

## Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



**MEETING DATE:** February 13, 2006 – 7:00 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.
- Council then paused for a moment of personal prayer or reflection.
- Approval of Agenda

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

THAT the Agenda of February 13, 2006 be approved 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, who declared with regard to Consent Item G2 and his employment.

- Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

THAT the Consent Agenda of February 13, 2006 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, Councillor Gamble requesting Items G1 and G2, Accounts be separated, Deputy Mayor McKinlay requesting Item G3, Engineering and Public Works Committee minutes of January 10 and 24, 2006 and Item G5, Police Services Board minutes of January 18, 2006 be separated and Councillor Ardiel requesting Item G4, GSCA minutes of January 11, 2006 be separated, Carried.

- Previous Minutes –

Moved by: John McKean                      Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT the Council minutes of January 23, 2006 and Special Meetings of January 23, January 30 and February 26, 2006 be adopted as circulated including any revisions to be made.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Ardiel clarified The Blue Mountains Sk8 Park should be identified as a stand alone recreational amenity adjacent to Moreau Park in the Leisure Activities Plan.

### B. Deputations/Presentations

None

### C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Moved by: G. Ardiel                              Seconded by: Wayman Fairweather

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of February 13, 2006 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.

Blue Mtn Watershed Trust, OMB, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Bill 51, Minister of Energy, Bill 51 comments, referred to Planning Staff for consideration. Northumberland County, OMERS Reform, AMO News Release, OMERS reform, referred to Treasury Staff for review and report. Township of Essa, NVCA Board composition, Councillor Fairweather recommended support for the Motion at a subsequent meeting, Council concurring.

Council then received the remaining correspondence for information purposes.

#### **D. Motions and Staff Reports**

##### 1. Marsh Street Community Centre – “Assistance Proposal” – CAO.06.07

Town CAO David Creech then reviewed Staff Report CAO.06.07, “Marsh Street Community Centre – “Assistance” Proposal”.

David noted the Marsh Street Board had requested financial assistance through a number of options and staff have reviewed the options for consideration and recommendation.

David further noted there was a formal Agreement between the Town and the Board arising from the SuperBuild Program containing certain commitments and responsibilities.

David clarified the Board would continue with regular scheduling and payment of day to day expenses, the Town’s preferred option being only with regard to outstanding capital debt so as to be able to replace personal letters of credit provided in support of the Centre by volunteers.

David noted the preferred Option would consolidate current debt and pay off the capital debt as soon as possible without the Town becoming involved in day to day costs.

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

THAT this Council does hereby receive and adopt Staff Report CAO.06.07, “Marsh Street Community Centre – “Assistance” Proposal” and further does support and adopt the Recommendations contained therein, being:

1. THAT Council approve assistance to the Marsh Street Community Centre as per Option C, and subject to completion of the various legal agreements outlined in Recommendation 2.

##### Option C

- Reimburse back all revenue from the Town sale of the building & interest 34,780
- Pay off all “personal” letters of credit
- Marsh Street takes out Bank loan with Town guarantee 55,220

- Marsh Street Board commits to pay off loan in 4 years (55,220 / 12,000 per year), and;
2. THAT the Town solicitor develop revisions to the existing agreement (Schedule "C") and the letters patent to protect the interests of all taxpayers in the short and long-term, which will incorporate the financial assistance in Recommendation 1., and;
  3. THAT the Marsh Street Community Centre Board report annually the results of their financial operations and loan obligations.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Martin questioned if the proposed payback rate of \$12,000 per annum was reasonable, Director of Finance Chris Fawcett reporting \$1,000 per month seemed reasonable to the Board.

Marsh Street Centre Board Treasurer Tom Kennedy then spoke, noting the Board was confident the payment schedule was appropriate.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

Mayor Anderson then congratulated the Board on their work and contributions to date, Tom Kennedy then thanking Council.

2. Proposed By-law 2006-13 – Reduced Load Periods – EPW.06.64

Moved by: John McKean                      Seconded by: G. Ardiel

THAT this Council does hereby receive and adopt Staff Report EPW.06.64, "Proposed By-law No. 2006-13" and further does support and adopt the Recommendation contained therein, being that Council pass By-law No. 2006-13, being a By-law to designate reduced load periods and the highways or portions thereof to which the designation applies, Carried.

3. Financial Information System Contract – T.06.01

Moved by: R. J. Gamble                      Seconded by: D. McKinlay

THAT this Council does hereby receive and adopt Staff Report T.06.01, "Financial Information System Contract for Provision and Implementation" and further does support and adopt the Recommendation contained therein, being that Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a contract with Diamond Software Inc. detailing the terms and provisions under which a Financial Information System will be established and supported for the Town of The Blue Mountains.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Treasurer Rob Cummings then reviewed Staff Report T.06.01, Financial Information System Contract for Provision and Implementation.

Rob noted the proposed contract was the first and largest piece of establishing the new FIS.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay questioned the scope of the FIS, Rob noting the system would centralize all cash receiving and expenditures on a modular basis, together with property taxes.

Duncan then questioned annual operating costs versus present, Rob noting there will be better and more up to date reporting ability with better support, adding annual support costs are anticipated to be eliminated.

Rob continued there will be initial archiving of paper flow but over time this should be reduced with an enhanced level of information access and availability.

Councillor Gamble then noted contingency fees were built into the cost and there may be savings beyond the total FIS cost estimate of \$268,000.

Rob noted this particular FIS package is widely used in area and Ontario municipalities.

Councillor Ardiel then noted the system was of great benefit to Grey County.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

#### 4. Georgian Peaks Site Plan Agreement

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather    Seconded by:        John McKean

THAT this Council does hereby receive and adopt Staff Report PL.06.19, "Site Plan Agreement - Georgian Peaks" and further does support and adopt the Recommendation contained therein, being that Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Site Plan Agreement with The Georgian Peaks Club, subject to the receipt of the securities specified within the Agreement.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor McKinlay questioned the MTO position on access to the Delphi parkland, Manager of Development Planning Rob Armstrong noting Staff was continuing to negotiate with MTO on this matter, the Georgian Peaks Club to pay cash in lieu of establishing a parking area at this time.

Duncan then questioned securities for water line works on public lands, Rob noting \$36,000 in total would be held by the Town.

Rob noted he had previously reviewed the Agreement with the Georgian Trail Board of Management.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

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

#### 1. Grey County Council Update

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then reported County Council is engaged in Budget preparation with a 3% increase being the target goal.

Duncan continued he has been appointed to the Grey Roots Heritage Resource Committee to establish preliminary goals to increase use and attendance.

Town CAO David Creech noted Town Staff have been transferring older Town records to Grey Roots for archiving and storage, with Grey Roots Staff proving very helpful.

Councillor Ardiel then reported on the Grey County TAPS Committee budget now proposed at less than 3% increase.

Councillor McKean then questioned if COMRIF funding was still available for the proposed Grey Bruce Townline reconstruction, Gail reporting that costs have been increasing since project inception with additional works now proposed.

Councillor Gamble then questioned status of a proposed traffic roundabout on a County road in The Blue Mountains, noting it appeared Grey County wanted developer contributions for that project but the Townline project was receiving additional County funds.

Gail noted the roundabout was still in negotiation with the developer, Director of Engineering & Public Works Paul Graham noted the project was still in the conceptual stage, Duncan noting Council would receive further information as the project proceeded.

Councillor Fairweather then noted concern with the annual Grey Roots operating loss, Duncan noting the new business plan was intended to provide more value to County residents for the ongoing cost of operations, the facility comparable to the Craighleith Depot or a community centre. Duncan continued cost savings would be reviewed but there would be no guarantee cost savings would be realized.

Wayman noted he hoped the new business plan would be of benefit, adding he took no comfort from the annual operating loss.

Duncan noted Grey Roots may prove to be of great value to the area on a 50 year plan for archival and heritage purposes.

As an addition to the Agenda, Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has provided financial assistance to the dead stock industry in the past since the outbreak of BSE to keep the industry viable;

AND WHEREAS the Province has not indicated financial support would continue beyond March 31, 2006;

AND WHEREAS the option of not having dead stock removal available for livestock producers may have a negative impact on the environment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains does support and endorse the position of the Council of the County of Grey in requesting that the Province of Ontario to fund the investigation of alternative options with regard to the dead stock industry so that this valuable service would continue.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted the matter had been previously considered by Grey County and the industry had changed following BSE concerns and was now in a transition period.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

As an addition to the Agenda, Mayor Anderson then questioned if paving the Georgian Trail to increase uses available such as rollerblading.

Councillor Gamble noted he proposed same at the previous Trail Board meeting and it was suggested the Georgian Trail was intended as a nature trail, Bob further noting a proposal to allow a local municipality to cover costs if paving was preferred was not accepted.

Councillor McKean noted the asphalt surface on a cycle and pedestrian trail may not prove durable and would be expensive, Duncan proposing a more durable trail surface be investigated.

Bob noted limestone resurfacing was approximately \$6,000 per kilometre, adding long range planning may yield portions of the Trail be paved where warranted and this could be confirmed at a subsequent Council meeting to be forwarded to the Trail Board for consideration.

CAO David Creech noted the Leisure Activities Plan is considering trail uses and a trails study will be completed.

Councillor Martin noted Council required such additional information as to costs, durability, trail uses, etc.

## **F. By-laws**

### 1. Reduced Load Periods By-law

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

THAT By-law No. 2006 -13, being a By-law to designate reduced load periods and the highways or portions thereof to which the designation applies, be hereby enacted this thirteenth day of February, 2006, Carried.

## **G. Consent Agenda**

### **Accounts**

#### 1. Account Summary, 2005, 2006

Councillor Gamble noted a portion of the Accounts was payment for a firetruck in 2006 that was actually received in 2005.

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay      Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT Item 1 of the February 13, 2006 Consent Agenda be approved as circulated, Carried.

#### 2. Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (Miller, EC King)

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

THAT Item 2 of the February 13, 2006 Consent Agenda be approved as circulated, Carried.

Note: Councillor McKean declared a pecuniary interest with regard to Miller & EC King invoices and his employment.

### **Reports List – ADOPT**

#### 3. Engineering and Public Works – January 10, 24, 2006

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

THAT the Engineering & Public Works Committee minutes of January 10 and 24, 2006 be adopted as circulated, Carried.

### **Minutes List – RECEIVE**

#### 4. GSCA – January 11, 2006

Mayor Anderson then reviewed budget discussions to date, noting the mandate of the GSCA had increased greatly over time.

Councillor Gamble noted support for the conservation operations as well as some concern for some non-conservation expenditures.

Councillor Martin then questioned if Conservation Authorities were reviewing Bill 51 and whether mapping requests for source water protection would be funded by the Province, Ellen to confirm.

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

THAT the GSCA minutes of January 11, 2006 be received as circulated, Carried.

#### 5. The Blue Mountains Police Services Board – January 18, 2006

Mayor Anderson then reviewed the Police Services Board minutes of January 18, 2006, noting ATV purchase was required to adequately police ATV use, adding accommodation of the detachment in The Blue Mountains will be studied in the future with further information to be provided to Council.

Councillor Martin noted a part time detachment position should be clarified as well.

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

THAT the Police Services Board minutes of January 18, 2006 be received for information purposes, Carried.

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

Council February 27, March 13, 27, April 10, 24, May 8, 24 (Wednesday), June 12, 2006

Planning Council March 6, 20, April 3, 19 (Wednesday), May 1, 15, 2006

Public Meeting February 23, 2006 – Beaver Valley Community Centre

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

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

THAT By-law No. 2006-14 being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on February 13, 2006 be hereby enacted as passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006, Carried.

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 8:54 p.m. to meet again February 27, 2006, 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