

Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: February 12, 2007 – 6:00 pm
LOCATION: The Blue Mountains Council Chamber
PREPARED BY: Stephen Keast, Clerk

A. Call to Order

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order with all members in attendance save Deputy Mayor McKinlay and Councillor Martin, absent due to a previous commitment. Also in attendance were Director of Planning Peter Tollefsen, Fire Chief Ron Doherty, Deputy Fire Chief Rob Collins, Director of Building & By-law David Finbow, Manager of Solid Waste & Environmental Initiatives Jeff Fletcher, Chief Librarian Carol Cooley, Director of Special Projects Chris Fawcett, Manager of Development Planning Rob Armstrong, Acting Director of Finance Rob Cummings and Financial Analyst Kris Kinsman.

- Council then paused for a moment of personal prayer or reflection.

- Approval of Agenda

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

THAT the Agenda of February 12, 2007 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 Councillor McKean with regard to Consent Agenda Item G2, Accounts and his employment.

- Adoption of Consent Agenda

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT the Consent Agenda of February 12, 2007 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, Carried.

Note: Councillor McKean previously declared a pecuniary interest with regard to Consent Agenda Item G2, Accounts and his employment.

- Previous Minutes

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

THAT the Council Minutes of January 29, 2007 and Special Meeting of February 5, 2007 be adopted as circulated including any revisions to be made.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor McKean clarified that The Blue Mountains represented 1.6% of the total NVCA budget with an increase of about \$4,000 over last year's levy.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

There was no business arising from the minutes at that time.

Councillor Martin then attended the meeting, Michael declaring no pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the agenda.

B. Deputations/Presentations

None

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Regarding correspondence from Heather Ardley noting concerns with a previous emergency medical response, Councillor McGee questioned where the Town stood on addressing the tiered emergency response situation.

Mayor Anderson then recounted a previous tele-conference with resident Steve Brass, Paul Graham and Chief Doherty to consider medical emergency response, noting it is a difficult process to establish with a volunteer Fire Department, adding increased staff training with additional defibrillators was discussed.

Ellen further noted she was to meet with Grey County EMS representatives as to a review of emergency response procedure.

Councillor McGee then noted the operators of the 911 emergency response program would be valuable in attending such a meeting.

With regard to the concerns of Heather Ardley, Ellen noted she would further review the matter with the Fire Chief.

Councillor Gamble noted at a previous meeting with Council, Grey County EMS indicated emergency response time should be around 13 minutes, with local 24 hour service not warranted at this time, adding perhaps Grey County EMS should make a further presentation to Council.

Regarding correspondence from the City of Owen Sound regarding a Niagara Escarpment documentary, Councillor Gamble noted the documentary would appear to most benefit the western part of the County, Ellen noting the matter would be referred to Finance and Administration Committee for review.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of February 12, 2007 and further does hereby support and adopt the Staff Recommendations made with regard to the Correspondence items including any additional direction give to Staff and Committees through discussion, Carried.

D. Motions and Staff Reports

1. Integrated Community Sustainability Plan – Steering Committee, CAO.07.06

Manager, Solid Waste & Environmental Initiatives Jeff Fletcher then spoke, noting the Committee would establish their own meeting schedule.

Jeff continued the Committee would also establish a community engagement plan with a series of public meetings and workshops.

Councillor Martin questioned the proposed Committee membership, Jeff replying that would up to Council.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council endorse Council Members R. J. Gamble and Cameron Kennedy to sit on the Steering Committee for the development of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, Carried.

2. Procedural By-law Review, A.07.08

Councillor Gamble then questioned a 24 hour notice period for a special meeting of Council, noting this may not be sufficient for a member out of Town for one day, Councillor Martin proposing use of one “clear” day of notice, Council concurring.

Councillor McGee proposed provision of notice to the public of special meetings in some manner, the Clerk to review such notice.

Councillor McGee then questioned inclusion of the Mayor ex-officio on all Committees, Councillor Martin noted it was a traditional aspect of municipal government.

Councillor Martin then proposed that a time limit not be placed on reconsideration of a matter but that a Motion to End Debate be utilized for Council and Committee in its place, which would keep business moving but would allow reconsideration if a member wished, Council concurring.

Councillor Gamble then recommended Committee and Board appointments be from qualified electors so as to reflect the interests of Town residents, Council concurring.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council receive Staff Report A.07.08, Procedural By-law Review, for information purposes and provide direction as to any By-law revisions to be considered, Carried.

3. The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Appointment

Deferred to the next meeting.

E. New and Unfinished Business

1. Grey County Council Update

Mayor Anderson reported that a meeting was arranged for area Mayors to meet with Minister of Transportation Donna Cansfield to discuss regional transportation issues.

2. Notice of Motion - none

F. By-laws

None

G. Consent Agenda

Accounts

- 1. Accounts
- 2. Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (Miller Waste)

Reports & Minutes List

None

H. Next Meeting Date(s)

Council March 12, 26, April 11 (Wednesday), 23, May 14, 28, 2007
Planning Council February 5, 19, March 5, 19, April 2, 16, 2007

Special Meetings February 12 (after Council), 13, 14 and 15, 2007, 6:00 pm

Budget Public Information Session February 22, 2007, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

- Engineering and Public Works Committee February 13, 2007
- Finance and Administration Committee February 20, 2007
- Recreation Committee March 8, 2007

I. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: John McGee

THAT By-law No. 2007-11, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on February 12, 2007 be hereby enacted as passed this 12th day of February, 2007, Carried.

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

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 6:38 p.m. to meet again March 12, 2007, 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