

Minutes: The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: February 19, 2014
LOCATION: Town Hall, Council Chambers
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 were CAO Troy Speck, Director of Planning & Building Services David Finbow, Director of Community Services Shawn Everitt, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator Elizabeth Cornish, Director of Finance & IT Services Robert Cummings, Manager of Water & Wastewater Services John Caswell, Manager of Revenue Ruth Prince, Administrative Assistant Jenny-Maria Ferraro

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT the Agenda of February 19, 2014 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

- No member made a declaration of pecuniary interest with any matter on the agenda, save Councillor McKean regarding agenda item G.1 Accounts and G.2 Invoices and his place of employment and a family member's employment, and Councillor Halos regarding agenda item G.4 Thornbury Business Improvement Area Minutes dated January 20, 2014 and his business holdings.

B. Closed Session

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

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 litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board;

AND with regard to a municipal contract, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 6:08 pm.
Council moved into public session at 6:40 pm.

C. Call to Order (7:00 p.m.)

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

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

THAT the Consent Agenda of February 19, 2014 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda item B.10.1 Application for Consent B05-2013 McFarlane as contained in the Committee of the Whole Report at Agenda item G.3, and Agenda item B.11.2

Terry Thompson, resident at 112 Indian Circle, Director of the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association (“BMRA”), Co-Chair of the BMRA Budget Review Committee and President of the Georgian View Estates Ratepayers Association spoke complimenting staff in their efforts to present a budget lower than Council’s direction in 2013 of 5.73% to the current increase of 4.73%.

Mr. Thompson expressed concern with the way in which the budget is prepared, basing this year’s budget on last year’s budget, and asked that the 2013 surplus be used to reduce the 2014 budget.

Mr. Thompson noted that he would like to see a menu of areas where reductions could be possible and allow the taxpayer to decide what services should be cut, and would also like to see what revenue possibilities could be considered.

Mr. Thompson spoke regarding the Town’s contribution to Grey County and questioned how the County can better support The Blue Mountains.

Mr. Thompson believes that too much money has been placed in reserves over the years and is concerned that this has increased property taxes. Mr. Thompson believes taxpayers are overcharged. Mr. Thompson spoke regarding the infrastructure gap and looks forward to implementation of the Asset Management Plan.

Mr. Thompson referenced the revenue to be gained from the vacant lot user fee, but noted the fee for disposing septic waste should be raised to gain additional revenue.

As no one further wished to speak, Mayor Anderson declared the Public Meeting to be closed.

E. Correspondence as previously circulated

Author	Recommendation / Action
E.1 OSUM Re: Conference & Trade Show and seeking Nominations for OSUM Executive Committee	For Council consideration
Moved by: Michael Martin	Seconded by: John McKean
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the nomination of Councillor Gail Ardiel to the OSUM Executive Committee, Carried	
E.2 Georgian Bay Treatment Centre for Youth Re: Request for letter of support to The Ontario Trillium Foundation	For Council consideration
Moved by: D.R. McKinlay	Seconded by: Gail Ardiel
THAT Council of the Town of the Blue Mountains shall provide a letter of support to The Georgian Bay Treatment Centre for Youth in support of their request for Ontario Trillium Foundation funding, Carried.	
E.3 Royal Canadian Legion Re: Request for Support for Military Service Recognition Book	For Council consideration

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: R.J. Gamble

THAT Council of the Town of the Blue Mountains supports The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Remembrance project by sponsoring a ¼ page full colour advertisement in the “Military Service Recognition Book” at the cost of \$482.30 plus HST, Carried.

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| E.4 | Girl Guides of Canada
Re: Request for Permission to use Post Office Parking Lot for April 12 Cookie Sale Event | Referred to Recreation to proceed through Event Notification Process |
| E.5 | Ontario Minister Responsible for Seniors Re: 2014 Ontario Senior of the Year Award | Referred to Communications & Economic Development |
| E.6 | Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration
Re: Newcomer Champion Award | Referred to Communications & Economic Development |
| E.7 | Municipality of Greenstone
Re: Support for Lambton’s Resolution opposing requalification of Municipal Building Officials | Referred to Building |
| E.8 | United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria
Re: Request support for resolution to Stop roll-out of mandatory on-site septic System inspections | Referred to Building |
| E.9 | Grey County Warden’s Office
Re: Support for MPP Randy Pettapiece’s private member’s resolution regarding joint and several liability insurance for Municipalities | Received for information |
| E.10 | Grey County Warden’s office
Re: Request that Province pursue a predictable formula based approach for a permanent program to provide funding to all eligible local governments to provide funding for local infrastructure priorities | |

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council of the Town of the Blue Mountains supports the February 5, 2014 resolution passed by Grey County Council requesting that the Province pursue a predictable formula based approach for a permanent program which would provide funding to all eligible local governments to provide funding for local infrastructure priorities, Carried.

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| E.11 | MPP Jim Wilson Re: Bill 2 Restoring Planning Powers to Municipalities Act, 2013 | Received for information |
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