

Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: January 12, 2009

LOCATION: L.E. Shore Memorial Library

PREPARED BY: Corrina Giles, Deputy Clerk

A. Call to Order

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order with all members in attendance
- Also in attendance was Chief Administrative Officer Paul Graham, Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Planning Peter Tollefsen, Director of Finance Rob Cummings, Director of Building and By-Law Enforcement David Finbow, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator Lisa Kidd and Cindy Welsh

- Council then paused for a moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection.

- Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT the Agenda of January 12, 2009 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

- No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the Agenda, save Councillor Kennedy with respect to Agenda item G.2 and a cheque made payable to his daughter

- Adoption of Consent Agenda

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Consent Agenda of January 12, 2009 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, Carried.

- Previous Minutes

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT the Council minutes of December 22, 2008 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

There was no business arising from the minutes at that time.

B. Deputations/Presentations

7:05 pm – Georgian Triangle Tourist Association – Regional Tourism Business Case Funding

Mayor Anderson then welcomed Linda Simpson of the Georgian Triangle Tourist Association.

Linda then introduced the Board of Directors present at the meeting, being Councillor Michael Martin, Ray Lapp, Darryl Reeder, Rick Offord and Stuart Frith.

Linda then reviewed the business case for regional tourism noting it promotes our area as a regional tourism destination.

Linda noted the GTTA represents 280 local businesses, further noting over the next year the new Strategic Plan, Marketing Plan and Fund Development Plan will be completed.

Linda noted the core strength of the GTTA is the operation of the Visitor Centres, further noting the GTTA is looking at increasing municipal members in 2009, and increasing visitorship by 10% over the next year.

Linda noted tourism drives the economic development bringing in money that creates community growth.

Linda noted in 2006 there were 1.5 million visitors to Grey County, then reviewing the full economic impact of visitor spending in Simcoe and Grey County in 2006.

Linda reviewed the locations visited most noting Collingwood is the most visited location noting the outdoor activities are the most common reason for visiting the area.

Linda then reviewed the “trickle-down effect” noting tourism brings money to the community.

Linda noted Blue Mountain has a unique appeal given close proximity to the Greater Toronto Area.

Linda reviewed the GTTA measures and reviewed the reasons why the Town should support the GTTA, then reviewed the next steps for the GTTA.

Mayor Anderson then thanked Linda for her presentation.

Councillor Gamble then referenced distribution of 110,000 brochures and questioned where these brochures are distributed, Linda replying the brochures are distributed to the United States on request and along the 401 corridor and southern Ontario visitor centres.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned the relationship between GTTA and Grey County Tourism, Linda replying GTTA is working with Grey County on various initiatives further noting both tourism associations accomplish more when working together. Duncan then noted the coastal route is a great idea, Linda replying Georgian Bay is seeing increased numbers on the coastal route.

Duncan then referenced the low number of email requests, Linda concurring, further noting the GTTA will be working on the website to increase email traffic, but further noting most visitors come to the GTTA via ground / walk-ins looking for information on the area.

Councillor Martin then noted Rick Offord has retired from the GTTA Board, Rick then noting he has been on the GTTA Board for 10-12 years, adding the support of The Blue Mountains and the Town of Collingwood is invaluable. Mayor Anderson then thanked Rick for his years of service on the GTTA Board of Directors.

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of January 12, 2009 and further does support the Staff Recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items, including any additional direction given to Staff through discussion, with an appropriate Staff action or response awaited for report back to Committee or Council where indicated, Carried.

D. Motions and Staff Reports

D.1 Award of RFP for the Development of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) by the Tender Proposal Award Committee, FS.09.01

Director of Finance Rob Cummings then spoke, noting the award of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan RFP has been made and is before Council.

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council receive the Staff Report FS.09.01 "Award of RFP for the Development of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) by the Tender Proposal Award Committee" for information purposes, Carried.

D.2 Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendments, Short Term Accommodation, PL.09.02

Senior Policy Planner Cindy Welsh then spoke, noting Council has been provided with four documents for adoption. Cindy noted Staff is recommending OPA#11 be passed and forwarded to Grey County and that the three zoning by-law amendments also be passed.

Cindy noted some minor revisions have been made and reviewed the amended definition of short term accommodation.

Cindy then noted the definition of Commercial Resort Unit and Commercial Resort Unit Complex has been amended to include "on a single lot".

Cindy then noted a new zone has been added, Resort Residential RR, permitting new short term accommodation within the Town of Thornbury Zoning By-law, similar to the Township of Collingwood Zoning By-law.

Cindy then reviewed the Castle Glen By-Law, noting minor wording has been amended.

Councillor McGee then questioned the overview of short term accommodation, noting reference of 30 days or less and reference to less than 30 days, further noting the documents should be consistent in all areas. Cindy replying the Town solicitor has always suggested less than 30 days. Cindy then noted the Township of Collingwood and Town of Thornbury By-laws will have to be changed to ensure they are consistent throughout.

Director of Planning Peter Tollefsen then spoke, noting the Deputy Clerk distributed correspondence from Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association and Colin Travis on behalf of Blue Mountain Resort. Peter noted Colin Travis acknowledges changes made to the By-Law from July. Peter further noted comments have been received from Blue Mountain Resort and Intrawest and that some changes have been made to the By-laws based on the comments received. Peter then confirmed the licencing by-law is not before Council this evening, but will be before Council at a Public Meeting in the future.

Peter then noted Blue Mountain Resort would like the definition "Commercial Resort Unit" added, further noting Staff will need time to review this request and will report back to Council. Peter noted Staff are recommending the By-Laws be passed this evening.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned how Council can pass the By-laws when amendments have to be made, Peter replying the amendments are minor in nature.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council does hereby receive Planning Staff Report PL.09.02, Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendments, Short Term Accommodation;

AND THAT Council hereby enact a By-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment Number 11 to the Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan Amendment to establish policies for short term accommodation uses and bed and breakfast establishments within The Blue Mountains and direct staff to forward the Amendment to the County of Grey for approval;

AND THAT Council hereby pass an Amendment to Township of Collingwood Zoning By-law No. 83-40, as amended, to clarify a number of definitions and introduce new ones as a foundation for short term accommodation requirements and regulations as well as outline standards pertaining to short term accommodation uses and identify areas where short term accommodation uses are permitted;

AND THAT Council hereby pass an Amendment to Town of Thornbury Zoning By-law No. 10-77, as amended, to clarify a number of definitions and introduce new ones as a foundation for short term accommodation requirements and regulations as well as outline standards pertaining to short term accommodation uses and identify areas where short term accommodation uses are permitted;

AND THAT Council hereby pass an Amendment to Township of Collingwood Zoning By-law No. 83-40, as amended, to rezone Lots 1 to 31, 45 to 51 and 68 to 81 of Registered Plan 910 and Lots 1 to 2 and 4 to 35 of Registered Plan 921 from the Resort Residential RR Zone to the Residential Third Density R3-210 Zone. Exception 210 would allow for the existing provisions in the RR Zone to remain in the R3-210 Zone, Carried.

D.3 Request for Draft Plan Extension, File No. 42-CDM-2002-05, Craigleith Ski Club, Part Lot 21, Concession 3 and 4, Town of The Blue Mountains, PL.09.01

Director of Planning Peter Tollefsen then reviewed the Report, noting the passing of the Report will not affect servicing allocations, adding Craigleith Ski Club is currently reviewing their development options.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned if development charges would apply in this instance and if the Craigleith Ski Club is paying their fair share, Peter replying he will look into this and report back to Council.

Councillor Gamble then questioned if the neighbouring property owners will have to sign on to the condominium corporation, Peter replying this is strictly between Craigleith Ski Club and the cabins on Craigleith Ski Club property. Peter then noted the reason for the extension is nothing to do with the Town.

Councillor Kennedy then questioned how many extensions are permitted, Peter replying there are a number permitted, and further noted the extensions have no impact on the Town and that servicing allocations are not being tied up.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: D.R. McKinlay

THAT Council does receive Planning Staff Report PL.09.01, "Request for Draft Plan Extension, File No. 42-CDM-2002-05, Craigleith Ski Club, Part Lot 21, Concession 3 and 4, Town of The Blue Mountains";

AND THAT Planning Staff support the extension of Draft Plan Approval of a Plan of Condominium as noted in the Planning Staff Report for a maximum period of one (1) year from the expiry date of February 28, 2009, Carried.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Grey County Council Update

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then noted the Grey County Transportation Committee is focussed on maintaining roads and keeping roads open, noting a lot of allocated funds have been spent this year given the recent weather conditions.

Duncan then noted Grey County is currently working on the budget and Official Plan and further noted the County is working on an experiment on economic development.

Councillor McGee then noted the Roads Staff of the Town and Grey County deserve our thanks for keeping the roads open and clean in inclement weather.

Duncan then noted the Ontario Provincial Police are responsible for closing the roads, but noted the Town can suggest roads be closed based on observations.

E.2 AMO Board of Directors Update

None

E.3 Notice of Motion

None

E.4 Additions to Agenda

Mayor Anderson then spoke, noting conversation with the Honourable Helena Guergis regarding infrastructure and the federal budget. Ellen noted Helena is looking for input from the Town Council.

Councillor Gamble then spoke, questioning if there is any infrastructure funding available.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then noted the need for federal support for agriculture at the international trade level.

Mayor Anderson thanked Council for their input and asked that Council feel free to provide Ellen with further comments to report to Helena.

F. By-laws

F.1 Authorize Temporary Borrowing to Meet Current Expenditures

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT By-law No. 2009 - 01, being a By-law to authorize temporary borrowing to meet current expenditures of the municipality for the year ending December 31, 2009, be hereby enacted this twelfth day of January, 2009.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Kennedy questioned the amount being borrowed, Director of Finance Robert Cummings replying the amount is 50% of this year's budget, being approximately \$9,000,000 until the first instalment of taxes is received.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

F.2 Official Plan Amendment No. 11 - Short Term Accommodation

Mayor Anderson then called a short recess for Staff to amend Agenda items F.2, F.3 and F.4.

The Deputy Clerk then read the minor amendments in paragraph 3.4.2 (1a) in the Short Term Accommodation draft By-Law.

Council then dealt with the following Resolutions:

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT By-law No. 2009 - 02, being a By-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 11 to The Blue Mountains Official Plan be amended as read by the Deputy Clerk, Carried.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT By-law No. 2009 - 03, being a By-law to amend Township of Collingwood Zoning By-law No. 83-40, as amended, to clarify a number of definitions and introduce new ones as a foundation for short term accommodation requirements and regulations as well as outline standards pertaining to short term accommodation uses and identify areas where short term accommodation uses are permitted, be hereby enacted this twelfth day of January, 2009, Carried.

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT the previous Motion as passed be rescinded, being the incorrect Agenda item, Carried.

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: John McGee

THAT By-law No. 2009 - 02, being a By-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 11 to The Blue Mountains Official Plan to establish policies for short term accommodation uses and bed and breakfast establishments within The Blue Mountains, be hereby enacted this twelfth day of January, 2009, as amended, Carried.

F.3 Zoning By-law Amendment - Short Term Accommodation (83-40)

The Deputy Clerk then read the minor amendments in paragraph 1(i) and (iv) in the Township of Collingwood draft By-Law

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: John McKean

THAT By-law No. 2009 - 03, being a By-law to amend Township of Collingwood Zoning By-law No. 83-40, be amended as read by the Deputy Clerk, Carried.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT By-law No. 2009 - 03, being a By-law to amend Township of Collingwood Zoning By-law No. 83-40, as amended, to clarify a number of definitions and introduce new ones as a foundation for short term accommodation requirements and regulations as well as outline standards pertaining to short term accommodation uses and identify areas where short term accommodation uses are permitted, be hereby enacted this twelfth day of January, 2009, Carried.

F.4 Zoning By-law Amendment – Short Term Accommodation (10-77)

The Deputy Clerk then read the minor amendments in paragraph 1(iii) in the Town of Thornbury draft By-Law.

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT By-law No. 2009 - 04, being a By-law to amend Town of Thornbury Zoning By-law No. 10-77, be amended as read by the Deputy Clerk, Carried.

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: John McGee

THAT By-law No. 2009 - 04, being a By-law to amend Town of Thornbury Zoning By-law No. 10-77, as amended, to clarify a number of definitions and introduce new ones as a foundation for short term accommodation requirements and regulations as well as outline standards pertaining to short term accommodation uses and identify areas where short term accommodation uses are permitted, be hereby enacted this twelfth day of January, 2009, Carried, unanimously.

F.5 Zoning By-law Amendment – Thunder Hill Subdivisions (STA)

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: John McGee

THAT By-law No. 2009 - 05, being a By-law to rezone Lots 1 to 31, 45 to 51 and 68 to 81 of Registered Plan 910 and Lots 1 to 2 and 4 to 35 of Registered Plan 921 from the Resort Residential RR Zone to the Residential Third Density R3-210 Zone which would allow for the existing provisions in the RR Zone to remain in the R3-210 Zone, be hereby enacted this twelfth day of January, 2009, Carried.

G. Consent Agenda

Accounts

- 1. Accounts
- 2. Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (None)

Reports List (Adopt)

None

Minutes List (Receive)

- 3. Police Services Board, December 17, 2008

H. Next Meeting Date(s)

Council January 26, February 9, 23, March 9, 23, April 15 (Wed), 27, 2009
Planning Council January 19, February 2, March 2, April 6, 2009

All Council meetings to be at the Library unless otherwise noted

- Engineering and Public Works Committee, January 27, 2009
- Finance and Administration Committee, January 20, 2009
- Recreation Committee, February 26, 2009

I. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT By-law No. 2009 - 06, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on January 12, 2009, be hereby enacted as passed this twelfth day of January, 2009, Carried, unanimously.

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: John McGee

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 8:41p.m. to meet again January 26, 2009, 7:00 pm, L.E. Shore Library, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Deputy Clerk