## 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

Official Plan Steering Committee Minutes dated July 18, 2013 as contained in Agenda item G.3 Committee of the Whole Report dated February 3, 2014, Carried.

#### Previous Minutes

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

THAT the Council minutes of January 28, 2014, and Special Meeting of Council minutes of February 3, 2014 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

# D. Public Meeting

Mayor Anderson 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.

# D.1 Public Meeting Re: 2014 Proposed Budget and 2014 Water and Wastewater Budget and Rates

Mayor Anderson read the Notice of Public Information Session and Public Meeting with regard to the 2014 proposed budget and notice of public information session and public meeting with regard to the 2014 water and wastewater budget and rates.

Ellen noted that on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains will hold a Public Information Centre and Public Meeting regarding the 2014 Proposed Budget and supporting Tax Rate Changes as well as the 2014 Proposed Water & Wastewater Budget and Water & Wastewater Rate Changes.

Ellen noted that Council is required in accordance with the Corporate Provision of Notice Policy, to hold at least one Public Information Centre and Public Meeting to provide the public the opportunity to review and comment on these estimates and proposed rate changes for water and wastewater. Information and handouts regarding the 2014 Proposed Budget and supporting Tax Rate Changes and the 2014 Proposed Water & Wastewater Budget and Water & Wastewater rate changes will be available, with Town representatives in attendance to respond to inquiries and to receive comments from the public.

Ellen noted that all interested parties are invited to attend the Public Information Centre and Public Meeting

Ellen noted that any person may attend the Public Information Centre and/or Public Meeting and make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the 2014 Proposed Budget and 2014 Proposed Water & Wastewater Rates.

The Clerk noted that Notice of the Public Meeting was given in accordance with the Town's Notice Policy and that in response no comments were received.

Director of Finance and IT Services Robert Cummings spoke noting budget meetings were held to review the draft budget. Rob noted that the tax levy increase is currently at 4.73% and the blended rate is 2.25% over last year. Rob noted that a Public Information Centre was held this afternoon from 3:00 to 6:00 pm and that two members of the public attended.

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

For Council consideration

Re: Request for letter of support to

The Ontario Trillium Foundation

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.

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.

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

E.12 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation

Authority Re: NVCA 2014 Municipal

Levy Received for information

E.13 Canada Post

Re: Mail delivery Received for information

E.14 Municipal Employer Received for information

Pension Centre Ontario

Re: OMERS

E.15 Collingwood General & Marine Received for information

Hospital Foundation Re: New

Age of Care Campaign

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

THAT this Council does hereby receive the balance of the Correspondence of February 19, 2014 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.

#### F. Motions and Staff Reports

None

# G. Consent Agenda

### **Accounts**

G.1 Accounts

G.2 Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (Miller and CC Tatham & Associates)

# Reports List (Adopt)

G.3 Committee of the Whole Report, dated February 3, 2014

Item B.10.1 Application for Consent B05-2013, Sid and Louise McFarlane, Town Plot Part Lot 7, Louisa W/S 36 Elma Street South, Town of The Blue Mountains, PL.14.14 was pulled from the February 3, 2014 Committee of the Whole Report for separate review and discussion.

Councillor Martin requested a recorded vote

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

THAT Council receive Staff Report PL.14.14 "Application for Consent B05-2013, Sid and Louise McFarlane, Town Plot Part Lot 7, Louisa W/S, 36 Elma Street South, Town of The Blue Mountains"; and,

THAT Council grant Application for Consent B05-2013 subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Applicant meet all the requirements, financial, including, but not limited to, Development Charges and Cash-in-lieu of Parkland, and otherwise of the Town for the Certificate of Consent to be issued.

- 2. That the Applicant provide a description of the land which can be registered in the Land Registry Office.
- 3. That the Applicant remove a section of the existing cedar hedge along the northerly side lot line of the severed parcel measured from the front lot line to a point 3.0 metres into the property.
- 4. That all conditions noted above shall be fulfilled within one year of the decision so that the Town's Clerk is authorized to issue the Certificate of Consent pursuant to Section 53(42) of the Planning Act.

Councillor Ardiel Nay

Councillor Gamble declared a conflict of interest and did not vote

Councillor Halos Yay
Councillor Martin Nay
Councillor McKean Yay
Deputy Mayor McKinlay Yay
Mayor Anderson Yay

The Motion is Carried.

Item B.11.2 Official Plan Steering Committee Minutes dated July 18, 2013 was pulled from the February 3, 2014 Committee of the Whole Report for separate review and discussion.

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

THAT Council receive Official Plan Steering Committee Minutes dated July 18, 2013, Carried.

# **Minutes List (Receive)**

G.4. Thornbury Business Improvement Area Minutes, January 20, 2014

# H. By-laws

# H.1 By-law to Appoint a Licensing Committee regarding Short Term Accommodation

Moved by: Gail Ardiel Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT By-law No. 2014 - 7 being a By-law to appoint a Licencing Committee pursuant to By-law No. 2013-50, being the Short Term Accommodation Licensing By-law; to set certain terms and conditions of said appointment; and, to set out those members of Council that would hear an appeal from the Licensing Committee, be passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, Carried.

# I. New and Unfinished Business

#### I.1 Grey County Council Update

EA, DMcK

Deputy Mayor McKinlay spoke regarding the Grey County CAO report regarding a possible collaborative effort to form a County-wide library system. Duncan noted the report noted it is not a County function to create a library system, further noting that the County could support the discussion.

Duncan then spoke regarding his motion requesting that the Province pursue a predictable funding formula.

Duncan noted that County Corporate Services has supported him in running for AMO County Caucus when nominations are open in a few months.

I.2	Notice of Me	otion		Council
None	Additions to	o Agenda		Staff
None	Staff Discus	ssion		
None				
J.	Notice of Meeting Dates			
	Committee of the Whole, February 24, 2014 1:00 pm Town Hall, Council Chamber			
	•	ting of Council, March 3, 20 Council Chamber	014 7:00 pm	
K.	Confirmation By-law and Adjournment			
	Moved by:	R.J. Gamble	Seconded by:	Michael Martin
	THAT By-law No. 2014 - 8, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on February 19, 2014, be hereby enacted as passed this 19 <sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, Carried.			
Councillor McKean did not vote, having earlier declared a pecuniary interest.				
	Moved by:	Michael Martin	Seconded by:	Joe Halos
	THAT this Council does now adjourn at 7:49 p.m. to meet again March 3, 2014, 7:00 pm, Town Hall, Council Chamber, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.			
 Ellen <i>l</i>	Anderson, Ma	ayor	Corrina Giles, Tow	n Clerk