

service level to be offered.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 1

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

THAT this Council does hereby support and endorse the Bluewater District School Board implementation and enforcement of an anti-bullying policy in our schools, it being noted the elimination of bullying and harassment in the school environment would benefit all students both now and in their future, Carried.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then reported on a preliminary meeting of the Committee that he attended, Council concurring that Duncan continue to represent the Town.

Mary Kay and Jeff then thanked Council and retired from the meeting.

7:30 pm - Wayne Wilson, N.V.C.A., 2005 Municipal Levy Consideration

Next as Board Chair Chris Carrier and C.A.O. Wayne Wilson of the N.V.C.A. were in attendance, it was Council's pleasure to hear them regarding the proposed 2005 N.V.C.A. Budget and Municipal levy.

Wayne then reviewed provincially circulated budget information and also circulated additional information.

Wayne noted the increased market value assessment yielded an increase to The Blue Mountains of 13.9% versus an overall budget increase of 4.95%. Wayne noted the N.V.C.A. was aware the assessment apportionment was an issue given the rapid increase in The Blue Mountains.

Councillor Fairweather then noted support for activity of the N.V.C.A., Councillor Gamble noting it was unfortunate the upper tier costs were based on market value assessment which is currently increasing.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned the status of the Natural Heritage mapping project, Wayne noting mapping was being prepared for Simcoe County with Grey County map preparation not yet finalized.

Councillor Fairweather then reviewed a Township of Chatsworth Resolution requesting Conservation Authorities limit budget increases to 2.5%, noting the N.V.C.A. represented good value.

Councillor McKean then questioned response times to stream monitoring programs, Wayne noting response varies depending on conditions.

Wayne and Chris then thanked Council and retired from the meeting.

Mayor Anderson then reported on the N.V.C.A. Assimilative Committee, herself and Peter Tollefsen to sit on the Committee, Council concurring.

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Initial(s)

Ministry of Finance, CRF, refer to Treasury Staff for review.
St. George's Anglican Church, Grey Bruce Health Unit, COMRIF application, refer to Treasury Staff to be forwarded to the Province.

Thornbury BIA, shuttle bus funding, refer to Treasury Staff for review and additional information.

Georgian Big Band Festival, funding, Clerk to respond and request clarification of consideration of any financial surplus.

Georgian Bay Club, request for exemption from load limits, refer to Public Works for review and comment.

Ron Clifford, request for consideration of roadside parking on Craigleith Road, Council to receive Public Works report and background information.

MMA & H, proposed amendments to Planning Act, refer to Planning Staff for update to Council.

D. Motions and Staff Reports

Initial(s)

1. Resolution No. 2

Moved by: R. J. Gamble Seconded by: Wayman Fairweather

THAT the December 2004 Accounts in the amount of \$6,309,982.68 be submitted to the Treasurer for payment. (Less any accounts authorized by separate Resolution.), Carried.

E. New and Unfinished Business

Initial(s)

1. Police Services Board Recommendation - Photo Radar Reinstatement

Mayor Anderson then reviewed previous consideration of the reinstatement of photo radar. Deputy Mayor McKinlay declared a possible pecuniary interest, vacated the Table and did not take part in related discussion or voting.

Ellen noted photo radar would allow officers to engage in other activity and would reduce high speed chases.

Councillor Ardiel questioned if costs would be downloaded to the municipality and how would locations be selected for installation.

Ellen noted the unit was portable and could be moved around with ticket revenue to be applied to any program costs.

Councillor McKean then noted photo radar was very effective in slowing traffic on Highway 401.

Ellen then proposed Council consider the matter at a later meeting.

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: G. Ardiel

That further consideration of the matter be Tabled pending additional information. Carried.

Councillor Gamble then questioned the Public Works Report of January 11, 2005, and a reference to valuation on a proposed transfer of land, Bob noting it had previously been determined through the Property Committee that the land was considered as a lot in the Town's name rather than a portion of road allowance.

Council then concurred that Bob review the matter with the Public Works Committee.

