

## Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



**MEETING DATE:** February 11, 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 and Public Works Reg Russwurm, Manager of Water and Waste Water Services John Caswell, Director of Planning Peter Tollefsen, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator Lisa Kidd, Director of Finance Rob Cummings, Deputy Treasurer Elizabeth Thompson and Health and Safety Coordinator Sarah Hills.
- Council then paused for a moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection.
- Approval of Agenda  
Moved by: John McGee                      Seconded by: John McKean  
THAT the Agenda of February 11, 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 Consent Agenda Item G2, Accounts, and a cheque payable to her father and Councillor Kennedy with regard to Consent Item G2, Accounts and cheques payable to his business.
- Adoption of Consent Agenda  
Moved by: R. J. Gamble                      Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy  
THAT the Consent Agenda of February 11, 2008 be adopted as circulated, Carried.
- Previous Minutes  
Moved by: John McGee                      Seconded by: John McKean  
THAT the Council minutes of January 28, 2008 and Planning Council minutes of February 4, 2008 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

### B. Deputations/Presentations

**7:05 pm** – Rob Thorburn, Scenic Caves, Bryan Plumstead, Grey County Tourism Georgian Bay Coastal Route

Next as Rob Thorburn of Scenic Caves and Bryan Plumstead of Grey County Tourism were in attendance, it was Council's pleasure to hear them regarding the Georgian Bay Coastal Route tourism project.

Rob then reviewed the tourism destination marketing proposal, noting tourism was the fastest growing industry in the world.

Rob noted various regions within Canada competed with each other and marketing was becoming more important.

Rob then reviewed Destination Marketing, noting tourism icons were promoted so as to create tourism destinations.

Rob noted in 2005, the Province of Ontario created 7 destination regions, including Georgian Bay.

Rob then reviewed features in the Georgian Bay region that would qualify it as a marketing icon.

Rob noted a Georgian Bay Steering Committee was formed in 2005 to promote the area as an icon tourism destination with sub-regions promoted as well, the Georgian Bay Coastal Route being such a program, linking the sub-regions and promoting tours and packages.

Councillor Martin then attended the meeting.

Rob noted that development of a Georgian Bay icon for tourism destinations would add a great number of jobs in the area.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned how the program would employ wayfinding, Rob noting a website and proposed signage would assist in directing visitors, adding it may take a couple of years to implement.

Duncan then asked what Council could do to assist, Rob noting the Town had traditionally supported the Georgian Triangle Tourist Association and the Town could support the regional promotion.

Mayor Anderson then thanked Rob and Bryan for their presentation.

**7:20 pm** – PUBLIC MEETING – 2008 Budget Presentation

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

In speaking to Item C.2, Proposed Consent on Margaret Drive, Councillor Gamble requested the matter be referred to Financial Services as well as Planning.

In speaking to Item C.5, BIA Canada Day parade, Councillor Kennedy noted the Thornbury BIA has retained a coordinator to facilitate the event.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of February 11, 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**

### 1. Lake Drive Servicing Extension Status and Options for 2008, EPW.08.21

In speaking to the Report, Councillor Kennedy questioned if the Certificate of Approval could be issued faster, Director of Engineering & Public Works Reg Russwurm noting the Town tries to work with the Ministry of Environment and encourage review of priority projects in a timely fashion.

Reg noted the process of a consulting engineer completing a Certificate of Approval application which is signed by the Town, further noting the consultant fielded any questions from the Ministry of Environment.

Reg noted that 3 to 3.5 months is generally the timeframe the Town is dealing with, Cam noting the Town appears to be working as fast as they can.

Councillor McKean noted obtaining a Certificate of Approval was a critical issue in the tendering process.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then noted additional work had to be done in order to make application for a Certificate of Approval, Reg confirming same.

Councillor McGee then questioned if the Town considered a consultant cost plus basis, versus an upset fee estimate, Reg noting a full tender was a more competitive bidding process.

John McGee then questioned hydro pole relocation, Reg noting Hydro One had not yet provided a cost estimate as final design was not yet complete, the project cost being 50% of labour costs.

John McGee then noted engineering could be fast tracked, as proposed but would still be subject to various matters, Reg noting the Town could still not be guaranteed of a September construction date.

Reg noted the Certificate of Approval application has not yet been applied for, Mayor Anderson noting the construction date could be moved forward if everything fell into place.

Councillor Kennedy then noted the fast track options only had a difference of a couple of months, Reg noting the detailed aspects of the project would all have to proceed without delays to result in an earlier date for construction.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then noted frustration with delays in the project to date, adding there were concerns with fast-tracking the project if all aspects did not proceed together.

Councillor Martin then noted support for completion of the project as a priority item.

Duncan then noted the important aspect of the project was sewer and water connection to dwellings, noting there was risk in fast-tracking the project and encountering early winter delays that could stall the project until the spring of 2009 at any rate.

Councillor Kennedy then questioned the impact on the 2008 budget if fast-tracked, Rob Cummings noting the 2008 budget showed \$130,000 with

\$700,000 in 2009, adding benefitting landowners would also be billed their project shares.

Cameron then proposed consideration for expediting the project, Mayor Anderson noting staff indicated they would try to move forward quickly where possible, Reg replying he would make the project an Engineering and Public Works priority.

John McGee then noted the fast-track schedule showing a November 2008 completion date, Reg noting that would be substantial completion with spring finalization.

Councillor Gamble then questioned if the project could continue to proceed with another assessment at the end of July, Reg replying that is certainly possible.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT Council endorse Staff continuing with the Lake Drive Servicing Extension Project as outlined in the Draft 2008 Capital Budget with design in 2008 and construction starting in the spring of 2009.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Martin proposed an amendment to the Resolution, being:

Moved by: Michael Martin      Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT Council endorse Staff continuing with the Lake Drive Servicing Extension Project for completion as expeditiously as possible.

Councillor McGee then proposed an addition to the amended Motion, being "following our normal purchasing and engineering procedures", the Mover and Seconder of the amending Motion agreeing to the further amendment.

Council then voted on the amending Motion, Carried.

In speaking to the amended Main Motion, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted concern with expediting the project if the Town adhered to normal procedures, Councillor McKean noting concern with the proposed cost estimate.

Council then voted on the amended main Resolution:

THAT Council endorse Staff continuing with the Lake Drive Servicing Extension Project for completion as expeditiously as possible following our normal purchasing and engineering procedures, Carried.

## 2. Notification Policy, CEDC.08.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then noted support for the Notification Policy.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: John McGee      Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

That Council receive Policy and Procedures POL.A.07.01, "Public Meeting, Open House and Public Information Centre Notification Policy" for information purposes, Carried.

3. Occupational Health and Safety Audit – 2007, HS.08.

Health and Safety Coordinator Sarah Hills then reviewed the Report, noting the main point in the Audit was the continuing education of employees.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT Council does hereby receive Staff Report HS.08., "Occupational Health and Safety Audit – 2007" for information purposes and further does endorse occupational health and safety best practices throughout the Corporation, Carried.

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

1. Grey County Council Update

Mayor Anderson then noted work continued in preparation of the 2008 County budget.

2. AMO Board of Directors Update

None

3. Notice of Motion

None

4. Additions to Agenda

None

## **F. By-laws**

1. Levy Amounts on Assessment of Property for Municipal Purposes

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

THAT By-law No. 2008-14, being a By-law to levy amounts on the assessment of property rateable for local municipal purposes and to further provide for percentage charge and interest charge in default of payment thereof, be hereby enacted this eleventh day of February, 2008, Carried.

2. Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative

Moved by: John McKean                      Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT By-law No. 2008-15, being a By-law to authorize the submission of an application to the Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation ("OIPC") for funding from the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative; be hereby enacted this eleventh day of February, 2008, Carried.

3. Prescribe a Speed Limit for Motor Vehicles on a Highway Portion (Hidden Lake Road/James Street)

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

THAT By-law No. 2008-16, being a By-law to prescribe a speed limit for motor vehicles on a highway portion within the municipality, being Hidden Lake Road and James Street, be hereby enacted this eleventh day of February, 2008, Carried.

4. Provide for the Erection of Stop Signs at Intersections

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

THAT By-law No. 2008-17, being a By-law providing for the erection of stop signs at intersections in various locations, be hereby enacted this eleventh day of February, 2008, Carried.

## **G. Consent Agenda**

### Accounts

1. Accounts
2. Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (A. Gibson, CK and A)

### Reports List (Adopt)

3. Engineering and Public Works Committee, January 29, 2008

### Minutes List (Receive)

4. Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, January 9, 2008

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

Council March 10, 26 (Wed), April 14, 28, May 12, 26, June 9, 23, 2008  
Planning Council February 4, 20 (Wed), March 3, 17, April 7, 21, May 5, 2008  
All Council meetings to be at the Library unless otherwise noted

Engineering and Public Works Committee, February 12, 2008

Finance and Administration Committee, February 19, 2008

Recreation Committee, February 14, 2008

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

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then assumed the Chair for the Confirmation By-Law, it being noted Mayor Anderson and Cameron Kennedy earlier declared a pecuniary interest and did not vote on the Confirmation By-law.

Moved by: John McGee      Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT By-law No. 2008 -18 being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on February 11, 2008, be hereby enacted as passed this eleventh day of February, 2008, Carried.

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 8:53 pm to meet again Monday, March 10, 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