Minutes
The Blue Mountains, Council Meeting

Meeting Date: August 10, 2020
Meeting Time: 9:00 a.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 Council Meeting to order with all members of Council present save Councillor Jim Uram.

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Planning and Development Nathan Westendorp, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Operations Shawn Carey, Director of Legal Services Will Thomson, Fire Chief Steve Conn and Supervisor Municipal Law Enforcement / Prosecutor Wayne DeWitt.

• 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 Councillor Uram absent.

• Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Rob Potter    Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Agenda of August 10, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, being Agenda Item H.3.1 Update Re: Traffic and Parking

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

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 August 10, 2020 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda Item F.1 Transportation Committee Report, dated July 21, 2020,

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

The motion is Carried.

Previous Minutes

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT the Council minutes of July 13, 2020 and the Special Meeting of Council minutes of July 21, 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  Yay  Councillor Uram  Absent
Mayor Soever  Yay

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 Jeffrey Swartz
Re: Regarding a “Section of Lansdowne Street North” Current Issues

Jeffrey Swartz spoke noting that he has been resident in The Blue Mountains for 24 years, first as a weekender, and now resides here full time. Mr. Swartz noted that his property is adjacent to the extension of “Lansdowne Street North”. Mr. Swartz noted that he had approached the Town last year in an attempt to purchase the Lansdowne Street North property but the Town did not wish to sell this water access point.
Mr. Swartz then spoke regarding recent unfortunate events on the Lansdowne Street North water access, further noting that this water access point is not a Town beach. Mr. Swartz asked that Council control the parking and requested that “no parking” and “towaway zone” signs be placed.

Mayor Soever thanked Mr. Swartz for his deputation.

B.2 Peter Samson
Re: Road Access at Foot of Lansdowne Street North

Peter Samson spoke noting that his deputation is in support of the deputation of Jeffrey Swartz. Mr. Samson noted that his property is to the west of Mr. Swartz and requested that guardrails and no parking signs be placed at the Lansdowne Street North water access point.

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the August 10, 2020 deputations of Jeffrey Swartz Regarding a Section of Lansdowne Street North current issues and Peter Samson regarding Road Access at the foot of Lansdowne Street North

And that in response to the deputation materials of Mr. Swartz and Mr. Samson, Council directs:

1. staff to provide Council with a report back to Council on September 22, 2020 identifying classification of waterfront access points,
2. that the August 10, 2020 deputation materials of Mr. Swartz and Mr. Samson be referred to the Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee for consideration,
3. staff to place additional no parking temporary signage at Lansdowne Waterfront access point,
4. staff to review the “Lake Lookout” identifier on Google,

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

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 allotted at the Council Meeting to receive public comments regarding Town matters. Comments may be provided regarding staff recommendations contained in staff reports that are a follow-up to a Public Meeting, it being noted that the commenting period has ended.

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.

None
D. Correspondence as previously circulated

D.1 College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario
Re: Nomination for an Outstanding Physician in Your Community

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT Council receives the July 21, 2020 correspondence of College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario regarding nomination for an Outstanding Physician in your community;

AND THAT Council refers the correspondence to the Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee,

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

D.2 Robert McDonald
Re: Storage Fees – Thornbury Harbour

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receives the July 10, 2020 correspondence of Robert McDonald requesting relief of the harbour land storage fees for the summer of 2020 in the amount of $360 plus HST;

AND THAT Council grants relief to Mr. McDonald of the harbour land storage fees for the summer of 2020 in the amount of $360 plus HST;

AND THAT Council directs staff to strongly request the federal government provide concessions for the Town of The Blue Mountains for relief of the rental of the Thornbury Harbour,

  Councillor Bordignon  Yay
  Councillor Hope  Yay
  Councillor Matrosovs  Yay
  Deputy Mayor Potter  Yay
  Councillor Sampson  Yay
  Councillor Uram  Absent
  Mayor Soever  Yay
The motion is Carried.
D.3 Matthew Morton  
**Re: Town Issues for Consideration and Action**

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receives the July 19, 2020 correspondence of Matthew Morton regarding Town Issues for Consideration and Action;

AND THAT Council refers Mr. Morton’s correspondence to the appropriate committees and staff,

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

The motion is Carried.

D.4 Alex Maxwell  
**Re: Traffic Speeds throughout The Blue Mountains**

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receives the July 22, 2020 correspondence of Alex Maxwell regarding Traffic Speeds throughout The Blue Mountains, and refers the correspondence to the Transportation Committee,

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

The motion is Carried.

D.5 Alex Maxwell  
**Re: Outdoor Ice Facilities – Season 2020-2021**

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council receives the July 26, 2020 correspondence of Alex Maxwell regarding Outdoor Ice Facilities – Season 2020-2021;

AND THAT Council refers the correspondence to Community Services for report back to Council;

AND THAT Council refers the correspondence to the Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee for consideration;

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

The motion is Carried.
D.6  Town of Collingwood  
Re: Request for Support for “Out of the Cold” Winter Shelter Program  

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Paula Hope  

THAT Council receives the August 4, 2020 Town of Collingwood request for support and that Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains provides $3125 in support of the feasibility study for the Out of the Cold Shelter Services Program on the condition that the feasibility study has a true regional perspective including those jurisdictions providing the funding,

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

D.7  Trevor Temple  
Re: Lansdowne Street North Unopened Street, Support for Jeffery Swartz Deputation  

Moved by: Paula Hope  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs  

THAT Council receives the July 28, 2020 correspondence of Trevor Temple regarding Lansdowne Street North Unopened Street, Support for Jeffery Swartz, and refers the correspondence to the Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee,

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

D.8  Debbie Crosskill  
Re: Barriers on Bruce Street, Thornbury  

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Rob Sampson  

THAT Council receives the July 10, 2020 correspondence of Debbie Crosskill regarding Barriers on Bruce Street, Thornbury, and refers the correspondence to the Community Services and Thornbury Business Improvement Area for response;

Councillor Bordignon  Yay  
Councillor Hope  Yay  
Councillor Matrosovs  Yay  
Deputy Mayor Potter  Yay  
Councillor Sampson  Yay  
Councillor Uram  Absent  
Mayor Soever  Yay  
The motion is Carried.
THAT Council receives correspondence D.9 thru to D.12 regarding Proposed Site for The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing;

AND THAT Council refers the correspondences to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation for action and response;

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

THAT Council receives correspondence of Ontario Energy Board Notice regarding Increase in Enbridge Gas Inc. Rates – Effective January 1, 2021;

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

THAT Council receives correspondence of Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation Thank You;

Councillor Bordignon  Yay
Councillor Hope       Yay
Councillor Matrosovs  Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter  Yay
Councillor Sampson   Yay
Councillor Uram      Absent
Mayor Soever        Yay
The motion is Carried.
D.15  Beaver Valley Outreach
Re: Thank You

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT Council receives correspondence D.14 Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation and D.15 Beaver Valley Outreach for information, and refers the correspondence to the Grant and Donations Committee,

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

The motion is Carried.

D.16  Correspondences received Re: Lowering of Speed Limit on Highway #26

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receives correspondence D.16 regarding the lowering of Speed Limit on Highway #26 for information, and refers the correspondence to the Transportation Committee,

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

The motion is Carried.

E.  Motions and Staff Reports

None

F.  Consent Agenda

Reports List (Adopt)

F.1  Transportation Committee Report, dated July 21, 2020

C.1  Transportation Master Plan Terms of Reference and Phasing Update — Director of Operations Shawn Carey

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges the July 21, 2020 recommendation of the Transportation Committee, being:

THAT the Transportation Committee accepts the draft Transportation Master Plan Terms of Reference, as developed by the sub-committee, and advises Council to direct staff to convert the Terms of Reference into a comprehensive Request for Proposal for release in accordance with the Town’s Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy POL.COR.07.05;
AND THAT the Transportation Committee advises Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains to grant an exemption from the Town of The Blue Mountains Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy, POL.COR.07.05, to appoint John White or designate of the Transportation Advisory Committee to advise during the Transportation Master Plan RFP selection process;

AND THAT, due to the time-sensitive nature of this request, the matter be brought to Council at the August 10, 2020 Council meeting for consideration, Carried.

AND THAT, in response, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains approves a one-time exemption from the Town’s Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy, POL.COR.07.05 and appoints John White or designate of the Transportation Committee to advise during the Transportation Master Plan RFP selection process,

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

The motion is Carried.

C.5 Highway 26 (Craigleith area) Speed Reduction

Moved by: Rob Sampson   Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges the July 21, 2020 recommendation of the Transportation Committee, being:

THAT the Transportation Committee urgently requests Council to conduct independent assessments of the Highway 26 (Craigleith area) speed reduction and impact with follow up provided to the Committee and community for information;

AND THAT, given the time-sensitive nature of this request, the Committee requests this matter be directed to Council at the August 10, 2020 Council meeting, and immediately to the Mayor, Carried.

AND THAT, in response, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains directs staff to conduct independent assessments of the Highway 26 (Craigleith area) speed reduction and impact with follow up provided to the Transportation Committee, and the community for information purposes,

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

The motion is Carried.

Minutes List (Receive)

F.2 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Meeting minutes, May 21, 2020
F.3 Thornbury Business Improvement Area – Annual General Meeting minutes, June 3, 2020
F.4 Thornbury Business Improvement Area minutes, June 3, 2020
F.5 Community Recovery Task Force minutes, June 24, 2020 9:00 a.m.
F.6 Community Recovery Task Force minutes, June 24, 2020 10:00 a.m.
F.7 Community Recovery Task Force minutes, July 8, 2020 9:00 a.m.
F.8 Community Recovery Task Force minutes, July 8, 2020 10:00 a.m.
F.9 Community Recovery Task Force minutes, July 15, 2020 10:00 a.m.

G. By-laws

G.1 By-law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT By-law No. 2020- 50 being a By-law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers be passed this 10th day of August, 2020,

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

The motion is Carried.

H. New and Unfinished Business

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

Deputy Mayor Potter provided a Grey County update noting that the mandatory face mask by-law was discussed.

Mayor Soever provided a Grey County update noting that transportation was a significant item included on the July 23 County Committee of the Whole Agenda. Mayor Soever noted that Kim Earl, Executive Director of the Community Transportation Initiative, provided a deputation to County Council, further noting that this is an initiative for the South-Central Economic Development Corporation that are working on community transportation from here to the Southwest. Mayor Soever noted that this initiative should be extended province-wide to reach its full ridership potential. Mayor Soever noted that there is a connection with the GO Bus in Orangeville, but noted there would be more ridership interest if that transportation network was connected with the routes that come here from the GTA through Simcoe County. Mayor Soever noted that the transit link between Owen Sound and Blue Mountain Village is proceeding. Mayor Soever expressed concern as they are proposing 6, 10 passenger vans, but with the impact of COVID and the number of job vacancies at the Village, it was noted that one round-trip per day between between Owen Sound and the Village would be inadequate if it is a 10 person vehicle with COVID distancing in place. The Grey County CAO assured Mayor Soever that there would be access to a 24 person vehicle if required. Mayor Soever noted Grey County Council discussed and approved adding a link on County Road 4.

Mayor Soever noted that a new Hanover/Owen Sound Task Force to consider issues unique to Hanover and Owen Sound, particularly social issues, with respect to their impact on policing in these communities.
H.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

H.2.1 Councillor Peter Bordignon Notice of Motion

Note: Councillor Peter Bordignon provided the following Notice of Motion. This Notice of Motion will be included on the August 24, 2020 Council Agenda, for Council consideration.

WHEREAS with the great amount of volunteer support and financial philanthropy from the residents and staff of the Town of The Blue Mountains. It would be prudent to establish a formal acknowledge of these contributions.

WHEREAS at the August 7th, 2020 meeting, the Grants and Donations Committee recommend Council establish a formal Volunteer Recognition Program for Town staff, local philanthropists, stakeholders, and volunteers who make contributions to the community through volunteer efforts. The motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct CAO Shawn Everitt, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director Human Resources Jennifer Moreau and Leisure Activities Council Representative Peter Bordignon to develop a report that would help establish the formation of a Community Volunteer Recognition Program for the Town of The Blue Mountains.

H.3 Additions to Agenda

H.3.1 Update – Re: Traffic and Parks

Council discussed the parking and traffic issues, noting that this past weekend was the busiest weekend this summer.

H.3.2 Update – Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee

Moved by: Paula Hope Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council direct staff to re-advertise for applications, including extended advertisement, for appointment to the Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee for consideration by Council at the September 8, 2020 Council Meeting, Closed Session,

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

The motion is Carried.

H.4 News and Celebrations

Council shared good news and celebrations.
I. Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting, August 11, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, August 24, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole Meeting, August 25, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

J. Closed Session

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Paula Hope

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 personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Town or local board employees, and with regard to the review and consideration of committee and board applications received,

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

The motion is Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 1:00 p.m.
Council moved into public session at 1:40 p.m.

• Closed Session Reporting Out Statement

Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session and provided direction to staff regarding applications received for committee appointment.

K. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: Paula Hope  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT By-law No. 2020- 51, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on August 10, 2020 be hereby enacted as passed this 10th day of, August 2020,

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

The motion is Carried.
Moved by: Paula Hope    Seconded by: Andrea Matrosov

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 1:46 p.m. to meet again August 24, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair,

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

The motion is Carried.

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Alar Soever, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk