



Minutes

The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Meeting Date: January 22, 2018
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

Mayor John McKean called the meeting to order with all members of Council present, save Councillor Michael Martin absent due to illness and Deputy Mayor Gail Ardiel absent due to her attendance at the 2018 ROMA Conference.

Also present, Interim CAO Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Planning and Development Services Michael Benner, Director of Infrastructure & Public Works Reg Russwurm, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting & Budgets Sam Dinsmore, Acting Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Manager of Water & Wastewater Allison Kershaw, Financial Analyst Vicki Bouman, Budget Analyst Debbie Brown, Administrative Assistant Katherine Dabrowa, and Manager of Human Resources Jennifer Moreau.

Council then paused for a Moment of Reflection

▪ Approval of Agenda

Moved by: R.J. Gamble

Seconded by: John McGee

THAT the Agenda of January 22, 2018 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

▪ Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

Councillor Seguin declared a conflict of interest regarding Agenda Items C.10, C.11, and C.12.

Mayor McKean declared a pecuniary interest regarding the Draft December 18, 2017 Minutes and Agenda Item J. Confirmation By-law and a family member's place of employment.

▪ 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: Michael Seguin

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT the Consent Agenda of January 22, 2018 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, Carried.

▪ **Previous Minutes**

Mayor McKean vacated the Council Chamber having earlier declared a pecuniary interest regarding the draft December 18, 2017 minutes. Councillor McGee chaired this portion of the meeting.

Moved by: R.J. Gamble

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT the Council minutes of December 18, 2017 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

B. Deputations / Presentations / Public Meeting

Mayor McKean noted 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 Public Meeting: With regard to the 2018 Draft Budget and 2018 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget and Rates

Mayor McKean read the Notice of Public Meeting and Public Information Session with regard to the 2018 Draft Budget and 2018 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget Rates.

John noted the Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Information Session and Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the 2018 Draft Budget and supporting Tax Rate Changes as well as the 2018 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget and Rates.

John noted the notice is hereby given that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains, at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018, intends to adopt the Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for all departments of the Town for the year 2018 and intends to adopt the 2018 Water and Wastewater Budget and Water and Wastewater Rates.

John noted it is important to note that a decision on the 2018 Draft Budget and Draft Water and Wastewater Rates has NOT been made at this point, and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting.

John noted after reviewing the 2018 Draft Budget and Draft Water and Wastewater Rates and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to Council at a future Council Meeting.

John noted comments at the Public Meeting aid the Town and Council in their decision making process, so be sure to have your say.

John further noted any person or agency may attend the Public Information Session and Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments regarding the 2018 Draft Budget and Draft Water and Wastewater Rates.

The Clerk noted that notice of the public meeting was given in accordance with the Town's Provision of Notice and Manner of Giving Notice Policy and confirmed that no comments were received in response.

Terry Thompson, resident, and on behalf of the Budget Review Committee of the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association (“BMRA”) spoke regarding the draft budget. Mr. Thompson stated that the Finance Staff did a great job on the budget, referencing numerous meetings with staff, and the BMRA attendance at the budget meetings in December. Mr. Thompson expressed concern with the amount of water losses or leakage of 37% noting the water losses cost the Town money and unless stopped will bring forward the date of a costly plant expansion. Mr. Thompson noted that the Town sends 40 cents of every dollar to the County, further noting the BMRA supports the work of the Town/County Task Force. Mr. Thompson noted that there are no budget review committee of ratepayers at the County level, further noting they would like to see what can be done in that area to give ratepayers a voice at the County level. Mr. Thompson noted they are pleased with Mayor McKean’s request that each municipality pay for their own representatives at Grey County Council, further noting this would save The Blue Mountains nearly \$100,000 in 2018, and if just one municipal representative was sent to the County, rather than two, that even more money could be saved. Mr. Thompson noted that the Town should do as much as it can to lower the 26% Grey County burden and get closer to a fair 20% contribution to the County from The Blue Mountains. Mr. Thompson noted that the BMRA are concerned about the ongoing legal costs and associated administrative inefficiencies created by the dispute between Councillor Seguin and the Town, and noted this situation should be resolved.

As no one further wished to speak, Mayor McKean declared the public meeting to be closed.

B.2 Public Meeting: With regard to Amendments to By-law 2017-7 for the Imposition and Collection of Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities

Mayor McKean read the Notice of Public Meeting with regard to amendments to By-law 2017-7 for the Imposition and Collection of Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities, amendments to By-law 2013-42 for Solid Waste Management Fees, and amendments to By-law 2010-35 for Planning and Engineering Fees.

John noted the Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, and Planning and Engineering Fees By-law.

John noted it is proposed that Council will consider enactment of these revised By-laws at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018.

John noted comments are being accepted for the proposed changes to the Fees and Charges By-law, which have been highlighted in the draft copy of the By-law. Changes are being proposed to the following Schedules:

- A. Finance and Administration Services
- B. Emergency Response Services
- C. Roads
- D. Community Services
- F. Harbour Services
- G. Cemetery Services
- H. Short Term Accommodation (STA) Licensing

John noted it is important to note that a decision on the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law has NOT been made at this point, and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting.

John noted after reviewing the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to Council at a future Council Meeting.

John noted comments at the Public Meeting aid the Town and Council in their decision making process, so be sure to have your say!

John further noted any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law.

The Clerk noted that notice of the public meeting was given in accordance with the Town's Public Meeting Comments Policy, comments were received by Katie Mitri. The Clerk noted that Council has received the comments, and that the comments will be attached to a future staff report regarding this matter. The Clerk further noted that the comments are not read in their entirety, but is a summary of the comments received.

Councillor Halos spoke referencing Ms. Mitri's comments regarding the STA transfer fee of \$250 and questioned if this fee was not included in the previous Fees and Charges By-law. Director of Finance and IT Services, Ruth Prince, spoke noting that a fee could have been charged, but that the fee did not go through a public process. Shawn Everitt, Interim CAO, spoke noting that staff will bring a report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting and that Council will then be provided with further information, with more background and next steps.

As no one further wished to speak, Mayor McKean declared the public meeting to be closed.

B.3 Rosemary Gosselin, Citizens Forum Re: Citizen, Staff, Council Communication

Rosemary Gosselin spoke noting that she is speaking regarding staff report FAF.17.149 "Communication Projects Initiated in 2017 and the Proposals for 2018". Mrs. Gosselin noted that she endorses this staff report, and is hopeful that all will read this document. Mrs. Gosselin spoke on behalf of the Communications Subcommittee of the Citizens Forum, and noted that the need for effective communication between residents, Council and Staff was identified as a key issue in their first public roundtable.

Mrs. Gosselin noted that many members of Council attended the roundtable and this was appreciated by the Citizens Forum. Mrs. Gosselin thanked Councillor McGee for being a part of the panel and for promoting the livestreaming of Council meetings. Mrs. Gosselin noted that the subcommittee mandate is to explore opportunities to improve communication and collaboration between town residents, Staff and Council. Mrs. Gosselin noted that communication is important, and that working with staff has been an enriching experience, further noting that their team comes away from meetings with Staff feeling positive and optimistic. Mrs. Gosselin asked that Council formalize a communications advisory committee, further noting that effective communication is so integral to good governance that it warrants a full-time staff person versus part-time staff person. Mrs. Gosselin noted that many communities are mourning the loss of their local newspaper, further noting she endorses the Blue Mountains Review for its efforts to pick up the slack, and asked that Council support this widely circulated local publication.

Mrs. Gosselin asked that Council ensure sufficient staff and budget resources to implement the initiatives outlined in the staff report, with a view to future endeavors as well. Mrs. Gosselin noted that the Citizens Forum looks forward to continuing to engage with staff and Council as we move forward together in our efforts to improve collaborative relations between the citizens of our Town, Staff and Council.

Councillor Seguin questioned when Council will receive a report recommending changes to the procedural by-law. Shawn Everitt, Interim CAO, spoke in response that a report will come forward to the February 5, 2018 Special Committee of the Whole with proposed changes to the procedural by-law, and that with the release of the next

Committee of the Whole package, that the Agenda highlight document will also be released.

Councillor Halos spoke asking if Mrs. Gosselin is asking the Town to create a Communications Committee, or if a joint Committee is being recommended. Mrs. Gosselin spoke in response noting yes to a Joint Communications Committee, and that representatives from the Blue Mountains Ratepayers Association and other interested community groups, a member of Council, and a member of Staff could be a part of a Communications Committee.

Councillor Gamble spoke noting the Town sends a weekly email and questioned if the information would be included in the e-blast. Shawn Everitt noted that a Communication strategy will be included in the 2019 budget process, that will identify what works in the community. Shawn noted that the e-blast works, but users must be a subscriber to receive the e-blast. Shawn noted that staff are actively working on the e-blast to get the information out to the public, further noting the website will be a key part of communications moving forward.

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

	Author	Recommendation / Actions
C.1	Grey Bruce Public Health Unit Re: Opioid Crisis, Follow-up	Received for Information
C.2	Stewardship Ontario Re: Industry Funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling Program for 2017 third quarter	Received for Information
C.3	Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Re: 2017 Year-End Assessment Report for 2018 Tax Year	Received for Information
C.4	County of Grey Re: CAO and Warden Deputation request March 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole	Received for Information
C.5	Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Re: NVCA 2017 Board Member’s Per Diem and Expenses	Received for Information
C.6	Ministry of Municipal Affairs Re: Update on Bill 59, Putting Consumers First Act, 2017	Received for Information
C.7	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Re: Bill 139 Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017	Received for Information
C.8	Ministry of Finance Re: Legalization of Cannabis	
	Moved by: John McGee	Seconded by: Michael Seguin
	THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information correspondence from the Ministry of Finance regarding Legalization of Cannabis, Carried.	
C.9	Ministry of Transportation Re: Dedicated Gas Tax Funds regarding Public Transportation Program	Received for Information

C.10 Alar Soever, Resident
Re: Concerned Citizen

C.11 Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association
Re: Settlement encouraged

C.12 Julia Hinds, Resident
Re: Settlement encouraged

Moved by: Joe Halos

Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information correspondence from Alar Soever, Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association and Julia Hinds, Carried.

Councillor Michael Seguin did not vote with regard to Agenda Items C.10, C.11 and C.12 having earlier declared a conflict of interest.

C.13 Too Far Too Fast Canada
Re: Cannabis Legalization

Moved by: Joe Halos

Seconded by: John McGee

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of January 22, 2018 and further does support the Staff Recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items at Agenda Item C.1 to C.7, C.9 and C.13, 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 National Eating Disorder Information Centre (verbal)

Moved by: John McGee

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains recognizes February 1 to 7, 2018 as Eating Disorder Awareness Week, and directs that information from the National Eating Disorder Information Centre regarding Eating Disorder Awareness Week will be posted to the Town website, for information, Carried.

E. Consent Agenda

Accounts

- E.1 Accounts
- E.2 Invoices separated for pecuniary interest

Reports List (Adopt)

- E.3 Committee of the Whole Report, dated January 8, 2018

Minutes List (Receive)

- E.4 Police Services Board Minutes dated August 9, 2017
- E.5 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Minutes, October 19, 2017
- E.6 Public Art Committee Minutes, November 2, 2017
- E.7 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Minutes, November 8, 2017
- E.8 Committee of Adjustment Minutes, November 14, 2017
- E.9 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Minutes, November 16, 2017

G.3 Additions to Agenda (Staff)

None

G.4 Staff Discussion

None

H. Notice of Meeting Dates

Special Meeting of Council, January 29, 2018 9:00 a.m.,
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 29, 2018,
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 5, 2018,
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, February 12, 2018,
Town Hall, Council Chambers

I. Closed Session

Moved by: R.J. Gamble

Seconded by: John McGee

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) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board, and with regard to a municipal contract;
- ii) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board, and with regard to a development;
- iii) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board, and with regard to an OMB matter;
- iv) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Town or local board employees, and with regard to personnel matters, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Council rose from closed session at 8:50 p.m.

J. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Mayor McKean vacated the Council Chamber having earlier declared a conflict. Councillor John McGee chaired this portion of the meeting.

Moved by: R.J. Gamble

Seconded by: John McGee

THAT By-law No. 2018 - 5, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on January 22, 2018 be hereby enacted as passed this twenty second day of January, 2018, Carried.

Moved by: John McGee

Seconded by: Michael Seguin

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 8:53 p.m. to meet again February 12, 2018, Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

John McKean, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk