dated April 30, 2020

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Paula Hoppe

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, Agenda Items F.6 through to F.15 Re: Community Recovery Task Force minutes;

Councillor Bordignon Yay
Councillor Hope Yay
Councillor Matrosovs Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter Yay
Councillor Sampson Yay
Councillor Uram Yay
Mayor Soever Yay

The motion is Carried.
G. By-laws

G.1 By-law to Appoint a Chief Building Official and Inspectors Pursuant to the Building Code

Moved by: Jim Uram   Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT By-law No. 2020-35 being a By-law to Appoint a Chief Building Official and Inspectors pursuant to the Building Code Act, be passed this 19th day of May, 2020,

Councillor Bordignon  Yay
Councillor Hope  Yay
Councillor Matrosovs  Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter  Yay
Councillor Sampson  Yay
Councillor Uram  Yay
Mayor Soever  Yay

The motion is Carried.

H. New and Unfinished Business

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

Deputy Mayor Rob Potter advised the SWIFT Program is requesting $3,000,000 from Grey County in loan guarantees for rural broadband internet of which 27% would be supplied by the Town of The Blue Mountains. Deputy Mayor Potter noted the Town may be able to meet rural broadband needs independently through a private partnership, and further advised that he and Mayor Alar Soever voted against SWIFT’s request at Grey County Council.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted the Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arra provides an update to Grey County Council members on a weekly basis and encouraged any residents with questions to pass them along to either himself, or Mayor Soever. Mayor Alar Soever commented that the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit is the only Health Unit in Ontario with zero deaths related to COVID-19, and further noted the low rate of infection in the Grey Bruce area. Mayor Soever noted residents are doing a great job.

Mayor Alar Soever advised of a motion by Councillor Desai, Deputy Mayor of Grey Highlands that would reassess how farms are taxed. Mayor Soever advised that each year as farmland value is increased, taxes are increased. A potential reassessment could consider income as a basis for taxation.

Mayor Soever advised of a social services relief fund, funded by the Province to the County of Grey. Through this initiative a number of grants were issued to a number of organizations.

Mayor Soever advised Grey County is reviewing how Planning Act applications are processed during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the plan being to initiate virtual meetings for Planning Act applications.

Mayor Soever noted a lease financing report which contains leases that expired in 2008 and 2009. Further, Grey County Council received the Development Charges Treasurers Statement which provided review of Development Charges collected between 2015-2019, totaling $15.9 million of which, 58% was spent with 16% being spent in the Town of The Blue Mountains.
Mayor Soever noted that Councillor Robinson, Mayor of West Grey, provided a motion regarding broadband infrastructure.

Mayor Soever brought a Notice of Motion to the County regarding issuing a letter to Grey County residents as a reminder that during the COVID-19 pandemic, all residents, be them part time or full time, are in this together. Mayor Soever noted there is currently an “us versus them” mentality which does not facilitate cooperation.

Councillor Rob Sampson commented on the Grey County lease report, further noting the Town is not getting paid for the facility lease for emergency services. Councillor Sampson further noted his concern regarding the lack of public disclosure of SWIFT financial data. Councillor Sampson emphasized that SWIFT must provide full disclosure of its financial information. Councillor Sampson commented that it would be advisable to send a letter to the Premier’s office requesting the Province to require disclosure of SWIFT’s financial records as it is a publicly-funded entity.

H.2 Notice of Motion (Council)
None

H.3 Additions to Agenda
None

H.4 News and Celebrations
None

I. Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting, May 19, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, June 1, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole Meeting, June 2, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

J. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT By-law No. 2020- 36, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on May 19, 2020 be hereby enacted as passed this 19th day of May, 2020.

Councillor Bordignon  Yay
Councillor Hope  Yay
Councillor Matrosovs  Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter  Yay
Councillor Sampson  Yay
Councillor Uram  Yay
Mayor Soever  Yay

The motion is Carried.
Moved by: Jim Uram           Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 11:32a.m. to meet again June 1, 2020 Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair,

Councillor Bordignon      Yay
Councillor Hope           Yay
Councillor Matrosovs      Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter       Yay
Councillor Sampson        Yay
Councillor Uram           Yay
Mayor Soever              Yay
The motion is Carried.

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Alar Soever, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk