Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Council Meeting

Meeting Date: September 8, 2020
Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m. Council Meeting
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers (Virtual Meeting)
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 Uram. Councillor Uram joined the meeting at 11:35 am.

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 Human Resources Jennifer Moreau, Director of Operations Shawn Carey, Manager of Water & Wastewater Services Allison Kershaw, Manager of Community Planning Trevor Houghton, Supervisor Municipal Law Enforcement / Prosecutor Wayne DeWitt, Planner Travis Sandberg and Library CEO Sabrina Saunders.

- 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 who joined the meeting at 11:35 am.

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT the Agenda of September 8, 2020, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, being Agenda item H.3.1 Bluewater District School Board Request for use of picnic tables.

  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.

Deputy Mayor Potter declared an interest regarding Agenda item B.1 Steven Gorton, Marsh Street Centre Re: Request for Funding

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: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Consent Agenda of September 8, 2020 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion,

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: Paula Hope Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Council minutes of August 10, 2020, August 24, 2020 and the Special Council minutes of August 20, 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 Deputation: Steven Gorton, President – Marsh Street Centre
Re: Request for Funding Support

Deputy Mayor Potter removed himself from the meeting, having earlier declared an interest regarding Agenda item B.1.

Steven Gorton, President of the Marsh Street Centre spoke providing an update on the Marsh Street Centre. Mr. Gorton noted that the Marsh Street Centre is one of only two community owned performing arts and community centres in Ontario.

Mr. Gorton noted that over 5000 people pass through the doors of the Marsh Street Centre for various programs, classes and concerts. Mr. Gorton noted that COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the Marsh Street Centre, noting that their 2019 operating budget was $235,000, and their 2020 Operating Budget is $20,000, further noting that there are not events at the Marsh Street Centre, with maintenance and cleaning suspended.

Mr. Gorton noted that the Marsh Street Centre cannot generate new operating funds until they can reopen their doors and host a full house, further noting that they continue to search for operating grants. Mr. Gorton noted that they really need operating funding, noting that their current funds will last, at most, four months on current, minimal expenses. Mr. Gorton noted that they also required capital funding.

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receive the September 8, 2020 Deputation of Steven Gorton, President Marsh Street Centre, requesting funding support;

AND THAT Council direct the Finance Department in consultation with Councillor Sampson, being Chair of Finance Administration & Fire, and Councillor Bordignon, Chair of the Grants and Donations Committee, to provide a staff report providing recommendations in response to the Marsh Street Centre request on how the Town may provide the requested support, to the October 20, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor Bordignon  Yay
Councillor Hope  Yay
Councillor Matrosovs  Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter  Declared Interest
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 Town of The Blue Mountains continues to be in a declared state of emergency, and Council and Committee Meetings continue to be held virtually during this time. 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 Dr. Sabrina Saunders, CEO/Board Secretary of The Blue Mountains Public Library
Re: Library Board Complement following resignation of Odeen Probert

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT Council receives the August 17, 2020 correspondence from The Blue Mountains Public Library Re: Resignation of Library Board Member;

AND THAT Council supports the recommendation of The Blue Mountains Public Library Board to continue with the current Library Board complement, being seven members, for the balance of the 2018 to 2022 of Council,

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 Sandra Banks
Re: Bayview Park Concerns

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receives for information, the August 18, 2020 correspondence from Sandra Banks Re: Bayview Park Concerns, and refers the correspondence to the Enforcement Services Department for information,

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 Veronique Ponce
Re: Public Park, Beach and Water Access For Area North of Highway 26, between Peel Street North and 10th Line

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receives the August 17, 2020 correspondence from Veronique Ponce Re: Public Park, Beach and Water Access for Area North of Highway 26, between Peel Street North and 10th Line, and refers the correspondence to the Community Services Department and to the Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee for information,

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: Method of Voting for next Election

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT Council receives the August 10, 2020 correspondence from Alex Maxwell, Re: Possibly Increasing the Democratic Principle through examining different political systems and public representation and participation, and refers the correspondence to the Town Clerk,

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

The motion is Carried.

I. Closed Session

Moved by: Paula Hope Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT with regard to subsection 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, this Council does now move into closed session in order to address matters pertaining to:

i) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board, and with regard to a LPAT matter;

ii) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Town or local board employees, and with regard to the review and consideration of applications received for appointment to the Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee; and

iii) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, and with regard to the municipality’s inventory of land,

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 9:57 a.m.
Council moved into public session at 11:45 a.m.

Councillor Uram joined the meeting at 11:35 a.m. whilst in Closed Session.

Closed Session Reporting Out Statement

Mayor Soever provided the reporting out statement, noting that Council met in closed session and received advice and provided direction on a LPAT matter to the legal counsel, reviewed letters of interest for appointment to the Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee and directed staff to complete reference checks, and provided direction regarding the Town’s inventory of land.

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D.5  Paul Clements, Thornbury Pickleball Club  
Re: Endorsement of relocation of the Pickleball Courts to Tomahawk Location  
Moved by:  Rob Potter  Seconded by:  Paula Hope  

THAT Council receives the August 12, 2020 correspondence from Paul Clements, Thornbury Pickleball Club endorsing the location of the new pickleball courts at the Tomahawk location,  

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.  

D.6  Committee of Adjustment – Notice of Decision and Right to Appeal  
Re: A10-2020 (Owner: Giovanni)  
D.7  Committee of Adjustment – Notice of Decision and Right to Appeal  
Re: A11-2020 (Owner: Sloane)  
D.8  Committee of Adjustment – Notice of Decision and Right to Appeal  
Re: A12-2020 (Owner: Groh and Keates)  
D.9  Committee of Adjustment – Notice of Decision and Right to Appeal  
Re: A13-2020 (Owner: Whiston)  
Moved by:  Rob Sampson  Seconded by:  Rob Potter  

That Council receive for information the Committee of Adjustment Notices of Decision and Right to Appeal Re: A10-2020, A11-2020, A12-2020, A13-2020,  

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.  

E.  Motions and Staff Reports  

E.1  Councillor Committee Appointment Resignation  
Moved by:  Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by:  Paula Hope  

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the resignation of Councillor Matrosovs from The Blue Mountains Communications Advisory Committee effective September 8, 2020;  

AND THAT Council appoint Deputy Mayor Rob Potter as the Council Representative on The Blue Mountains Communications Advisory Committee for the balance of the 2018 to 2022 Term of Council, effective September 8, 2020,
E.2 Councillor Committee Appointment Resignation

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the resignation of Deputy Mayor Potter from The Blue Mountains Joint Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee effective September 8, 2020;

AND THAT Council appoint Councillor Rob Sampson as the Alternate Council Representative on The Blue Mountains Joint Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee for the balance of the 2018 to 2022 Term of Council, effective September 8, 2020,

The motion is Carried.

E.3 Public Appointment to The Blue Mountains Communications Advisory Committee

Moved by: Paula Hope  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Mary Ferguson is hereby appointed to The Blue Mountains Communications Advisory Committee for the balance of the 2018 – 2022 term of Council,

The motion is Carried.

E.4 Committee Appointment Resignation

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the resignation of Andres Paara from Communications Advisory Committee effective October 15, 2020,

The motion is Carried.
E.5 Octoberfest Logistics Approvals and Council Authorization, FAF.20.137

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.137, entitled “Octoberfest Logistics Approvals and Council Authorization”;

AND THAT Council approve the closure of the Town Parking Lot being PLAN 562 PT LOTS 29 AND 30 from Friday September 18, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. until Sunday September 20, 2020 until 1:00 p.m. for the purposes the Saturday September 19, 2020 Octoberfest event including set up and take down activities;

AND THAT Council waive the public notification requirement for receiving relief of the Town Noise By-law;

AND THAT Council approve the relief of the Town Noise By-law to permit the generation of sound by live amplified music on Saturday September 19, 2020 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.;

AND THAT Council authorize the serving and consumption of alcohol on Town land being PLAN 562 PT LOTS 29 AND 30 on Saturday September 19, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in partnership with the Beaver Valley Legion Branch 281,

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 Committee of the Whole Report, dated August 25, 2020
F.2 The Blue Mountains Community Recovery Task Force Report, dated August 26, 2020

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F.3 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights dated July 22, 2020
F.4 The Blue Mountains Community Recovery Task Force minutes dated August 5, 2020 9:00 a.m.
F.5 The Blue Mountains Community Recovery Task Force minutes dated August 5, 2020 10:00 a.m.
F.6 Rural Access to Broadband Internet Technology (RABIT) Task Force minutes dated August 5, 2020
F.7 Rural Access to Broadband Internet Technology (RABIT) Task Force minutes dated August 7, 2020
F.8 Rural Access to Broadband Internet Technology (RABIT) Task Force minutes dated August 12, 2020
G. By-laws

G.1 By-law to Amend Procedural By-law 2019-56

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT By-law No. 2020- 56 being a By-law to amend Procedural By-law 2019-56, being a By-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings of the Municipal Council for the Town of The Blue Mountains be passed this 8th day of September, 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.

G.2 By-law to Amend the Town of The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65 (Part of Lot 28, Concession 7)

Moved by: Jim Uram  Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT By-law No. 2020- 57 being a By-law to remove the Holding ‘-h30’ symbol from the lands lying and being in The Town of The Blue Mountains comprised of Part of Part Lot 28, Concession 7, be passed this 8th day of September, 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)

None

H.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

None

H.3 Additions to Agenda

H.3.1 Bluewater District School Board Request for Use of Picnic Tables

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council receives the request from the Bluewater District School Board requesting the use of 50 picnic tables for use at the Beaver Valley Community School;

AND THAT Council grants the request for the use of 50 picnic tables and waives the associated fee of $325 as required under the Fees and Charges By-law,
H.4  News and Celebrations

Council shared good news and celebrations

I.  Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 8, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Special Meeting of Council, September 16, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, September 21, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 22, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Special Meeting of Council, September 29, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Special Meeting of Council, September 30, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

J.  Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: Rob Potter          Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT By-law No. 2020- 57, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of
The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on September 8, 2020 be
hereby enacted as passed this 8th day of, September 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.
THAT this Council does now adjourn at 1:03 p.m. to meet again September 21, 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