

## Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



**MEETING DATE:** January 14, 2008

**LOCATION:** L.E. Shore Memorial Library

**PREPARED BY:** Stephen Keast, Clerk

### A. Call to Order

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order with all members in attendance save Councillor Martin absent due to a previous commitment.
- Also in attendance was Chief Administrative Officer Paul Graham, Director of Engineering & Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance Robert Cummings, Manager of Water and Waste Water Services John Caswell, Director of Building & By-Law David Finbow, Director of Planning Peter Tollefsen and Manager of Purchasing Sherri Adams.

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

- Approval of Agenda

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

THAT the Agenda of January 14, 2008 be adopted 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 Mayor Anderson with regard to Agenda Item G.2 and a cheque payable to her father for services, Councillor McKean with regard to Agenda item G.2 and cheques payable to Miller Waste his place of employment and Councillor Kennedy with regard to Agenda Item C.2 cheques payable to his spouse and daughter.

- Adoption of Consent Agenda

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay                      Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT the Consent Agenda of January 14, 2008 be adopted as circulated, save the Finance and Administration Committee Report and the Engineering and Public Works Committee Report, requested for separate review and discussion, Carried.

- Previous Minutes

Moved by: John McGee                      Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Council Minutes of December 10, 2007, Planning Council minutes of December 17, 2007 and Special Council Meeting minutes of December 18, 2007 be adopted as circulated including any revisions to be made, Carried.

Councillor Martin then attended the meeting.

## **B. Deputations/Presentations**

**7:05 pm** – Gary Bochna, Thornbury Self Storage, Marshall Green, solicitor  
Thornbury Self Storage billboard Replacement Billboard request

Next as Gary Bochna of Thornbury Self-Storage and his solicitor, Marshall Green were in attendance it was Council's pleasure to hear them regarding a previous request to install a replacement, two sided, third-party billboard sign on the Self Storage property.

Mr. Green then referred to an additional Staff Report prepared by the Director of Building & By-Law/Chief Building Officer David Finbow dated January 14, 2008.

Mr. Green then noted Mr. Bochna's sign application is not indicative of past approvals, adding Mr. Bochna's sign was established prior to the enactment of the Town's Sign By-Law.

Mr. Green then reviewed the limits of municipal power with regard to signs, noting the Municipal Act, 2001, allows pre-existing billboards to continue so long as they are not substantially altered.

Mr. Green further noted legal non-conforming signs will slowly move into conformity with the Town Sign By-Law.

Mr. Green then noted Mr. Bochna in fact needed no permission from the Town for the billboard to continue, adding a Sign Permit was requested by Mr. Bochna prior to enactment of the Town Sign By-Law and this permit should be granted, the replacement sign as proposed being more attractive and more in compliance with the Town Sign By-Law, representing a win-win situation for the Town.

Mr. Green then noted Council has the full authority to grant variances and exceptions or amendments to the Sign By-Law, noting the Sign By-Law Review Committee is unable to work beyond By-Law regulations.

Councillor Kennedy then questioned if an application had actually been made, Mr. Green replying that Mr. Bochna had a copy of an application that may have been misfiled by the Town and they were working on the assumption the application had been made.

Mr. Bochna then noted he had previously seen the original application in his Town file.

Mayor Anderson then thanked the Mr. Bochna and Mr. Green for their deputation and noted that Council would later consider the matter.

Director of Building & By-Law/Chief Building Officer David Finbow then reviewed the Report, noting the original Sign By-Law Review Committee Recommendation was left for Council.

**7:15 pm** - Linda Davis, CEO, Don Smith, Board Chair, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital – Long Term Capital Plan

Next as CEO Linda Davis of the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital and Board Chair Don Smith were in attendance, it was Council's pleasure to hear them regarding long-term plans for the hospital.

Don then reviewed the status and strategic direction of the hospital, following Board and staff review of the vision and roles of the hospital in the community.

Mayor Anderson then questioned what the community is considered to be, Don replying the catchment area for the hospital was Town of The Blue Mountains, Collingwood, Clearview Township and Wasaga Beach.

Don noted the Local Health Integration Network oversaw hospital operation within the catchment area, noting service demand is increasing faster than base funding.

Don then noted the catchment area has 60,000 permanent and 20,000 part-time residents with an average age beyond the Provincial average, with the current facility space and size constrained, adding there is a lengthy process for expansion approval.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned how Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) members are appointed, Don noting the LHIN Board has a paid Board Chair and CAO with the remaining Board members appointed by the Province from across the LHIN area.

Linda then reviewed the 5 strategic goals as set by the Board.

Ellen then questioned if Collingwood General and Marine was at 100% capacity and if Collingwood would send patients to Meaford General Hospital when it is busy, Linda replying there have been discussions on by the LHIN Board, Don noting there would have to be funding support for such transfer as well.

Duncan then noted some patients could be transferred to a short or long-term care facility to relieve pressure on the hospital, Linda noting partnerships are being created to provide a wider range of care in the area, including the Community Health Centre and Family Health Team.

Linda then noted there was a need to expand the physical facilities of the hospital.

Councillor McKean then questioned if it was proposed to maintain the current site or is it too small for expansion, Linda noting the existing site would allow an expansion of one wing, but there would be challenges with parking.

Councillor Gamble then questioned if there were any closed beds at present. Linda noting the hospital previously had over 100 beds, and now there are 72 beds with additional day care services.

Michael then noted it was a concern of Council that Town of The Blue Mountains was included in two LHIN areas with 2 hospital catchment areas.

Michael noted the presence of two LHIN's meant two different operating philosophies and protocols in the Town of The Blue Mountains, with the sharing of resources between the two a possible solution. Michael further noted the Province is acting at odds with the establishment of two LHINs.

Linda noted any visitor who requires care will be taken to the closest hospital, being Collingwood General & Marine from the resort areas of the Town.

Duncan then noted previous growth projections were found to be optimistic for Town of the Blue Mountains, and asked if nursing home operators worked with LHINs in admitting patients from differing hospitals into area nursing homes.

Councillor Kennedy then questioned what the 10 year projection for bed capacity would be, Linda noting 72 beds was the maximum at present with the Emergency Room being very crowded. Linda added long term projections had to be studied prior to finalizing any long term plans

Duncan then questioned if additional beds were required or should the LHIN better assess when patients could be taken home or moved to long term care, Don replying both.

Linda noted the next LHIN Board meeting will be held in Collingwood in February.

Michael then noted in the future, hospitals would not necessarily be considered for growth in terms of number of beds, rather services provided or needed.

Duncan then questioned if the Province supplied additional funding due to the number of visitors and tourists in the area, Linda replying no.

Linda and Don then thanked Council and retired from the meeting.

### **C. Correspondence as previously circulated**

Regarding correspondence Item C.4 Infrastructure Ontario, ReNew funding, Director of Finance Rob Cummings then distributed possible projects to be considered at the January 15 Finance and Administration Committee meeting for application.

Regarding correspondence Item C.10, Municipal Performance Measurement Program, Duncan then questioned if such programs were ever utilized in assessing service delivery, Councillor McGee noting the measuring of delivery of services would assist Council in decision making.

Duncan then noted agreement with John's point, adding he did not believe Council had ever previously used the measures or program.

Michael then questioned the value of the Provincial program requirement.

Councillor Gamble then noted performance is partly based on population with accurate population figures difficult to determine for our area.

John McGee noted he would look forward to see if the costs of providing service or maintenance was less than in the past, or in fact more, in terms of establishing trends.

Councillor McKean noted in 2009 the Tangible Capital Asset program would be completed and available to use as a yardstick.

Duncan then noted that perhaps a session with Financial Services staff would better serve Council with the MPMP.

Regarding correspondence Item C.12, Ministry of Tourism, festival and event funding, Bob noted for example, Jazz in the Park could be considered for application.

Regarding correspondence Item C.13, AMO, Permanent Gas Tax Funding, Bob requested a Motion be considered at the January 28, 2008 meeting.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy      Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of January 14, 2008 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**

##### **Thornbury Self-Storage Billboard, SRB.08.**

CBO/Director of Building & By-Law Enforcement David Finbow then reviewed the Report, noting an earlier reference to alternate billboard locations noted in the Report showed 9 of 13 billboard locations were in the former Town of Thornbury.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned how Council would address the replacement billboard request, David noting the Sign By-Law Review Committee had earlier made a Recommendation to Council and Council could accept the Recommendation or consider a variance to the By-Law or an amendment.

Duncan then proposed David provide a further Report addressing legal ramifications and to explain alternate mechanisms available to Council including a variance and an amendment to the By-Law.

Councillor Martin then noted support for additional information including an analysis of this evening's presentation to Council.

Councillor Kennedy then noted as a member of the Sign By-Law Review Committee, it was believed the Committee Recommendation to Council reflected the intent of the Sign By-Law.

Councillor Gamble then noted he believed the existing billboard should continue on one side only with a reduction in area.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Michael Martin      Seconded by: D.R. McKinlay

THAT Agenda Item D.1 be deferred to the next Council meeting subject to a Building and By-law Enforcement Report based on the presentation by the applicant's solicitor and review thereof;

AND THAT the CAO investigate the probability of litigation of the matter, Carried.

## **D.2 Georgian Trail Crossing Points**

Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt then reviewed the Report, noting this location was the only crossing of Highway 26 by the Trail.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned if alternate locations for the crossing had been considered, Shawn replying a crossing at Grey Road 2 was being considered.

Councillor Kennedy then noted a crossing through an existing culvert was considered and rejected, Councillor Gamble noting traffic delay signals could also be considered.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

That Council receive Staff Report DOR.08.01, and requests support from the Ministry of Transportation, Town of Meaford, Town of Collingwood, Georgian Trail Board of Management and the Georgian Cycle and Ski Trail Association to develop a plan to enhance the Highway 26 and Lakeshore Road intersection crossing point to ensure a safe and adequate crossing for all users of the Georgian trail, Carried.

## **D.3 Award of Tender – “E” Dock, DOR.08.02**

Councillor Gamble then questioned if the recommended proposal was near the lowest bid, Harbour Manager Ryan Gibbons noting the proposal was within the budget.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.08.02. “Award of Request for Proposal TBM-2007-33 Harbour Replacement and Installation of “E” Dock” and does accept the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee to award the contract to T & W Enterprises in the amount of \$162,796.18 plus GST, which includes the option to lengthen the dock to add an additional finger dock;

AND THAT Council does authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the contract documents with T & W Enterprises related to the dock replacement RFP TBM-2007-33 in a form approved by the CAO, Town Solicitor and Director of Finance, Carried.

## **D.4 Heritage Designation Request, A.08.01**

In speaking to the Report, Councillor McKean noted support for the designation but questioned if the applicant was fully aware of the restrictions that would be attached, Planning consultant Kathie Houghton noting the applicants were aware of the designation restrictions as well as Niagara Escarpment Plan restrictions.

Council then dealt with the following Resolutions:

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

THAT Council receive Staff Report A.08.01, "Heritage Designation Request", and enact a By-law to Designate a Property to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest, being the David J. McNichol residence, Carried.

#### **D.5 Grey Bruce Heart and Stroke Foundation**

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay      Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT Council has no objection to the Grey and Bruce Chapters of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario conducting a door to door canvas in the Town of The Blue Mountains during February, 2008, Carried.

### **E. New and Unfinished Business**

#### **E.1 Grey County Council Update**

Mayor Anderson then noted work continued on the 2008 County budget, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noting the planning consultant was returning for further review of the Growth Management Study projections, including rationale for the projections.

Ellen then congratulated Duncan on his election as Chair of the Grey County Planning and Community Development Committee.

#### **E.2 AMO Board of Directors Update**

Mayor Anderson then noted a Board meeting would be held later in the month and she would pursue any concerns or issues that Council might note.

#### **E.3 Notice of Motion**

Mayor Anderson then gave notice she would put forth a Motion to authorize attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference in Ottawa, Councillor Gamble having earlier given notice of a Motion in support of permanent gas tax funding for municipalities.

#### **E.4 Additions to Agenda**

None

### **F. By-laws**

Council then dealt with the following Resolutions:

#### **F.1 Temporary Borrowing**

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

THAT By-law No. 2008-01, being a By-law to authorize temporary borrowing to meet the current expenditures of the municipality for the year ending December 31, 2008, be hereby enacted this fourteenth day of January, 2008, Carried.

## **F.2 Regulation of Water Supply in the Town of The Blue Mountains**

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

THAT By-law No. 2008-02, being a By-law to provide for the regulation of water supply in the Town of The Blue Mountains, be hereby enacted this fourteenth day of January, 2008, Carried.

## **F.3 Designate a Property to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest**

Moved by: John McKean      Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT By-law No. 2008-03, being a By-law to designate property including lands and buildings and known as the David J. McNichol residence as being of cultural heritage value and interest, be hereby enacted this fourteenth day of January, 2008, Carried.

## **G. Consent Agenda**

### **Accounts**

1. Accounts
2. Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (M and J Kennedy, A Gibson, Miller)

### **Reports List (Adopt)**

3. Finance and Administration Committee, December 18, 2007

Chair Gamble then reviewed the Committee Report with Council.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned the Affordable Housing Project – Change in Scope report and municipal funding, Bob noting it was proposed that Council could not simply waive building and related fees but that grant requests could be considered on their own merit.

Duncan than noted the Zoning By-law review project might address Town policies in support of attainable housing versus financial support through taxation.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT the Finance and Administration Committee Report of December 18, 2007 be adopted as circulated, including the Recommendations contained therein, Carried.

4. Engineering and Public Works Committee, December 11, 2007

In speaking to the Report, Councillor Gamble then noted the Town wastewater and water treatment plants had recently received excellent inspection reports from the Ministry of Environment and no changes in practices or operations were recommended.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT the Engineering and Public Works Committee Report of December 11, 2007 be adopted as circulated, including the Recommendations contained therein, Carried.

**Minutes List (Receive)**

5. Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, December 12, 2007

Councillor Martin then reviewed consideration of a boundary area matter between the GSCA and NVCA with more information to follow from the Authorities.

**H. Next Meeting Date(s)**

Council January 28, February 11, March 10, 26 (Wed), 2008  
Planning Council January 21, February 4, 20 (Wed), 2008

**All Council meetings to be at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library**

**I. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment**

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then assumed the Chair as Mayor Anderson together with Councillors Kennedy and McKean having earlier declared a pecuniary interest with regard to Agenda Item G.2, Accounts.

As there was nothing further before the Chair Council then dealt with the following Resolutions:

Moved by: R.J. Gamble    Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT By-law No. 2008 - 04, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on January 14, 2008, be hereby enacted as passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008, Carried.

Moved by: Michael Martin    Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 8:55 p.m. to meet again January 28, 2008, at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Stephen Keast, Clerk