

Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: January 24, 2011
LOCATION: L.E. Shore Memorial Library
PREPARED BY: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order with all members in attendance
- Also in attendance was Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Engineering & Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Planning and Building David Finbow, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator Lisa Kidd, Director of Finance Rob Cummings, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt, Manager of Water and Wastewater Services John Caswell and Manager of Human Resources Tracey McKenna
- Council then paused for a moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection.
- Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT the Agenda of January 24, 2011 be approved as circulated including additions to the agenda at E.3.1 Library Board Appointment, E.3.2 Drive Fore Teens Event, E.4.1 New Business – discussion on procedural by-law and deferral of Agenda Item F.1, Carried.

- No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the Agenda save Councillor McKean with regard to Agenda Items G.1 and G.2 and family employment and Councillor Ardiel with regard to Agenda Items G.2 and family employment and Agenda Item G.2 included in the January 10, 2011 draft Council Meeting Minutes and family employment.
- Adoption of Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor McKinlay requested that item G.3, G.4 and G.5 be pulled for separate discussion.

Councillor Gamble requested that item G.1 of the Consent Agenda be pulled for separate discussion.

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT the Consent Agenda of January 24, 2011 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion being Agenda Item G.1, G.3, G.4 and G.5, Carried.

NOTE: Councillor McKean and Councillor Ardiel earlier declared pecuniary interest with respect to Agenda Item G.1 and G.2 and did not participate in related discussion or voting.

- Previous Minutes

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

THAT the Council minutes of November 19, 2010, November 20, 2010 and January 10, 2011, 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

B.1 Linda Simpson, Georgian Triangle Tourist Association Re: Funding and Regional Strategic Destination Plan

Linda then spoke thanking Council for their support over the last 33 years and Councillor Martin for his representation on the Georgian Triangle Tourist Association ("GTTA").

Linda then reviewed the mission and vision of the GTTA noting their mission is to lead and develop partnerships aimed at promoting our regional destination representation and includes Collingwood, The Blue Mountains, Wasaga Beach and area.

Linda noted tourism is an investment in our area for business owners bringing extended stays and business dollars to the area, and is an investment for municipal and provincial governments as tourist dollars reduces the tax burden on residents for infrastructure, municipal and social services and bringing incremental revenues and tax dollars to our communities.

Linda then reviewed aided and unaided brand awareness survey results and identified the strengths and weaknesses in South Georgian Bay.

Linda then identified the strategic priorities for the GTTA, including education and training of front line staff, regional market research, identified economic benefits of tourism in this area, ensure stakeholders are informed about travel trends, market opportunities and public policy issues, marketing and branding and funding.

Mayor Anderson thanked Linda for her presentation.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then spoke questioning if there is a cell phone application for route assistance, Linda replying the GTTA is not quite at this point, but noted they are almost there. Linda then noted transportation and wayfinding is a challenge.

Duncan then spoke noting the Province is pushing for a more regional approach to tourism and questioned how the GTTA ties in with the Province's regional approach, Linda replying the GTTA is not intending to work against the Province, further noting this is premature until the full RTO ("Regional Tourism Ontario") level has been identified.

Duncan then questioned how the Georgian Bay Designation and GTTA groups can work together, Linda replying our area is very unique and noted the GTTA is a member of RTO7 and are supportive, and noted both organizations have a role in tourism and noted we must ensure there is no duplication of efforts.

Councillor Martin then spoke noting RTO was established by the Ontario Government, further noting it is an overlapping of Grey Bruce and Simcoe and develops policy. Michael then thanked Linda and the GTTA for their efforts.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor McKean questioned of Director of Planning and Building David Finbow if there is anything in the presentation this evening that he would like to comment on at this time, David replying that Staff will comment at a later time, further noting the Town's involvement will be covered in this Motion.

Councillor Ardiel then spoke questioning who is responsible for insurance, David Slade of Rotary replying a partnership will be formed including Rusty's and the Rotary Club that be responsible for insurance.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned who is responsible for emergency management at the site and questioned how this will be covered, David replying that Staff will report back on this, together with any other concerns with the event.

Council then voted on the Motion, unanimously Carried.

**B.3 Colin Travis, Travis & Associates Inc.
Re: Mill Pond Development
Red-Line Revision, Staff Report PL.11.09 Staff Report and
Recommendation**

Colin Travis, Planner for Mill Pond Development spoke referencing a letter circulated to Council this evening noting this deputation is in response to Agenda Item D.5 Planning & Building Committee Report dated January 17, 2011.

Colin reviewed the history of the development and the OMB hearing and noted the net effect of the redline revision including a reduction of the total project units from 27 to 22 units and the redesign of the unit layout to provide for a bungalow with optional loft townhouse and the elimination of rear access garages.

Colin then referenced the existing site plan and proposed redline site plan.

Colin noted Phase 1 of the development was completed last year and was registered as Grey Condo Plan No. 88.

Colin then responded to Mr. Bochna's presentation of January 17, 2011 noting setbacks meet the zoning by-law requirements.

Colin spoke to the lot coverage, being 26%, and further noted the maximum lot coverage is 40% under the current by-law regulation.

Colin then spoke regarding the commercial block lands and noted these lands are not included in the current draft plan.

Colin spoke regarding the concerns of Mr. Bochna and the environmental assessment completed, noting the environmental assessment was done properly and a Record of Site Condition ("RSC") was completed to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Environment and filed as RSC Number 45965 in January 2009 that includes water and soil samples. Colin further noted the RSC concluded the subject lands were suitable for residential development without the need for remediation measures.

Colin then spoke regarding Mr. Bochna's concerns regarding unspecified fill on the site and noted there has been no contravention of the GSCA permit requirements, further noting there were two GSCA permits issued and there are no outstanding orders or issues on the file.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Grey County Council Update

Mayor Anderson spoke noting the County is working on budgets at the present time.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay spoke noting TAPS is recommending the addition of more kilometres of roads with paved shoulders in The Blue Mountains. Councillor McKean then spoke questioning if the information contained in the TAPS budget could be relayed to The Blue Mountains Council, Duncan concurring he would circulate this information to Council.

Councillor Gamble then questioned the status of a County Library System, Mayor Anderson replying it was discussed at the Finance and Personnel meeting, where Ellen provided the County with a copy of the resolution made by Blue Mountains Council at the January 10, 2011 meeting.

E.2 Notice of Motion

None

E.3 Additions to Agenda

E.3.1 Library Board Appointment

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

THAT Council acknowledges the resignation of Jacqui Morrison as Committee Member of The Blue Mountains Public Library Board and;

THAT Council appoints Linda Grigg as Committee Member of The Blue Mountains Public Library Board to replace Jacqui Morrison, Carried.

E.3.2 Drive Fore Teens Event

Communications and Economic Development Coordinator Lisa Kidd spoke reviewing the Grants and Donations Request from the Drive Fore Teens organization noting the request is that the fee for the rental of the Small Hall at the Beaver Valley Community Centre be waived for the Drive Fore Teens event. Lisa confirmed the request was received through the Grants and Donations Program, but noted the event is scheduled for the first week in February and Grants and Donations are not considered until March.

Councillor Gamble questioned if the dates requested are available, Lisa confirming yes.

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

THAT Council supports the Drive Fore Teens request for use of the Beaver Valley Community Centre, Small Hall from February 5 to 7, 2011 to hold the Winter Safe Driving Program, Carried.

E.4 Staff Discussion

Councillor Martin then spoke noting he would like to speak about the possibility of rotation of Committee Chair every three months to provide all Council members with an opportunity to gain experience as Chair and to take the burden off the Committee Chair to act for one year.

Councillor Ardiel spoke referencing staff reimbursements and questioned why the amounts are not broken out, Director of Financial and Information Services Robert Cummings replying that early in 2010 staff reimbursements were consolidated so as not to identify any staff member, Mayor Anderson replying this information is always available through Finance.

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

THAT Agenda Items G.1 and G.2 Accounts and Invoices be adopted together with the recommendations contained therein, Carried.

Mayor Anderson then spoke requesting that staff reimbursements be provided to Council members in the form of a separate email from Finance, Robert agreeing.

Reports List (Adopt)

G.3 Infrastructure and Recreation Committee Report, January 11, 2011

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then spoke regarding Agenda Item G.3 Infrastructure and Recreation Committee Report dated January 11, 2011.

Councillor Gamble referenced the hiring of Shawn King as an operator and noted this is not a new position, Duncan concurring and noted two contract employees have been hired.

Councillor Ardiel then spoke regarding the reciprocal agreement with the Board of Education and questioned the terms of the agreement, Duncan replying this agreement gives the Town the use of the school for Town based programs, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt spoke noting the agreement will allow youth, residents and adults to use the classrooms, grounds and gym, further noting this is a fair agreement for both the Board of Education and the Town.

Councillor McKean then spoke noting he has a pecuniary interest with respect to D.4 of Agenda Item G.3 Infrastructure and Recreation Committee Report dated January 11, 2011.

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

THAT Agenda Item G.3 Infrastructure and Recreation Committee Report dated January 11, 2011 be adopted together with the recommendations contained therein, Carried.

G.4 Planning and Building Committee Report, January 17, 2011

Deputy Mayor McKinlay spoke questioning the status of the Sign By-Law Review Committee, Director of Planning and Building David Finbow spoke noting a third member of the Sign By-Law Review Committee is being sought from the BIA and Chamber of Commerce and thereafter the Committee will be formed.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Agenda Item G.4 Planning and Building Committee Report dated January 17, 2011 be adopted together with the recommendations contained therein, Carried.

G.5 Finance and Administration Committee Report, January 18, 2011

Councillor Gamble spoke regarding #6 of the Report, Procedural By-Law Review, A.11.03, and questioned if the Mayor can be designated as a member of a Committee for meetings if quorum is a concern.

Councillor Martin spoke noting the CAO should not be included in recommendation number 2 with respect to the people authorized to cancel a meeting.

Moved by: Gail Ardiel Seconded by: R.J. Gamble

THAT Agenda Item G.5 Finance and Administration Committee Report dated January 18, 2011 be adopted together with the recommendations contained therein, save item #6 Procedural By-law Review, A.11.03 pulled for further review and report back to Council.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor McKinlay spoke questioning the risk assessment in item #4 of the Finance and Administration Committee Report and if the Committee feels the Fire Master Plan still addresses this, Councillor Gamble replying at present the Fire Chief is satisfied with the deferral of hiring full-time firefighters and is satisfied with the fire department's ability in accordance with the Fire Master Plan.

Council then voted on the Motion, Carried.

Councillor Gamble then questioned if the Procedural By-Law Report would be brought back to Council rather than the Finance and Administration Committee, Mayor Anderson replying that the Clerk will bring a Staff Report back to Council on the issues raised with respect to the Procedural By-Law and will communicate with Staff on Council's feedback or written changes to the Procedural By-Law.

Minutes List (Receive)

G.6 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, December 15, 2010

H. Notice of Meeting Dates

Council February 14, 28, 2011

All Council meetings to be at the Library unless otherwise noted

Finance and Administration Committee, February 15, 2011
Infrastructure and Recreation Committee, February 8, 2011
Planning and Building Committee, February 7, 2011

I. Closed Session

Moved by: Gail Ardiel Seconded by: R.J. Gamble

THAT with regard to subsection 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, this Council do 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 litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board; and

WITH regard to personnel matters and pension plans; and

